

## Market Prospects for 2024 from the perspective of Real Estate Indirect Investors

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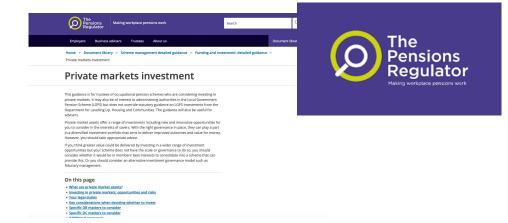


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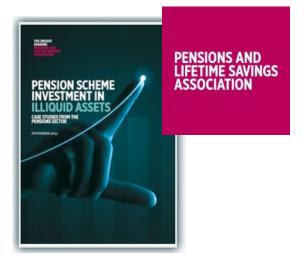


# **Useful materials**

 24 January 2024 The Pension Regulator guidance for occupational pension scheme trustees who are considering investing in private markets (<u>link</u>).



 November 2023 PSLA publication: Pension Scheme Investments in illiquid assets – Case studies from the pension sector (<u>link</u>).







## UK market outlook 2024

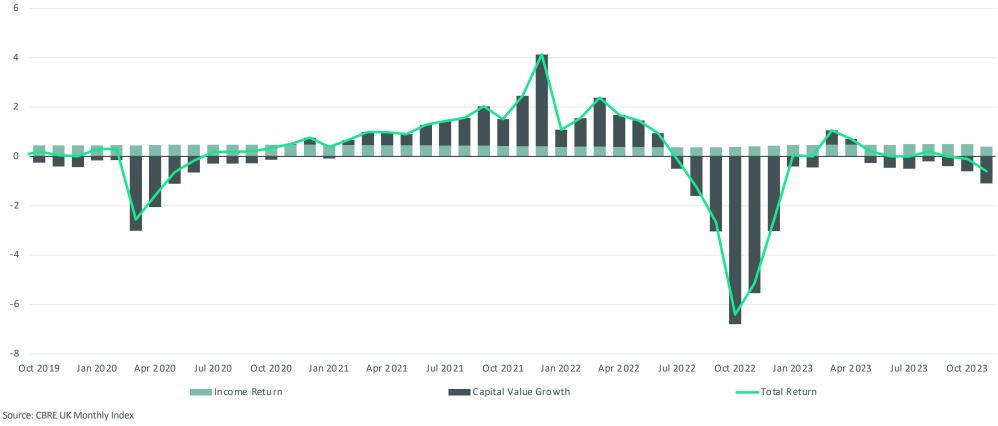
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## Capital values fell sharply, but now stabilised

#### CBRE Monthly Index

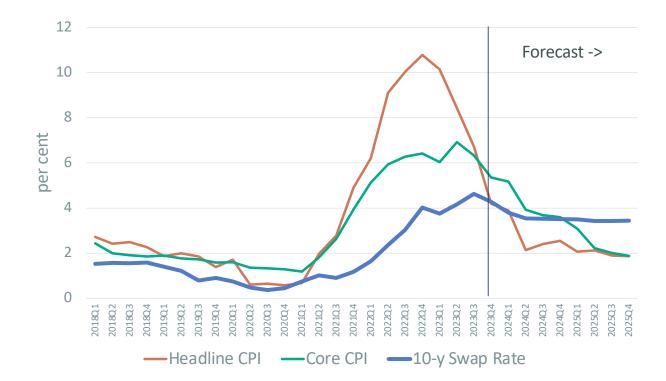


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## Inflation has surprised on the downside and interest rate expectations have reacted

- The last mile is not looking that difficult anymore
- Though there still risks (freight costs, geo-political)

#### Inflation and Long-Term Interest Rates

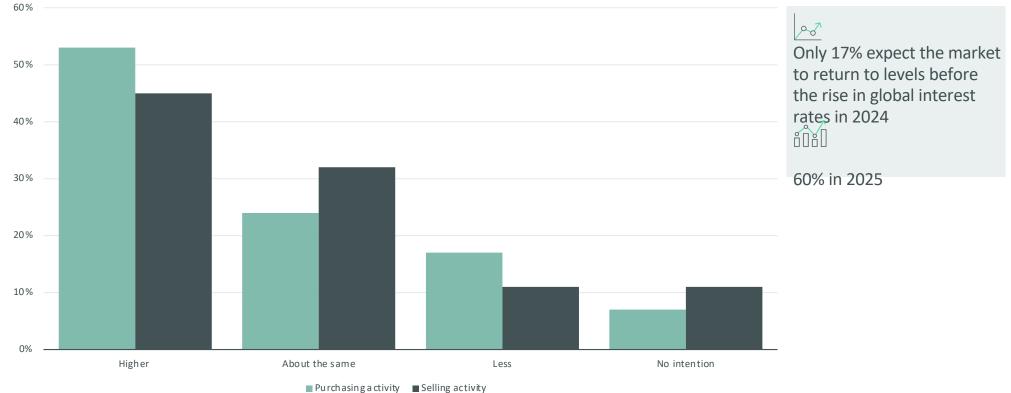


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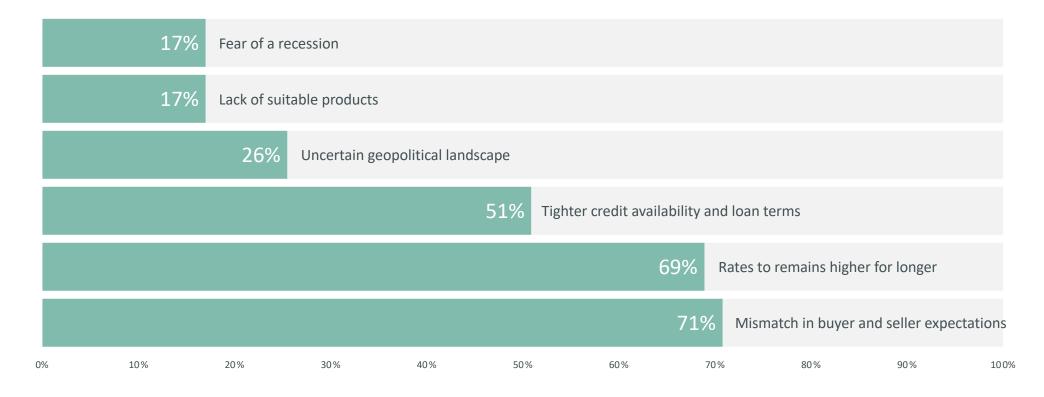
# Investor intentions survey suggest a pick-up in activity in 2024

Q: Do you expect your activity in 2024 will be higher or lower than in 2023?



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# Greatest challenges for investors in 2024: Fear of a recession recedes, but expectations and credit remain

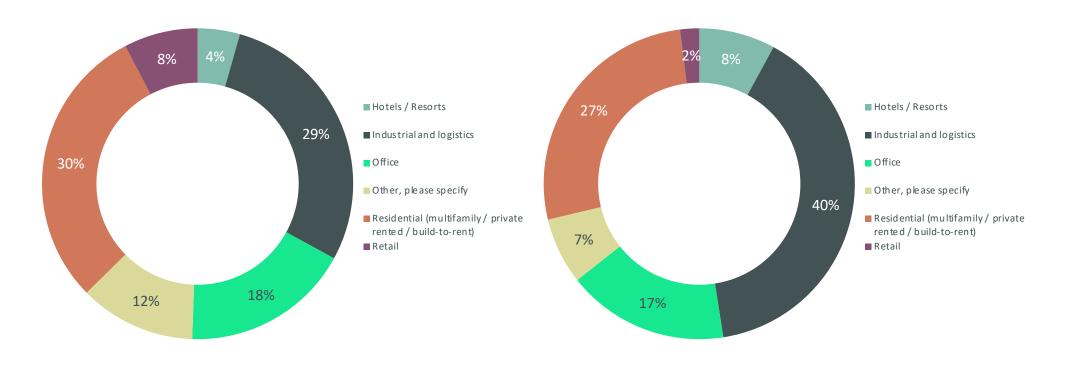


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#### 2023 Investor Intentions Survey

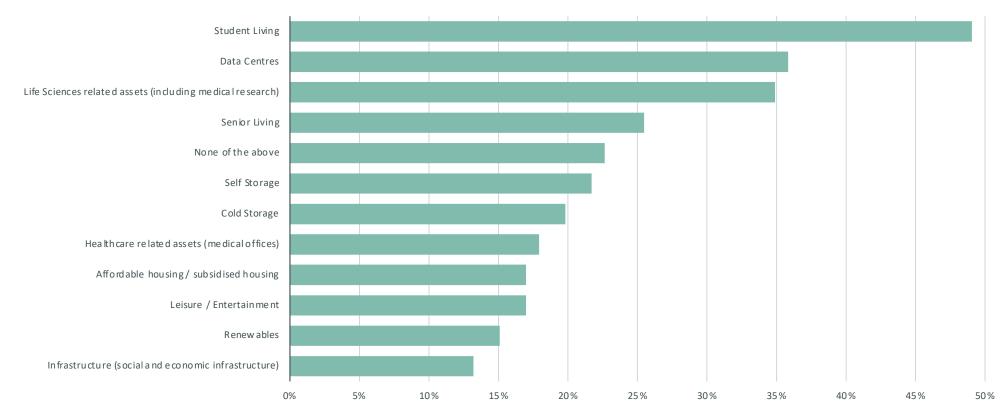
#### 2024 Investor Intentions Survey



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# Student accommodation is the most popular alternative sector investment in 2024

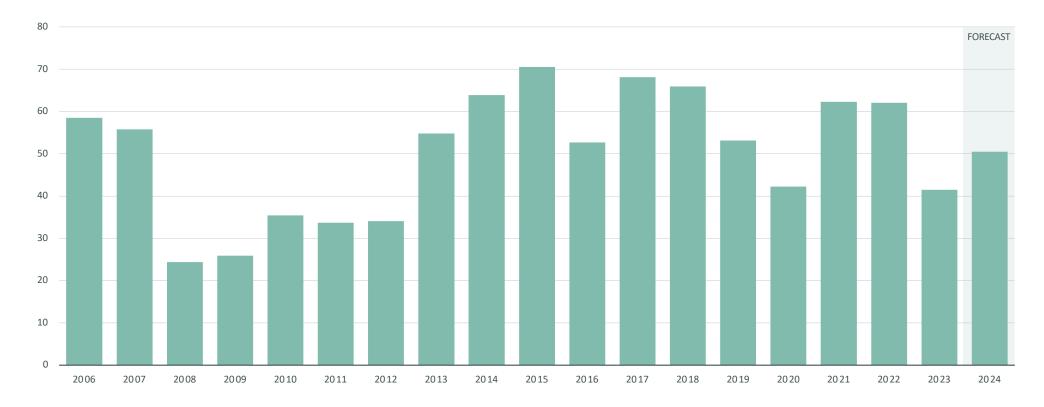
Alternative sectors being pursued by UK investors throughout 2024 (Multiple Choice)



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## Investment likely to pick up in 2024

#### UK investment volumes, £bn



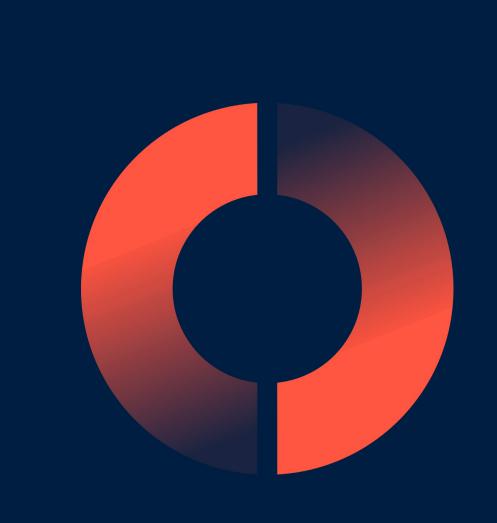
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# Outlook

- Lower interest rates are a game changer
- Yields levelling off in 2024 but would have gone up further had interest rates not reversed
- Occupier market and ESG challenges still exist
- Industrial set to be the best performing sector again
- Residential also an out-performer
- DB Fund redemptions not going away and DC not likely to backfill any time soon.
- Inflation is surprising on the downside, but risks remain



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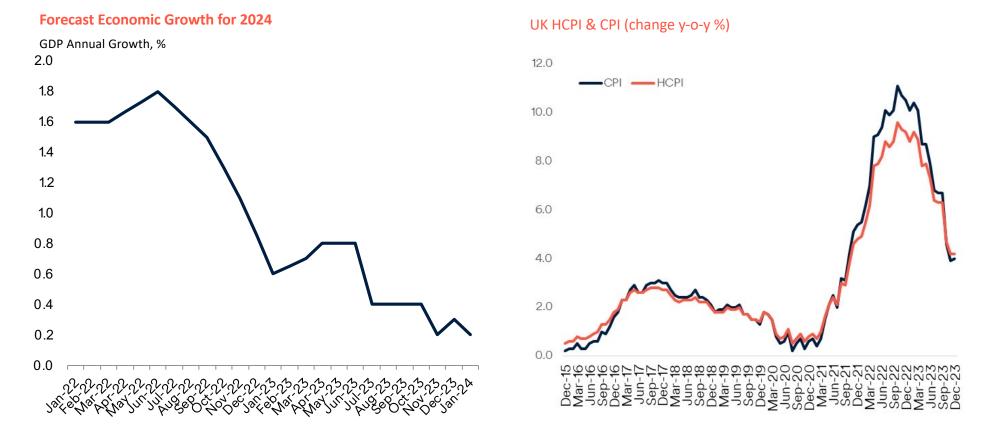
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#### UK economy

Year ahead is currently forecast to deliver almost no growth – but inflation has further improved



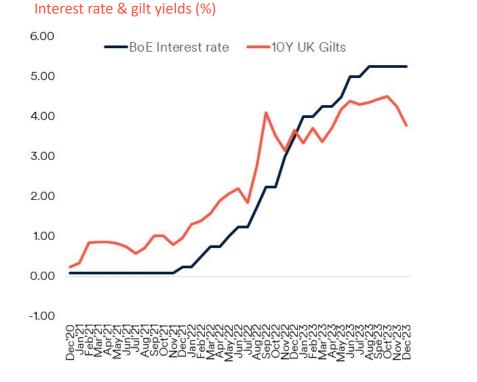
Source: Consensus Economics, Schroders. January 2024. The forecasts should be regarded as illustrative of trends. Actual figures will differ from forecasts.

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## UK rates have stabilised – Gilt yields softening

Policy rate was last changed in August'23 with markets now betting in 1st cuts in late H1'24

Monetary policy decision date



#### Interest rate implied probabilities (%) from options

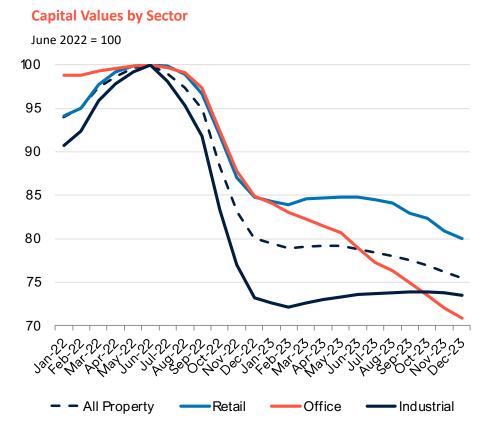
	3.5	3.75	4	4.25	4.5	4.75	5	5.25	5.5	5.75
01-Feb-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.8	97.2	0	0
21-Mar-24	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	16.1	83.5	0	0
09-May-24	0	0	0	0	0.2	6.8	43.4	49.7	0	0
20-Jun-24	0	0	0	0.1	3.9	27.6	47.0	21.5	0	0
01-Aug-24	0	0	0	0	16.5	83.5	0	0	0	0
19-Sep-24	0	0	0	10.4	58.8	30.8	0	0	0	0
07-Nov-24	0	0	9.5	54.7	33.1	2.6	0	0	0	0
19-Dec-24	0	4.1	29.0	45.5	20.0	1.5	0	0	0	0

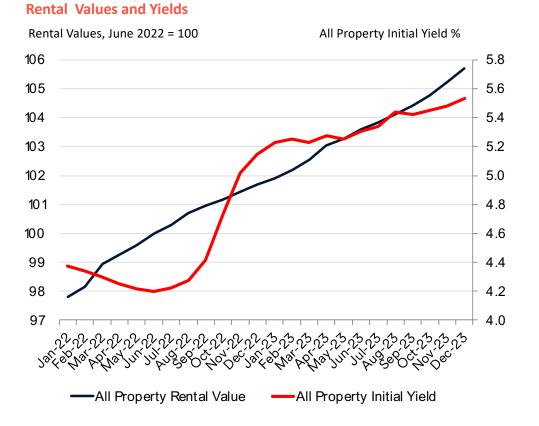
#### Bank of England Rate (%)

Source: LSEG, Schroders. January 2024. - Interest rate probabilities as at January 29th, 2024. The forecasts should be regarded as illustrative of trends. Actual figures will differ from forecasts.

### UK real estate performance

Capital values see further declines driven by pressure on offices and retail and despite rental growth

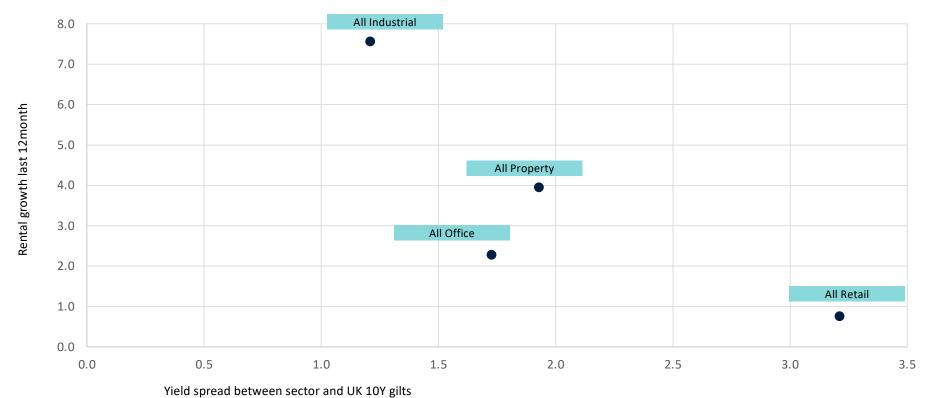




Source: MSCI UK Monthly Index, Schroders. January 2024

#### UK property values

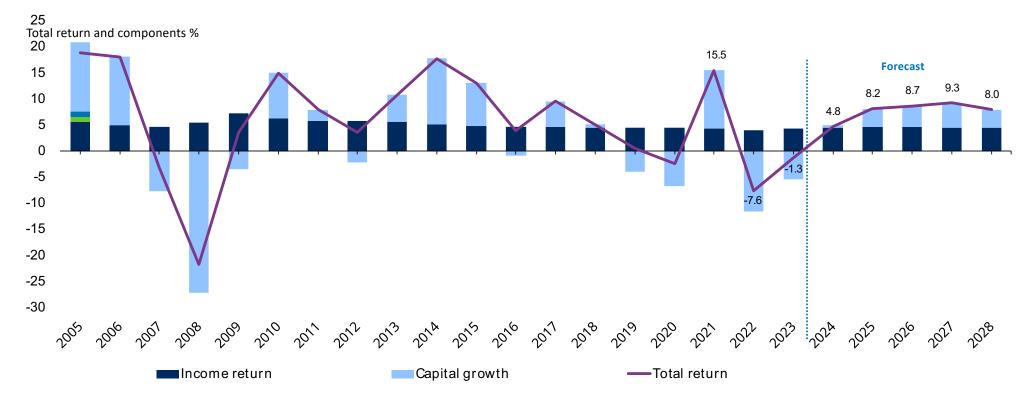
Outward movement in yields and decline in 10Y gilts creates positive spread for real estate



Source: MSCI UK December Monthly Index, Schroders. January 2024. Gilt yield as at 31/12/2023

#### UK real estate performance - forecast

Positive returns returning in 2024 with attractive & above recent average returns from 2025 onwards



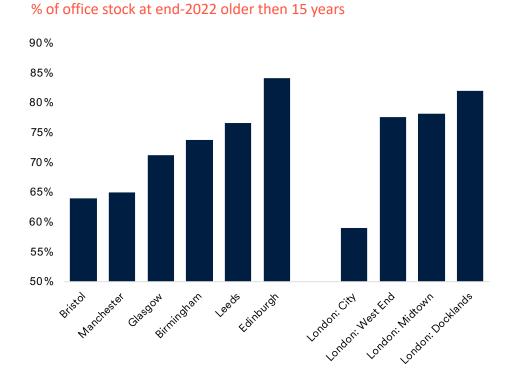
Source: MSCI, Schroders. January 2024. Note the forecasts are for average grade buildings, not prime. The forecasts should be regarded as illustrative of trends. Actual figures will differ from forecasts.

### Lack of high quality, ESG compliant space likely to emerge

Modern space already scarce and aging stock will become a challenge



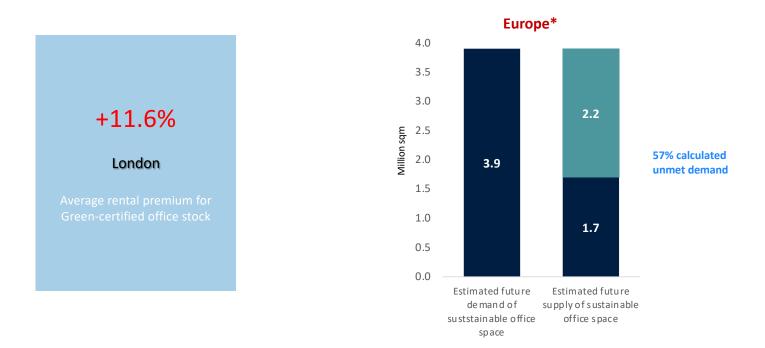
#### Vacancy rates Q2'23 (%) - Overall and Grade A



Source: JLL, PMA, Schroders. September 2023.

### Evidence of green premiums and emerging lack of sustainable space

Estimated future supply of sustainable place not expected to meet demand



Source: JLL "The commercial case for making buildings more sustainable", December 2023

Note Green Premiums: All three studies calculated green premiums using a hedonic pricing model, meaning that the impact on rental values from environmental certification was isolated from other effects, such as building age and location. \*Europe: Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, London and Paris. The forecasts should be regarded as illustrative of trends. Actual figures will differ from forecasts.

## What will 2024 and beyond bring

#### More redemptions

- DB scheme de-risking; LGPS pooling
- Who will pick up the demand?

#### Move towards alternative / niche / impact funds

- Will MM only invest in value add / impact / ESG funds?

#### **ESG focus**

- Stranded assets / obsolescence
- Resource heavy



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