

London Offices Spotlight



Q4 2025

A quarterly snapshot of the London office market.

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London Overview



Key Themes

1.

2025 take-up reached 12.1m sq ft, 8.2% above the long-term average.

2.

London vacancy has fallen by 40bps to 8.6% and could drop to 7.6% - the long-term average - if space under offer completes.

3.

Investment volumes see best quarter since Q1 2022, with further momentum likely with £3.1bn under offer.

Submarket Key Indicators

Submarkets	New/Refurb Vacancy Rate	Vacancy Rate	Prime Rent	Quarterly Change	Rent Free Periods (Months)
Aldgate/Whitechapel	5.3%	11.2%	£57.50	↔	27
City Core	3.7%	6.2%	£102.50	▲	24-27
Clerkenwell/Farringdon	10.1%	16.3%	£92.50	↔	24
Midtown	4.0%	6.6%	£85.00	↔	27
Southbank Core	7.7%	9.6%	£90.00	↔	24-27
Vauxhall/Battersea	17.8%	18.8%	£60.00	↔	24-27
Canary Wharf	4.9%	9.7%	£57.50	↔	27-30
Rest of Docklands	4.8%	6.0%	£32.50	↔	30
Stratford	20.2%	28.7%	£48.50	↔	27
Bloomsbury	4.7%	8.4%	£82.50	↔	24-27
Fitzrovia	8.0%	13.3%	£97.50	▲	24
King's Cross/Euston	5.8%	6.2%	£95.00	▲	24-27
Knightsbridge/Chester	11.9%	14.8%	£102.50	↔	24-27
Marylebone	3.8%	5.6%	£115.00	▲	24
Paddington	3.7%	5.3%	£85.00	↔	24-27
Soho	4.3%	5.5%	£100.00	↔	24
Strand/Covent Garden	7.9%	10.4%	£92.50	▲	24-27
Victoria	3.6%	4.3%	£92.50	↔	24-27
West End Core	3.8%	5.6%	£185.00	▲	21
White City	9.1%	14.1%	£57.50	↔	24-27

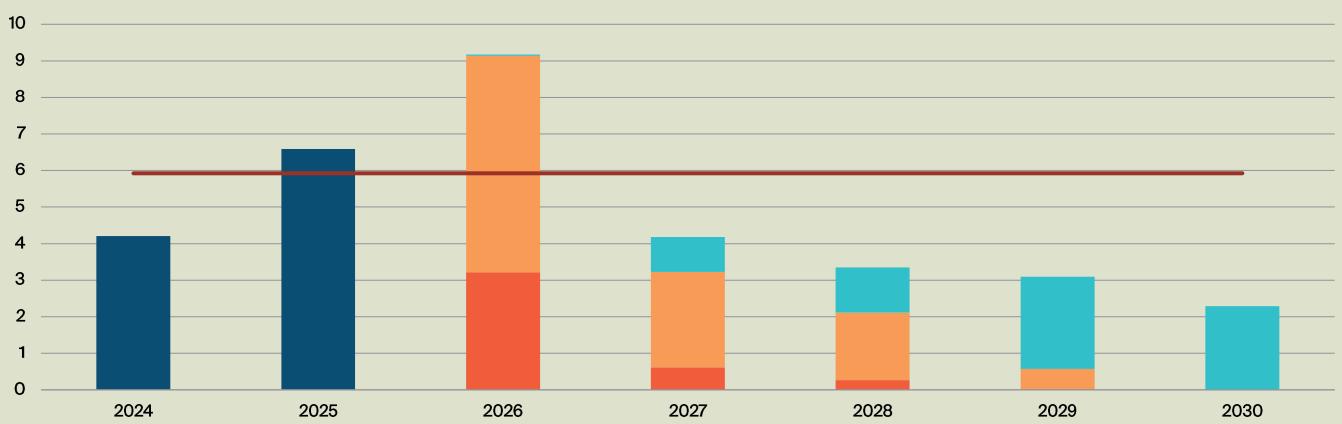
Pre-let space under construction



London - Development Pipeline

m sq ft

Completions U/C Pre-let U/C Speculative Potential - Most Likely Take-up - New/Refurb Long-term Average



Source: Knight Frank Insight

City & Southbank Overview

LEASING MARKET

m sq ft, % of stock	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	% Change		Long-term average
						3M	12M	
Take-up	2.10 m	1.48 m	2.09 m	1.57 m	2.02 m	28.9%	-3.9%	1.55 m
Availability	13.49 m	12.76 m	12.64 m	13.54 m	12.84 m	-5.2%	-4.8%	10.07 m
Total Under Offer	2.15 m	1.52 m	2.59 m	1.53 m	2.17 m	41.8%	0.9%	-
Vacancy Rate*	9.6%	9.0%	8.8%	9.4%	8.9%	-0.5%	-0.7%	7.6%
New/Refurb Vacancy Rate	5.6%	4.9%	4.9%	5.5%	5.8%	0.3%	0.2%	4.0
Active Requirements	4.78 m	5.10 m	4.49 m	6.12 m	7.56 m	23.5%	58.1%	4.59 m

* difference from previous quarter/year

KEY LEASING DEALS

Building	Sq ft	Occupier	Rent (PSF)
One Exchange Square, 175 Bishopsgate, EC2M	152,128	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP	£101.00 - £112.50
One Exchange Square, 175 Bishopsgate, EC2M	102,828	FTI Consulting	£80.00 - £92.50
St Martins Court, 10 Paternoster Row, EC4M	101,707	London Stock Exchange Plc	Confidential
One Leadenhall, EC3V	91,929	Ripple	£125.00-£150.00
One Exchange Square, 175 Bishopsgate, EC2M	83,346	Pacific Life Re Limited	£94.00 - £95.00

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INVESTMENT MARKET

£bn, % per annum	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	% Change		Long-term average
						3M	12M	
Turnover	0.73 bn	0.97 bn	1.11 bn	0.40 bn	1.79 bn	350.4%	147.1%	1.67 bn
Availability	1.28 bn	1.99 bn	1.56 bn	1.28 bn	1.15 bn	-10.4%	-10.4%	2.69 bn
Under Offer	0.94 bn	0.56 bn	0.99 bn	1.79 bn	1.20 bn	-32.8%	28.3%	1.35 bn
Yield*	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%	0.00%	0.00%	4.49%

* percentage point difference from previous quarter/year

KEY INVESTMENT DEALS

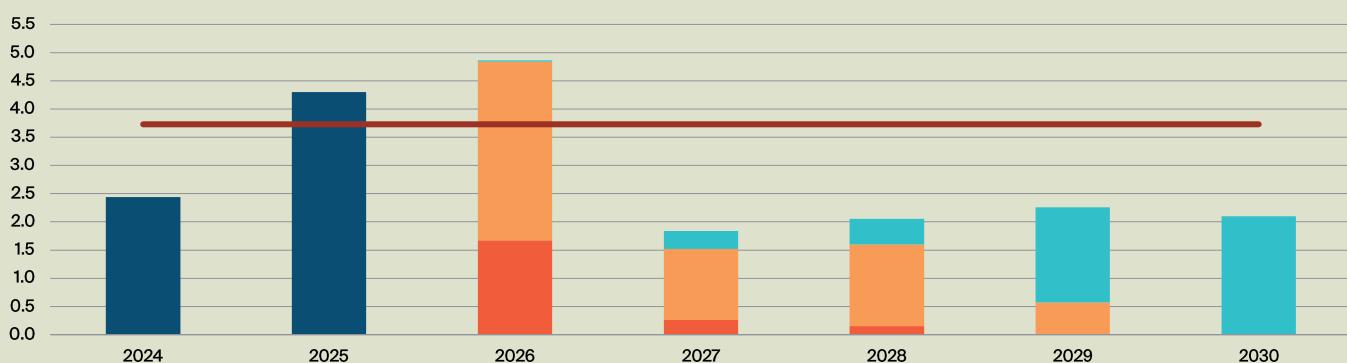
Building	Price (m)	Capital value (PSF)	Yield	Purchaser
70 St Mary Axe, EC3A	£331m	£1,049	5.85%	Capreon
London Fruit & Wool Exchange, E1	£315m	£983	6.00%	Hayfin Capital Management LLP
Holborn Place, EC1N	£275m	£953	-	Norges Bank
Park House, EC2M	£186m	£957	5.72%	PSP Investments (increased existing stake)
Worship Square, EC2A	£178m	£1,276	6.00%	Enka Properties (UK) Limited
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City & Southbank - Development Pipeline

m sq ft

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Docklands & Stratford Overview

LEASING MARKET						% Change		Long-term average
m sq ft, % of stock	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	3M	12M	
Take-up	0.08 m	0.17 m	0.37 m	0.30 m	0.44 m	46.8%	475.1%	0.19 m
Availability	3.74 m	3.87 m	3.21 m	3.28 m	2.91 m	-11.2%	-22.1%	2.77 m
Total Under Offer	0.18 m	0.24 m	0.36 m	0.28 m	0.45 m	60.7%	150.0%	-
Vacancy Rate*	14.6%	15.2%	12.6%	12.8%	11.4%	-1.4%	-3.2%	11.0%
New/Refurb Vacancy Rate	8.0%	7.9%	7.2%	7.3%	6.8%	-0.5%	-1.2%	4.9%
Active Requirements	0.46 m	0.45 m	0.28 m	0.52 m	0.07 m	-87.2%	-85.4%	0.49 m

* percentage point difference from previous quarter/year

KEY LEASING DEALS

Building	Sq ft	Occupier	Rent (PSF)
1 Canada Square, E14	300,000	Visa	N/A
1 Stratford Place, E20	20,487	AXA Insurance UK PLC	N/A
I Westferry Circus, E14	19,453	The University of Wales Trinity Saint David	£32.50
1 Canada Square, E14	18,533	Begbies Traynor	£58.50
Sierra Quebec Bravo, 189 Marsh Wall, E14	15,502	iFAST Global Bank Limited	£36.00

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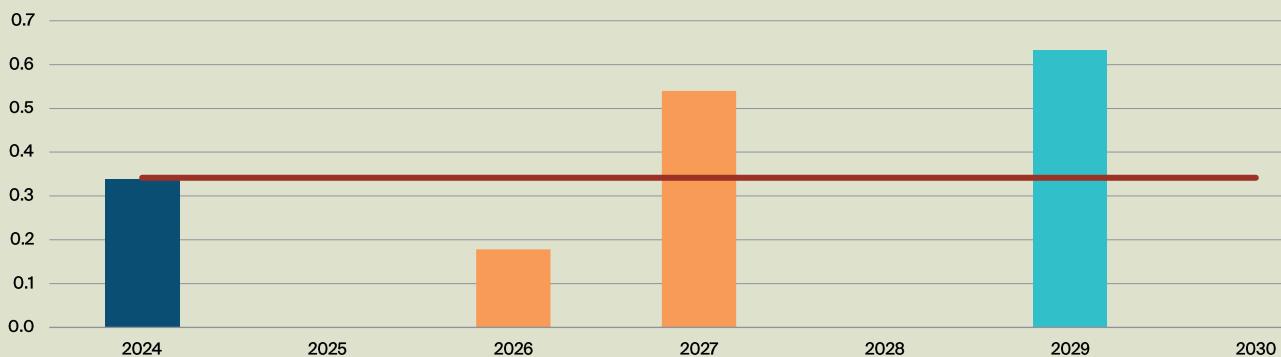
£bn, % per annum	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	3M	12M	Long-term Average
Turnover	0.00 bn	0.0%	-	0.11 bn				
Availability	0.27 bn	0.00 bn	0.00 bn	0.00 bn	0.33 bn	-	23.1%	0.07 bn
Under Offer	0.00 bn	0.27 bn	0.28 bn	0.01 bn	0.00 bn	-100.0%	-	0.03 bn
Yield*	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%	0.00%	0.00%	5.50%

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Docklands & Stratford - Development Pipeline

m sq ft

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West End Overview

LEASING MARKET						% Change		Long-term average
m sq ft, % of stock	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	3M	12M	
Take-up	1.11 m	0.90 m	1.07 m	0.84 m	0.85 m	0.4%	-23.6%	1.04 m
Availability	6.68 m	7.14 m	7.41 m	7.10 m	7.27 m	2.3%	8.9%	6.14 m
Total Under Offer	1.05 m	0.66 m	0.87 m	0.91 m	0.75 m	-17.6%	-28.6%	-
Vacancy Rate*	7.0%	7.5%	7.7%	7.4%	7.5%	0.1%	0.5%	6.7%
New/Refurb Vacancy Rate	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%	5.5%	0.1%	0.7%	3.1%
Active Requirements	1.65 m	2.04 m	1.92 m	1.93 m	1.96 m	1.6%	19.1%	2.07 m

* difference from previous quarter/year

KEY LEASING DEALS

Building	Sq ft	Occupier	Rent (PSF)
1 Hanover Street, W1S	123,968	Ares Management Limited	£179.50 (blend)
Whiskey Sierra, 20 Whitfield Street, W1T	42,099	Dr. Martens	£97.50 (blend)
9 Cavendish Square, W1G	29,069	Engineers Gate	£57.50 - £130.00
Endeavour House, 189 Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H	26,521	Runway East Limited	£61.50
Paddington Square, 31 London Street, W2	25,072	Centrica Plc	£85.00

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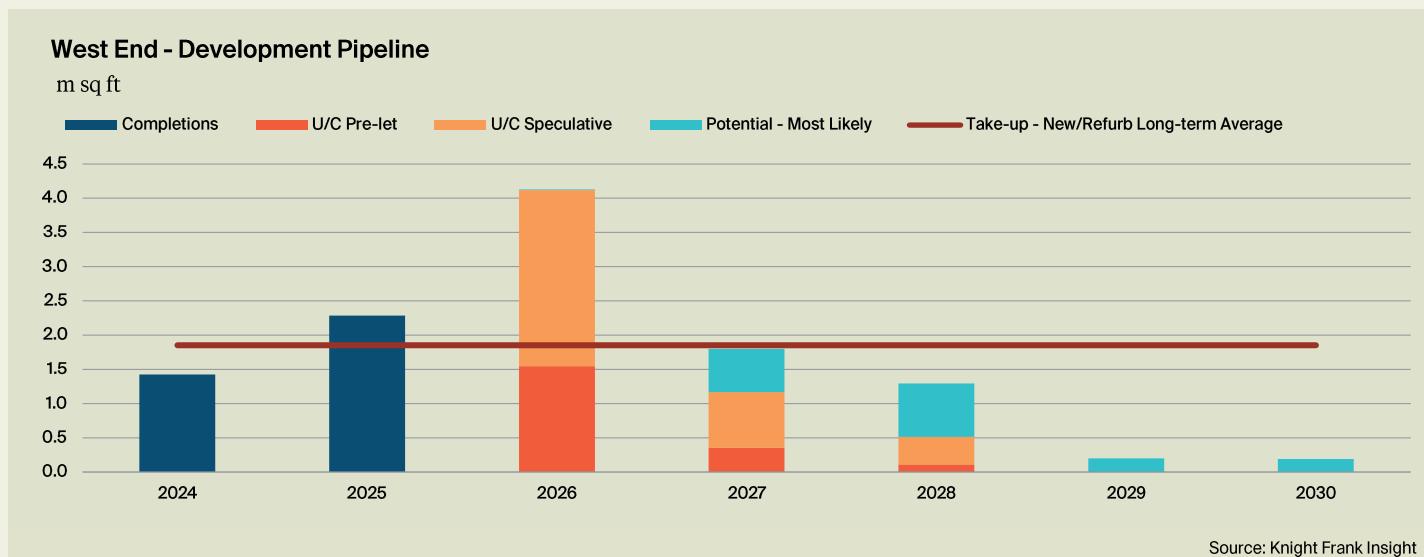
INVESTMENT MARKET						% Change		Long-term average
£bn, % per annum	2024 Q4	2025 Q1	2025 Q2	2025 Q3	2025 Q4	3M	12M	
Turnover	1.23 bn	1.57 bn	0.89 bn	1.17 bn	1.46 bn	24.8%	18.5%	1.19 bn
Availability	1.40 bn	2.27 bn	2.39 bn	2.54 bn	1.91 bn	-24.8%	74.9%	1.80 bn
Under Offer	0.79 bn	1.04 bn	1.14 bn	1.21 bn	1.85 bn	52.5%	88.4%	0.91 bn
Yield*	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	0.00%	0.00%	3.58%

* percentage point difference from previous quarter/year

KEY INVESTMENT DEALS

Building	Price (m)	Capital value (PSF)	Yield	Purchaser
1 Newman Street, W1D	£250m	£2,052	4.48%	RLAM
Standbrook, Old Bond Street, W1S	£119m	£5,023	3.96%	Aberdeen
EDGE, 125 Shaftesbury, WC2H	£110m	£430	-	Japanese Joint Venture
33 St James's Square, SW1Y	£94m	£2,275	-	3RE Capital Ventures/Aermont Capital LLP

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The following criteria have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

- i. All floorspace figures quoted in this report refer to sq ft net.
- ii. Take-up figures refer to space let, pre-let, or acquired for occupation during the quarter.

- iii. Availability refers to all space available for immediate occupation, plus space still under construction which will be completed within six months and which has not been let.
- iv. Availability and take-up are classified into three grades: New/refurbished: Space under construction which is due for completion within six months or space which is currently on the market and is either new or completely refurbished.
Second-hand A Grade: Previously occupied space with air-conditioning.
Second-hand B Grade: Previously occupied space without air-conditioning.
- v. Demand figures quoted in this report refer to named requirements for over 10,000 sq ft.

- vi. Under construction figures quoted in this report refer to developments of over 20,000 sq ft which are currently underway. They do not include properties undergoing demolition.
- vii. Investment figures quoted in this report refer to accommodation where the majority of income/potential income is from office usage and comprises transactions of £1m and above.
- viii. The data includes standing investments, site purchases and funding transactions.
- ix. This report is produced to standard quarters.
Quarter 1: January 1 – March 31,
Quarter 2: April 1 – June 30,
Quarter 3: July 1 – September 30,
Quarter 4: October 1 – December 31