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Picking housing and commercial property winners and losers

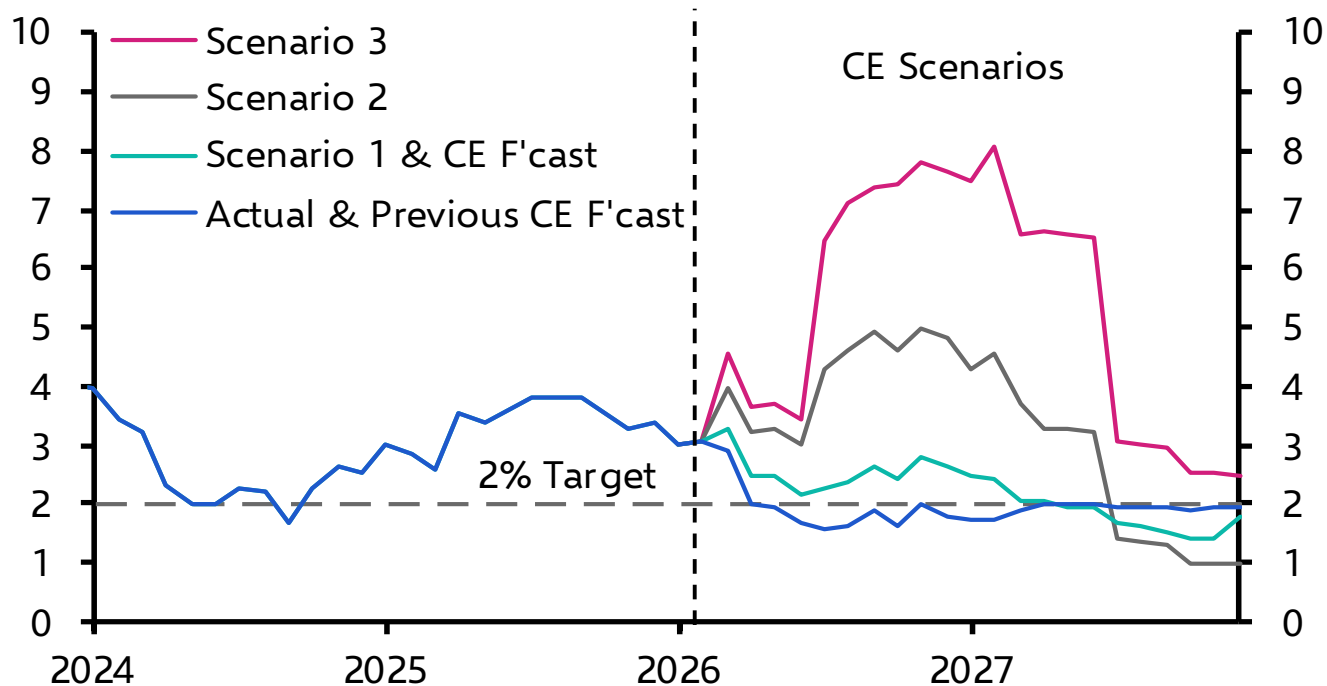
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Agenda

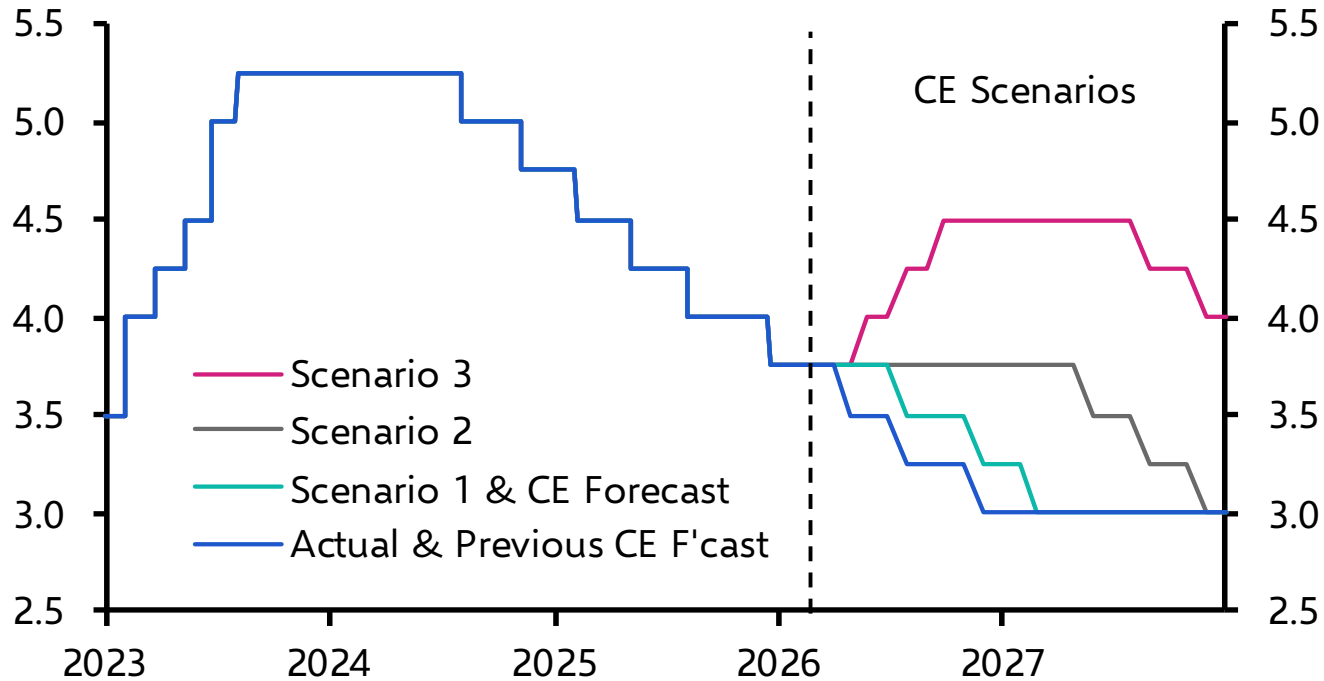
- Presentation (15 mins):
 - Setting the scene - How the UK economic landscape has changed.
 - How could the Middle East conflict influence the UK housing market and its winners and losers?
 - Which commercial property sectors will outperform?
- Discussion (40 mins).
- Demonstration of how the CE Platform can help you (5 mins).

CE CPI Inflation Scenarios (%)



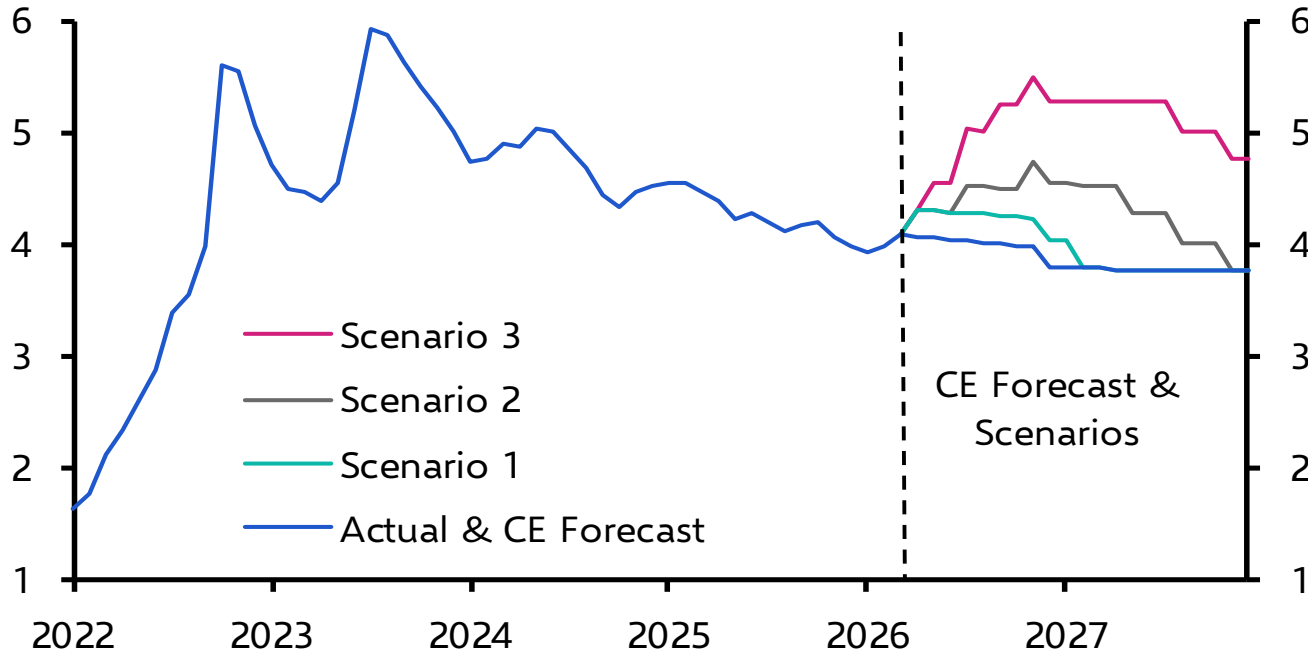
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CE Bank Rate Scenarios (%)



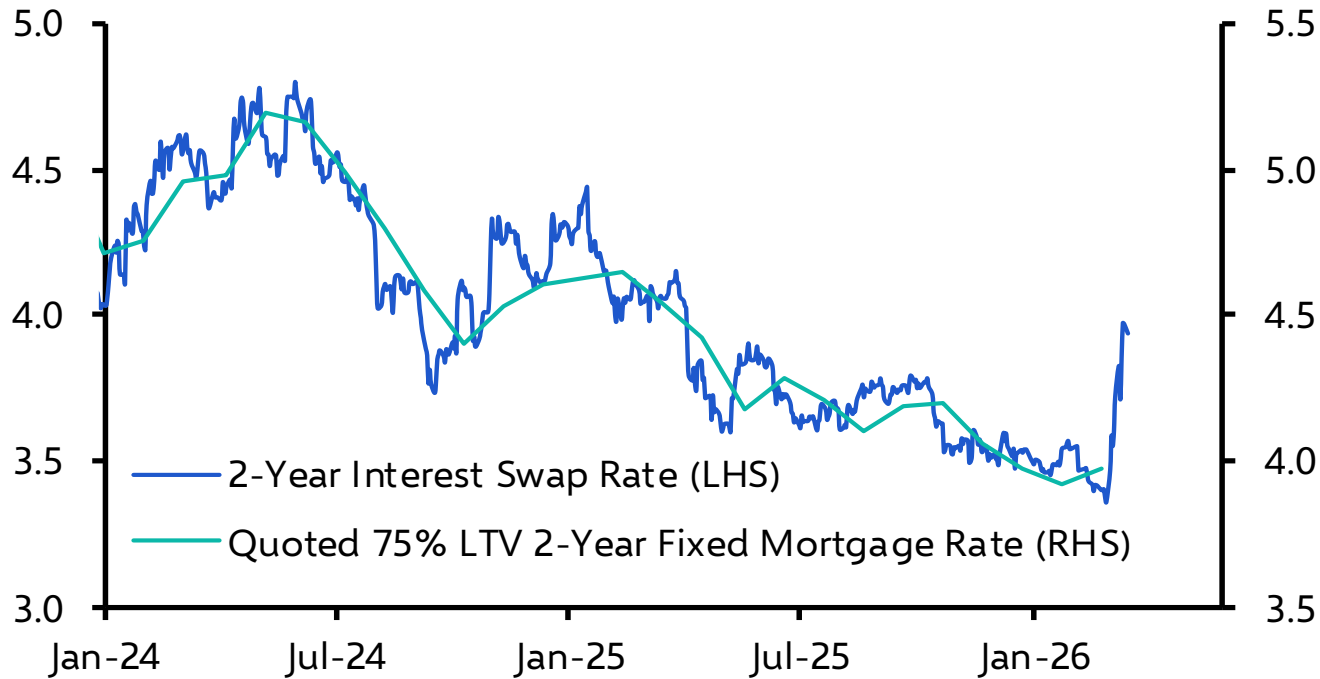
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CE Composite Average Quoted Mortgage Rate Scenarios (%)



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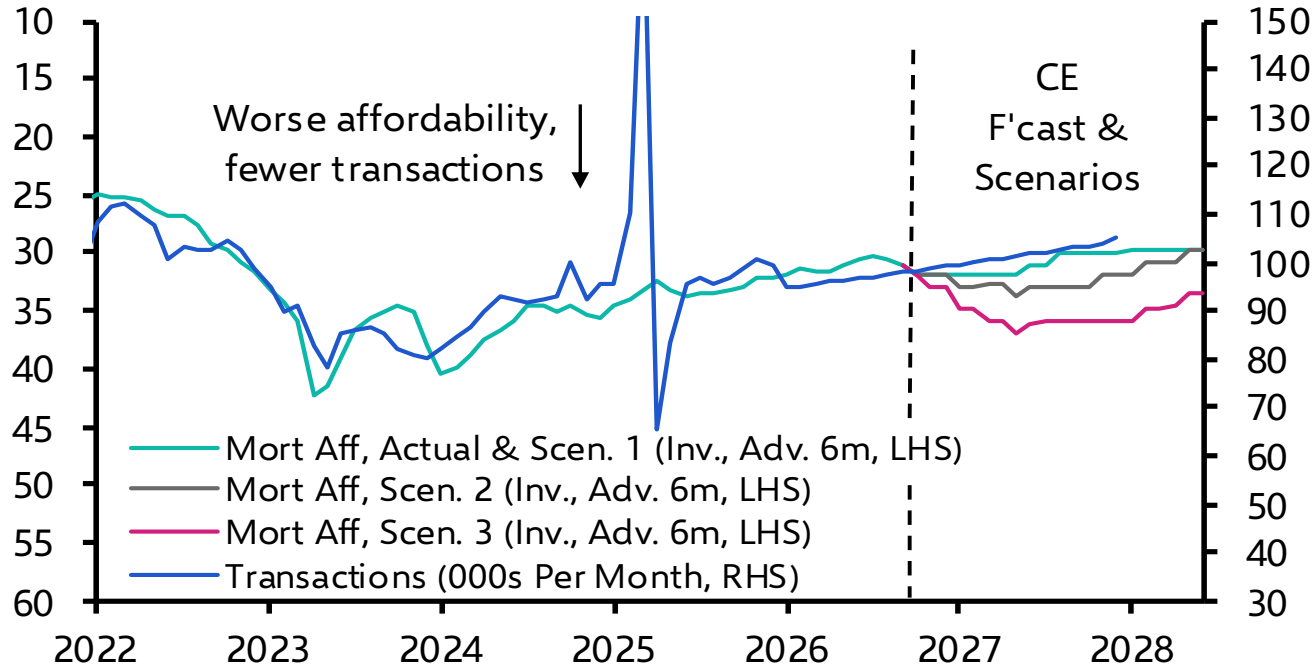
2-Year Swap Rate & 2-Year Mortgage Rate (%)



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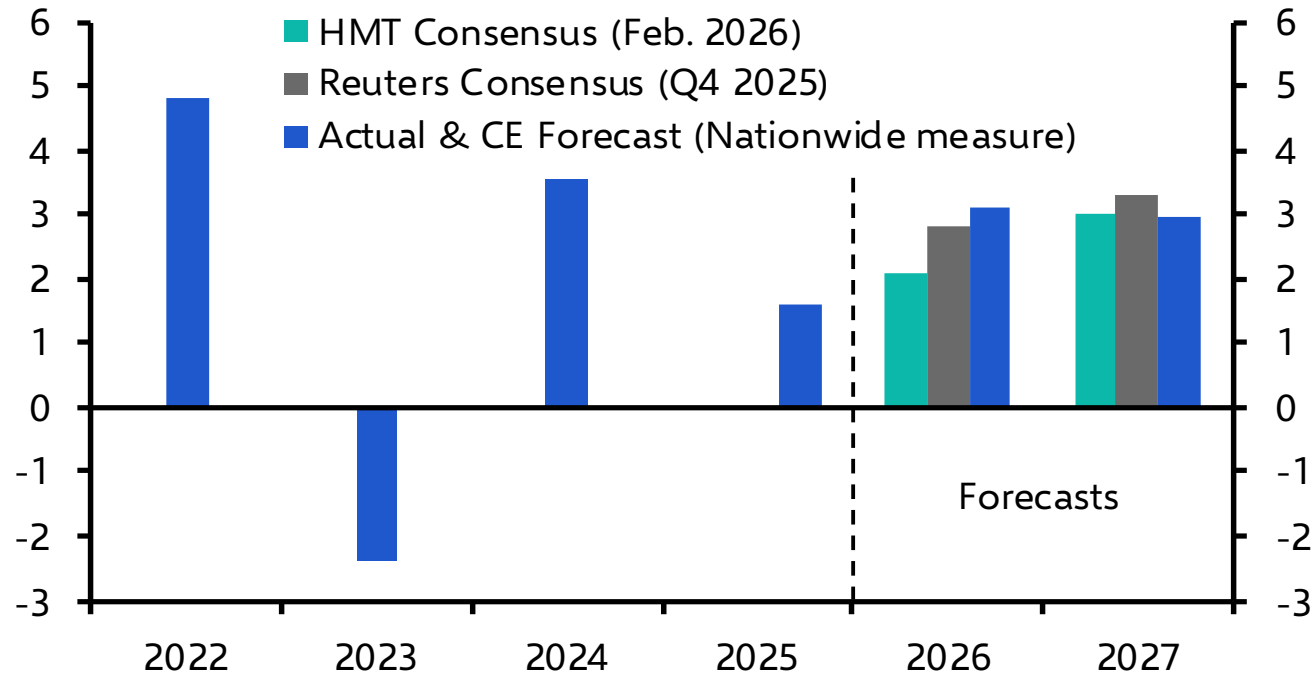
Mortgage Affordability* & Housing Transactions

(*Average Mortgage Payment As a % of Median Income)



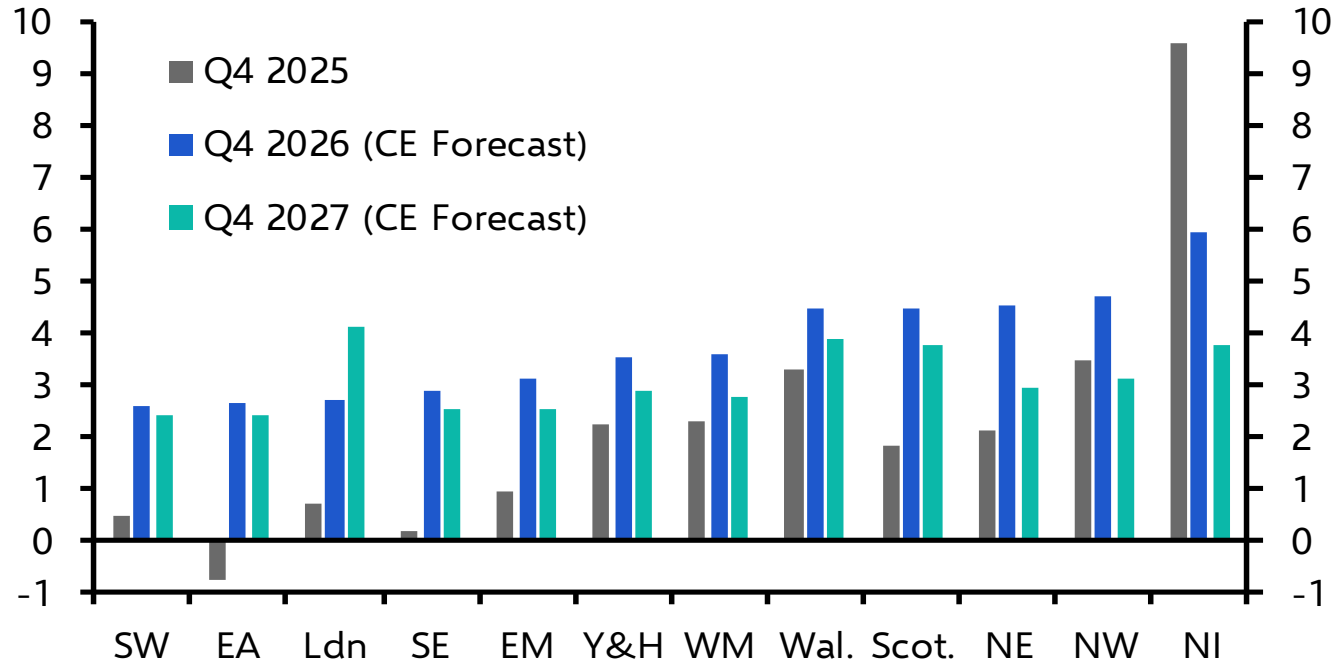
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House Prices (Q4, %y/y)



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Nationwide House Prices (%y/y)

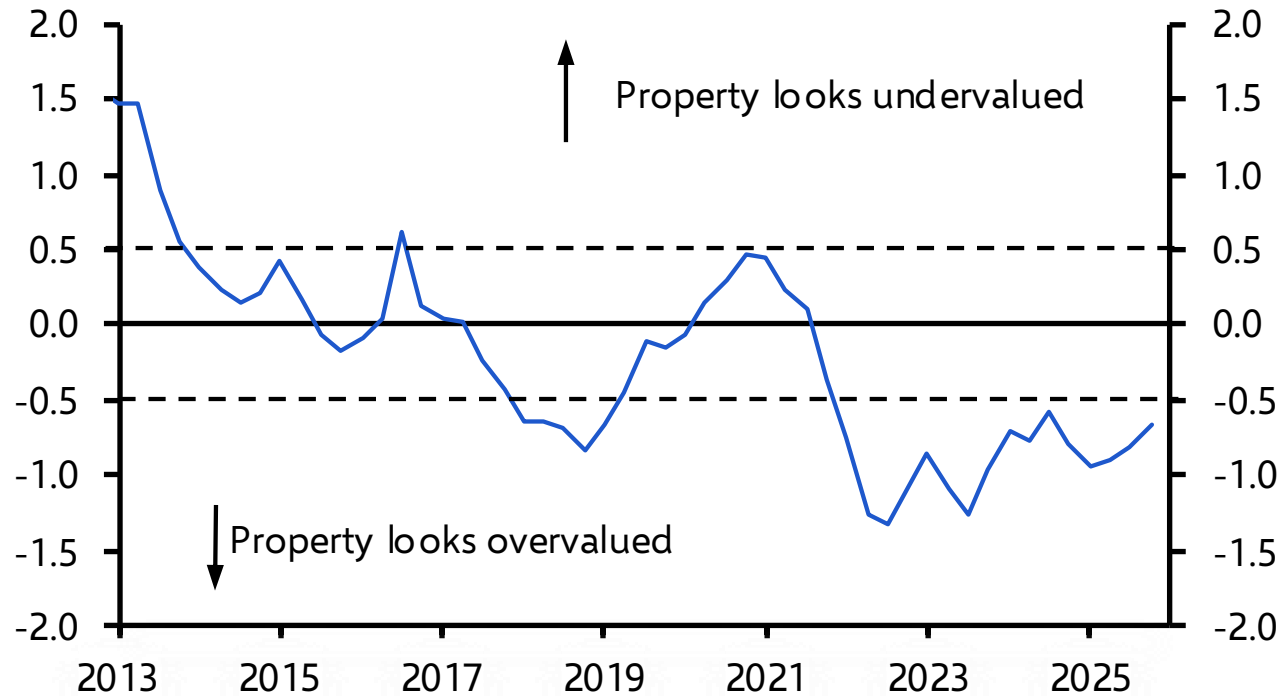


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How will the conflict affect commercial property?

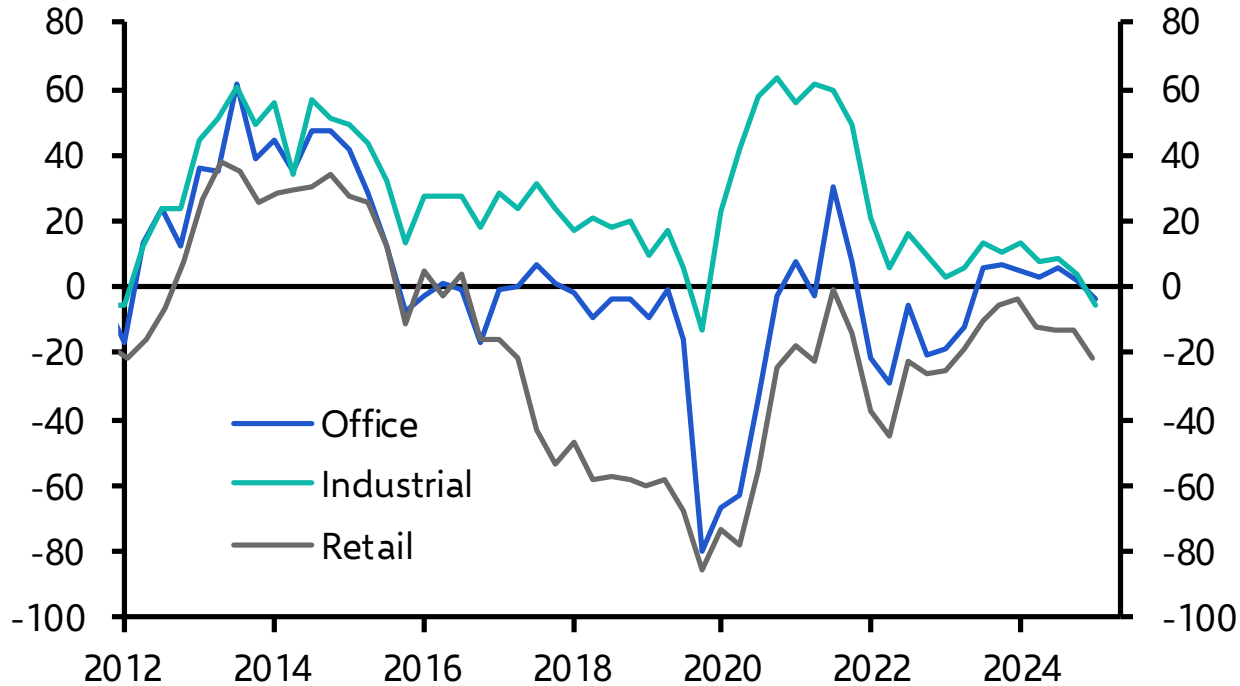
- The most energy-intensive sectors are vulnerable to higher energy prices, especially manufacturers, accom. providers, recreation & culture, retail.
- Will put margins under more pressure in sectors already struggling from increased NICs; could cause more job losses and closures in hospitality and retail.
- The potential yield impact poses a more substantial risk than rental growth.
- Investors would probably look through a short-term spike in gilt yields. But if prolonged, already-narrow yield gaps pose an upside risk to property yields.

UK All-Property Valuation Score (%)



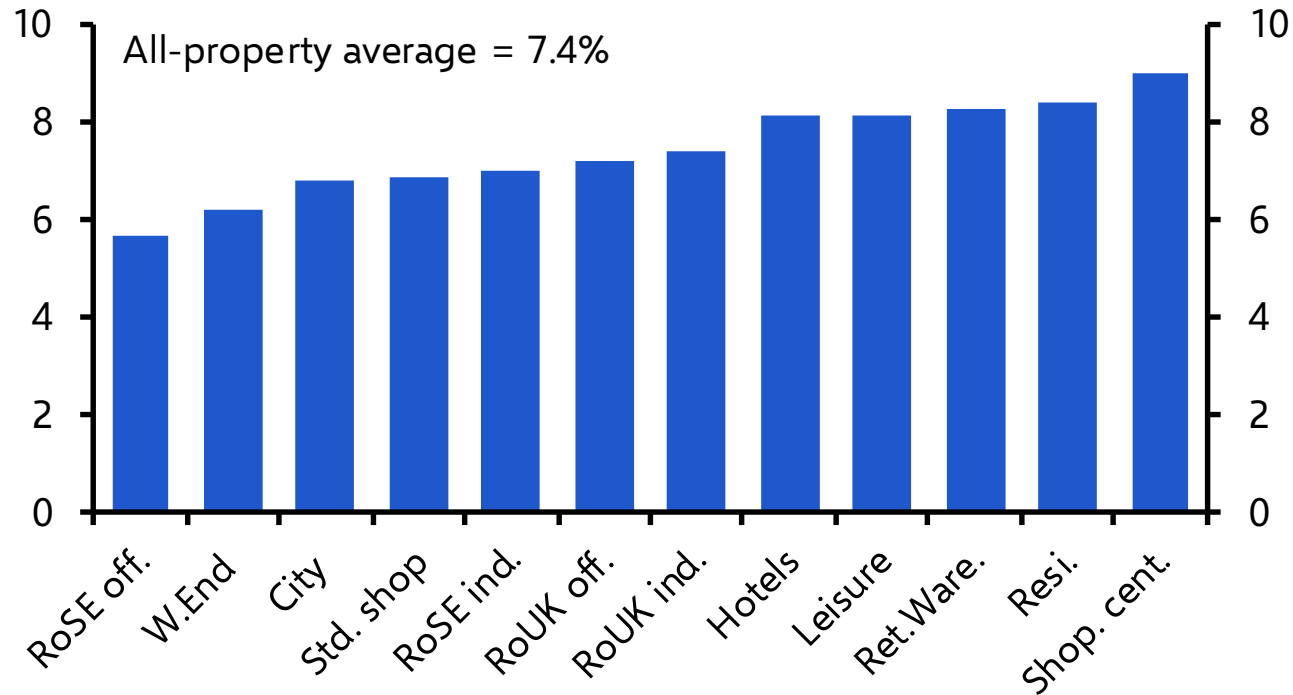
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RICS Demand Balances (% Net Balance)

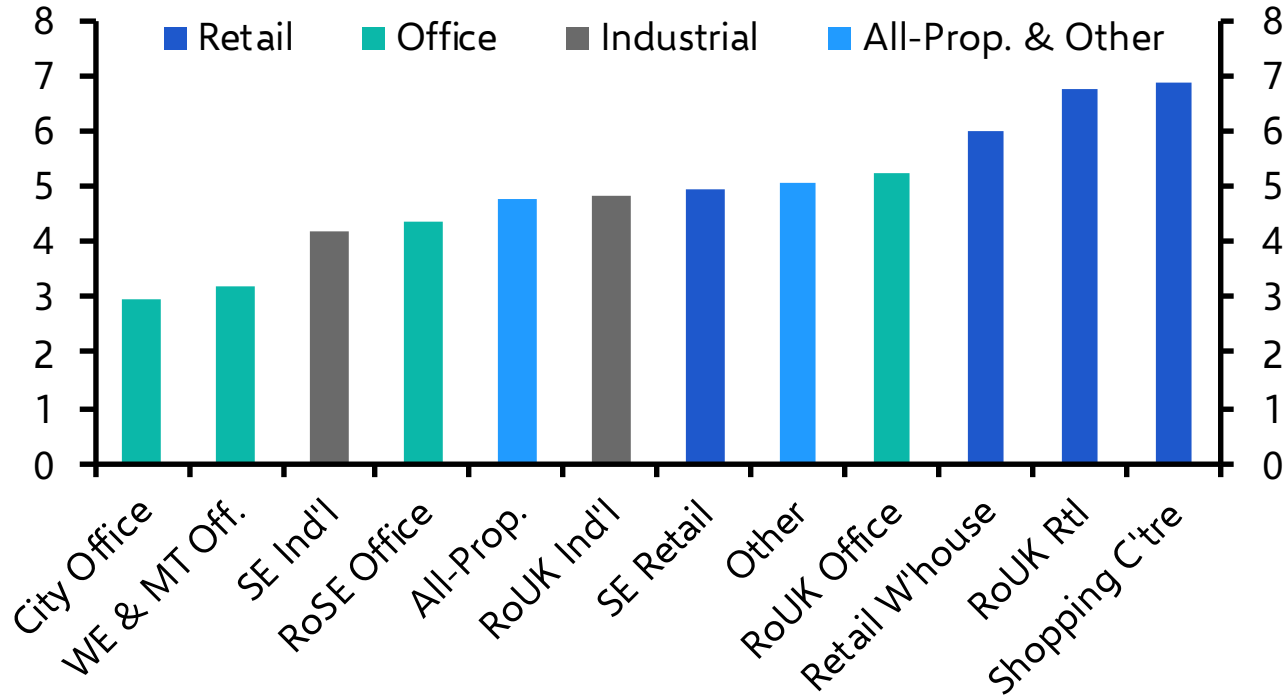


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Total Returns Forecast by Sector 2026-30 (% p.a.)

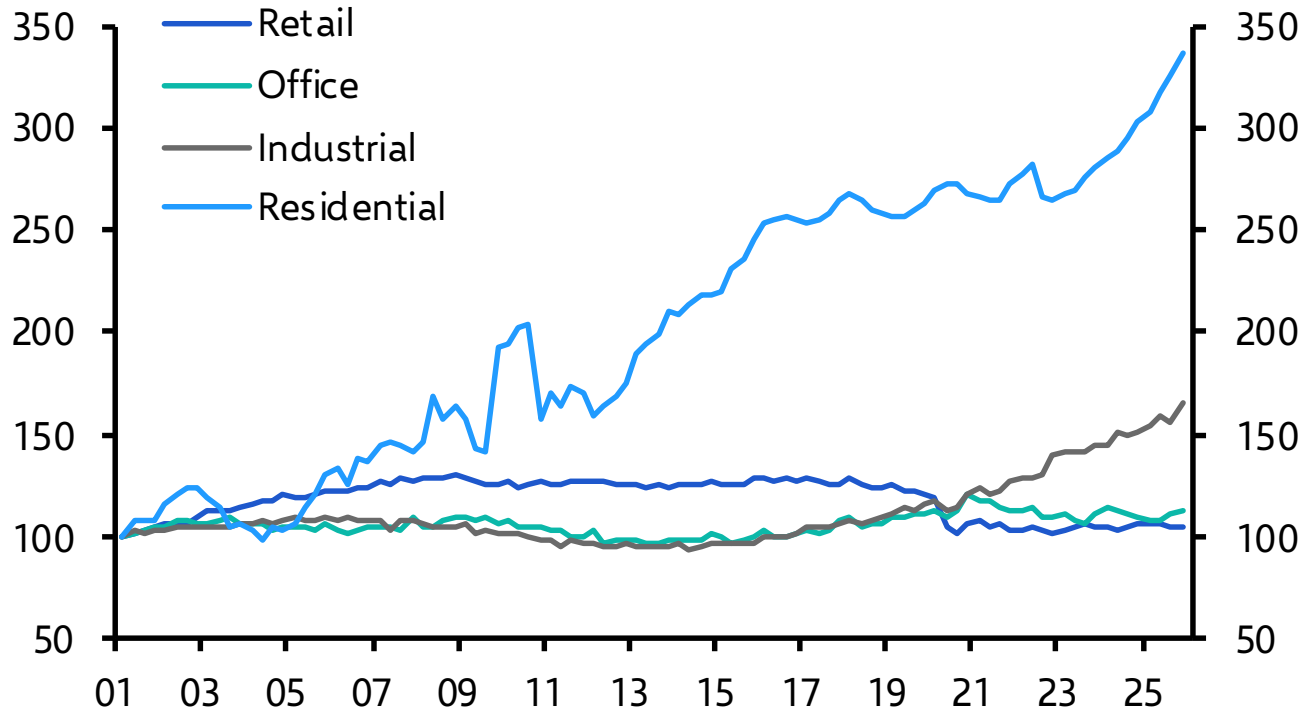


Income Returns, Q4 2025 (% y/y)



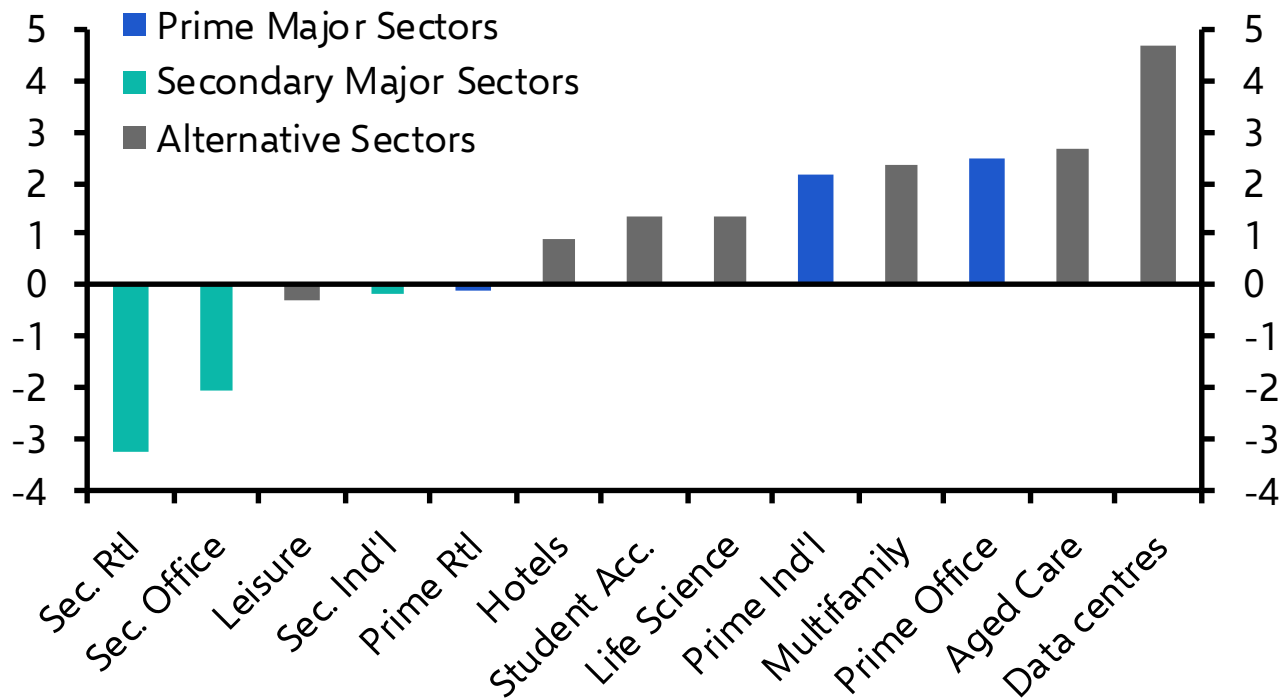
Sources: MSCI, [Capital Economics](#)

Net Operating Income (Index, Q1 2001 = 100)



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12-Month Rent Growth Expectations, Q1 2026 (%)



Sources: RICS, [Capital Economics](#)

Conclusions

- Higher mortgage rates to dampen house price growth this year, particularly in regions where mortgage affordability is most stretched, such as London and the South East.
- The range of performance within the major commercial sectors will be limited relative to the past.
- But (secure) higher income returns and NOI growth will drive outperformance.
- Alternative property sectors look relatively attractive for long-term investment and development given their structural drivers.

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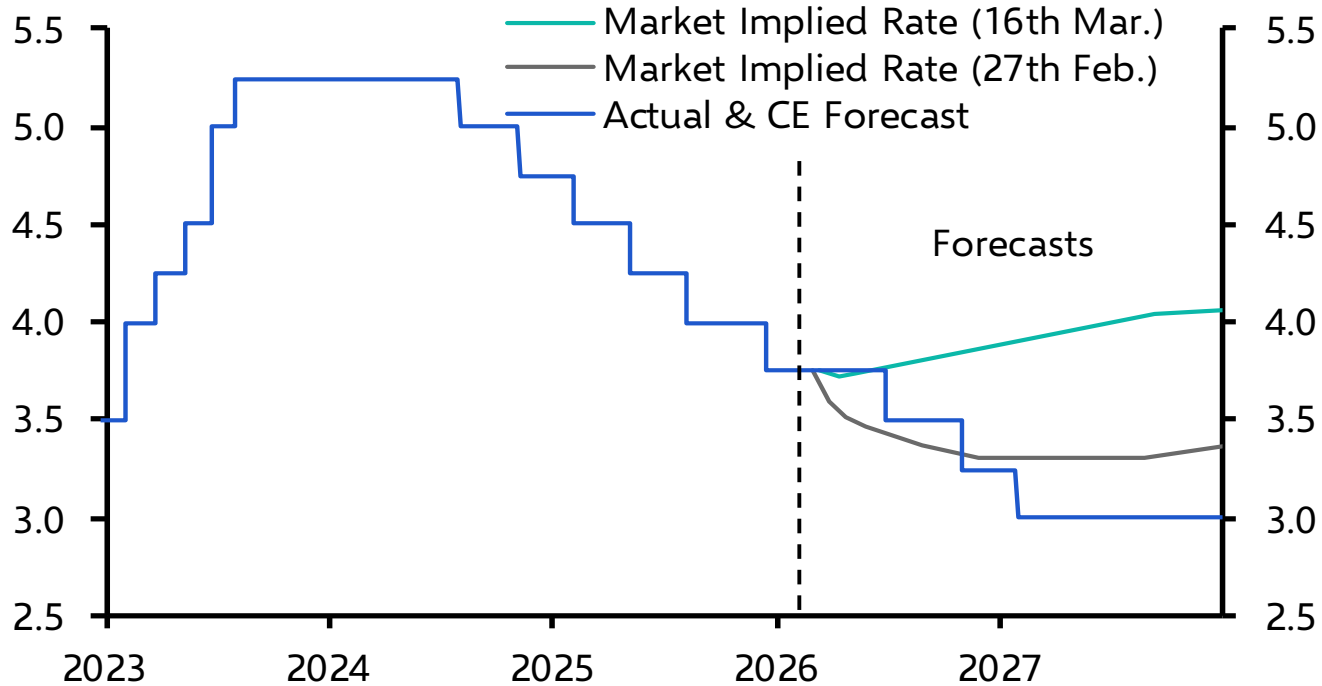
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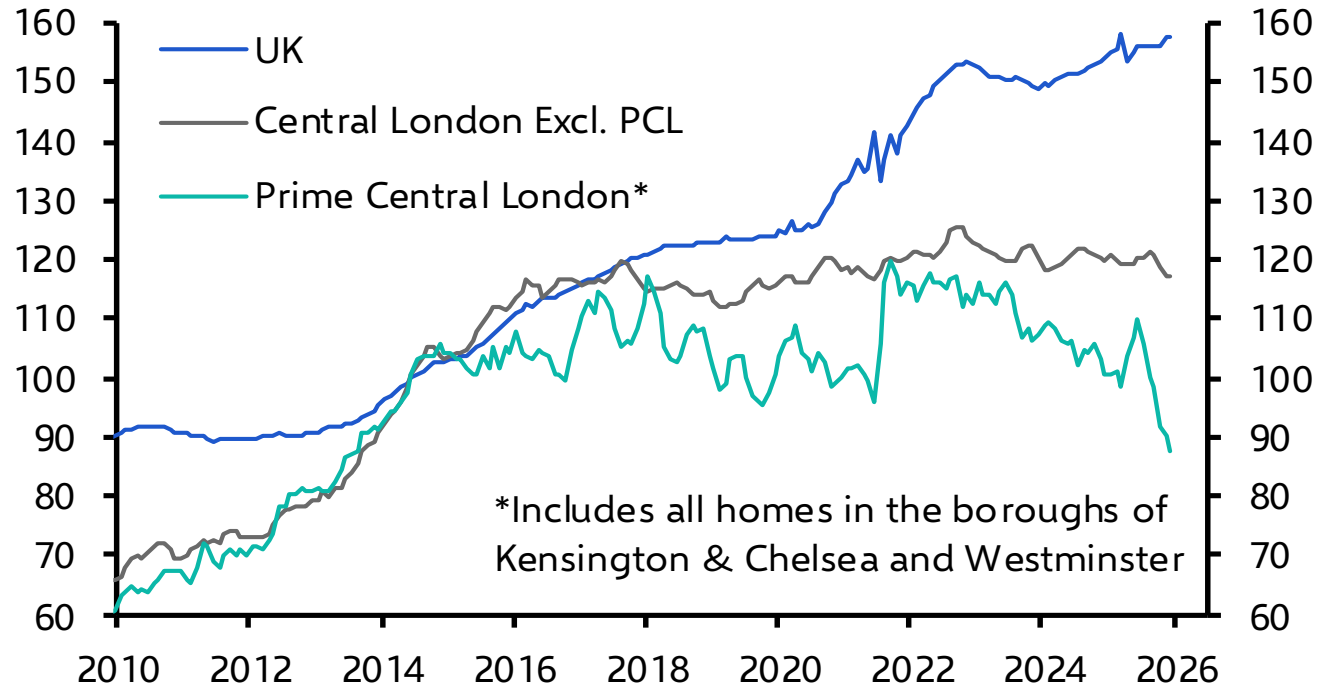
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Bank Rate (%)



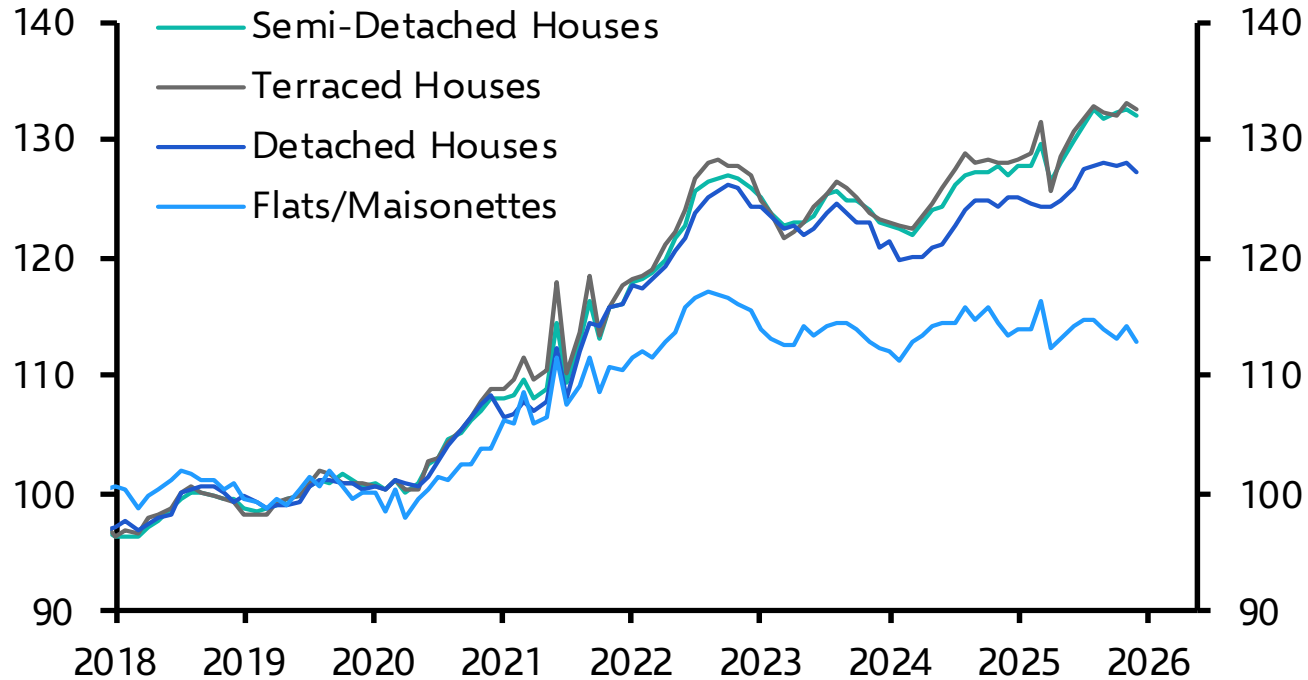
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Land Registry House Prices (2019 = 100)



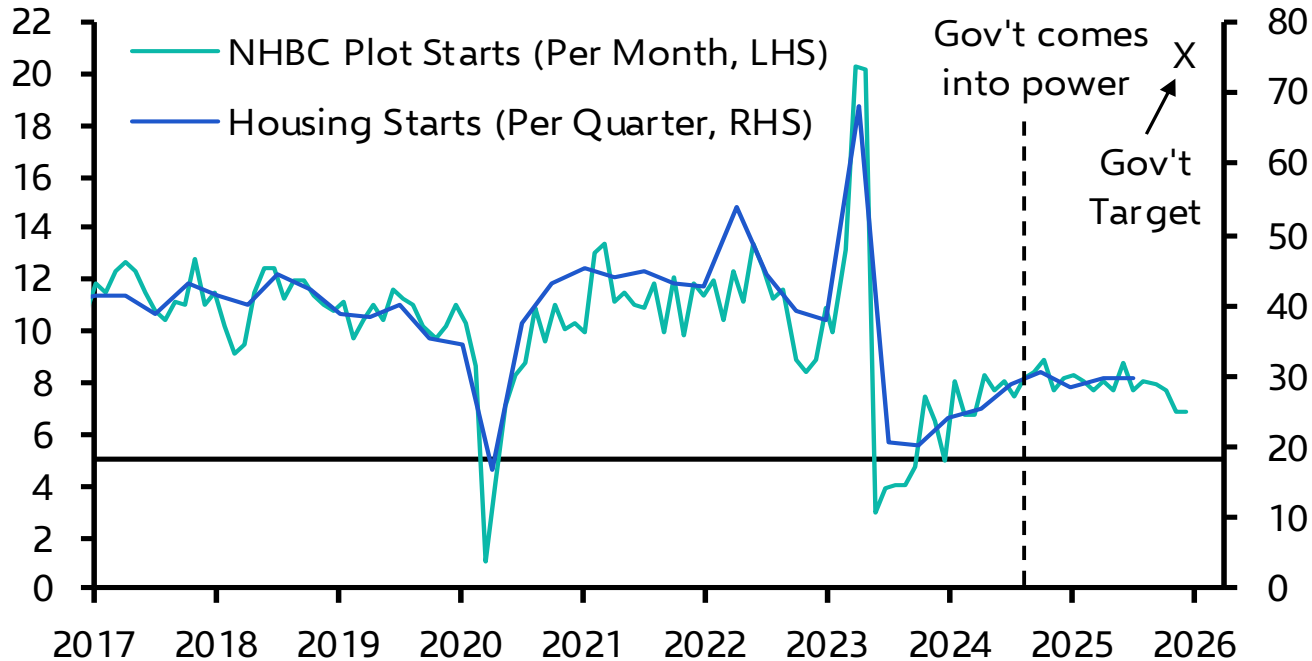
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Land Registry House Price By Property Type (2019 = 100)



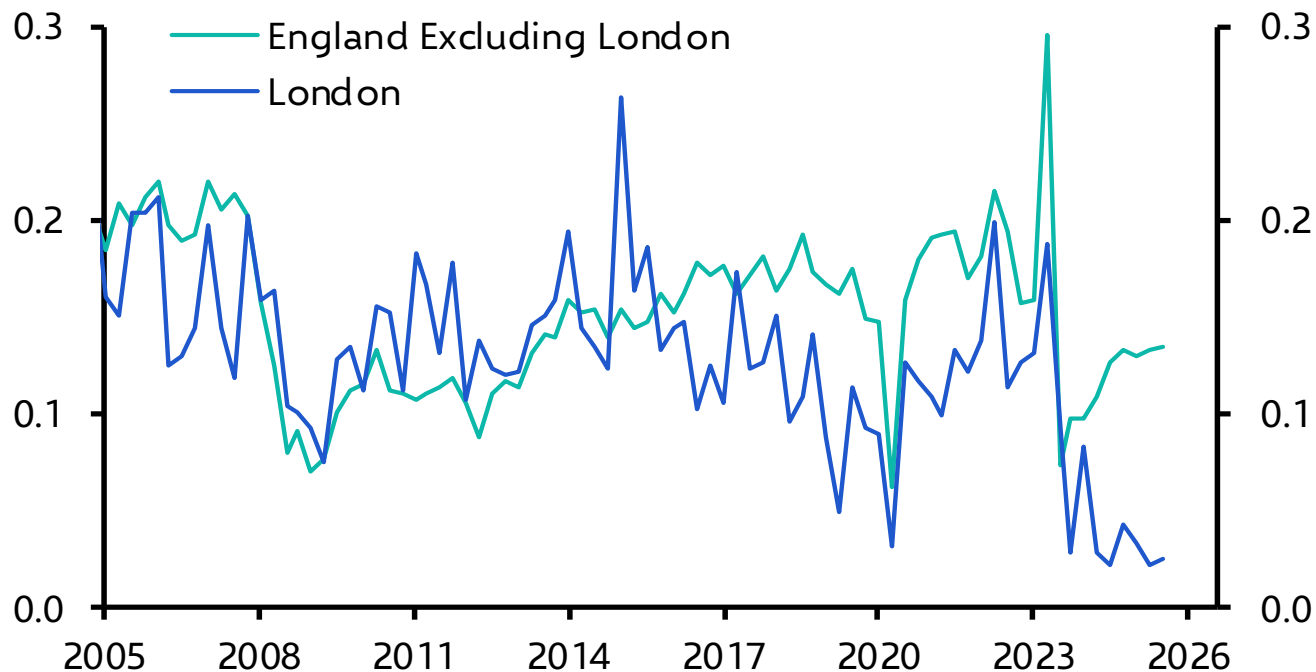
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Housing & Plot Starts in England (000s)



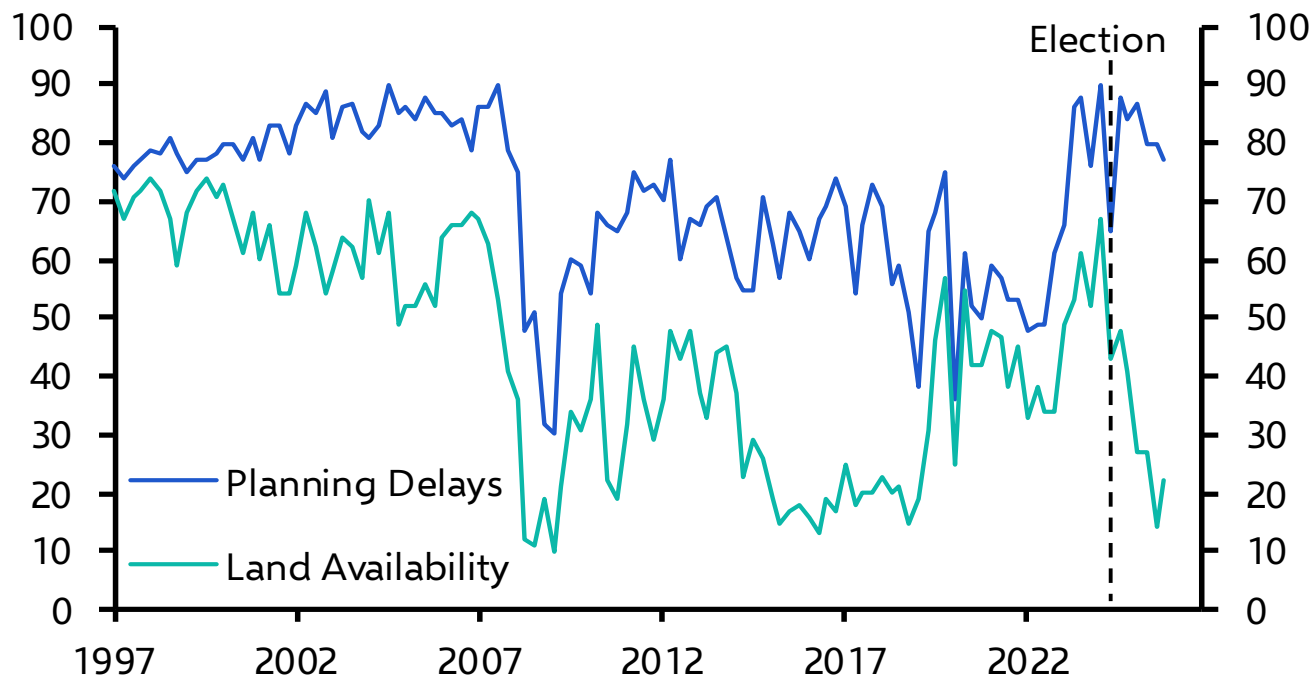
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Housing Starts (As a % of Existing Dwelling Stock)



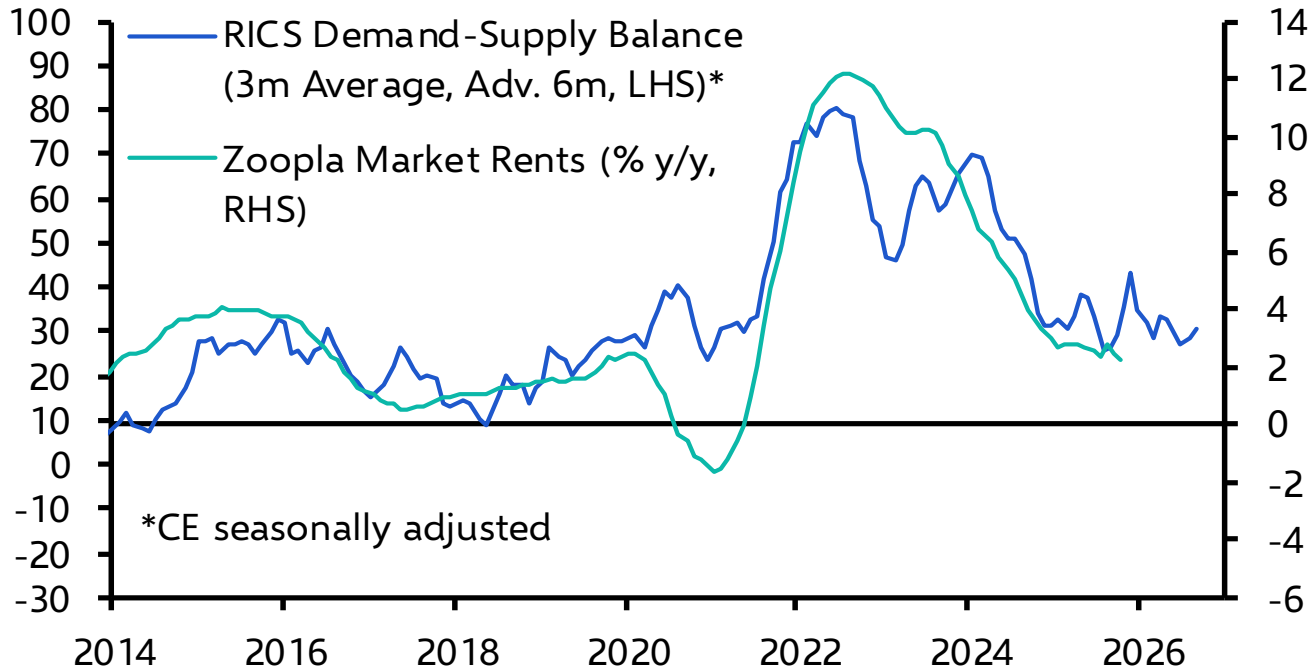
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Constraints on Homebuilding (% of Respondents to NHBC Survey)



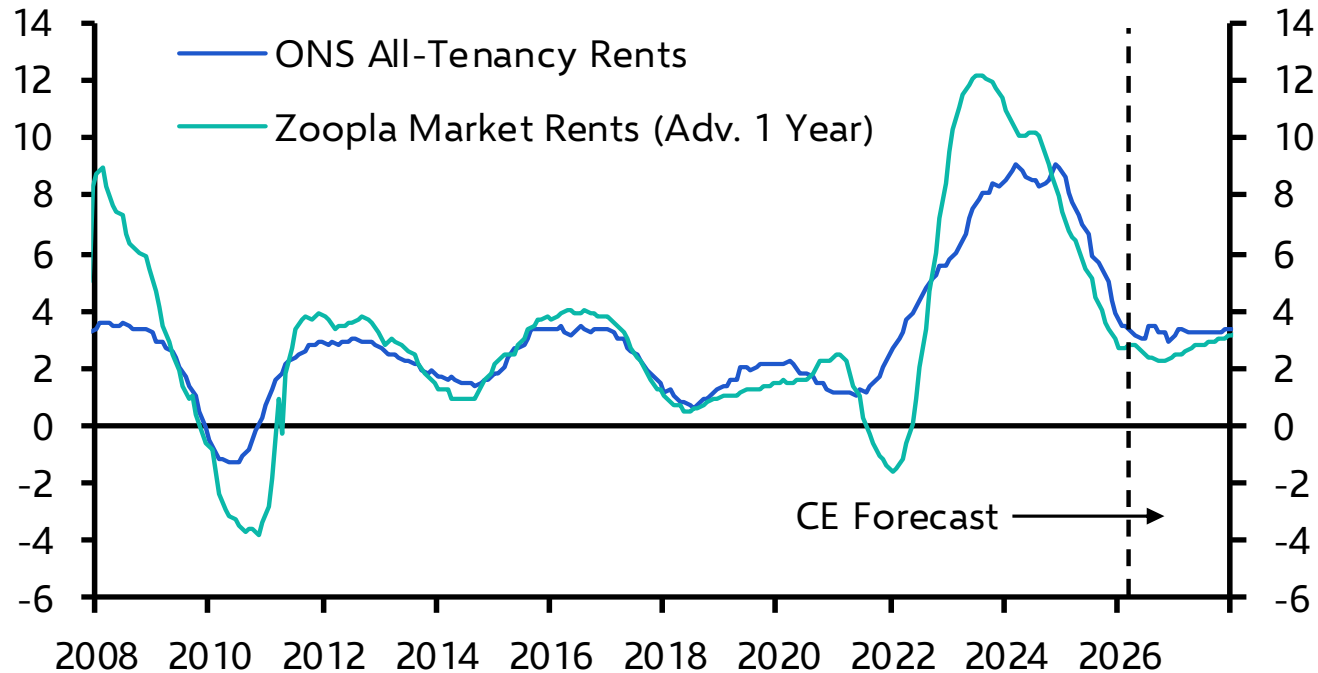
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RICS Rental Demand-Supply Balance & Market Rents



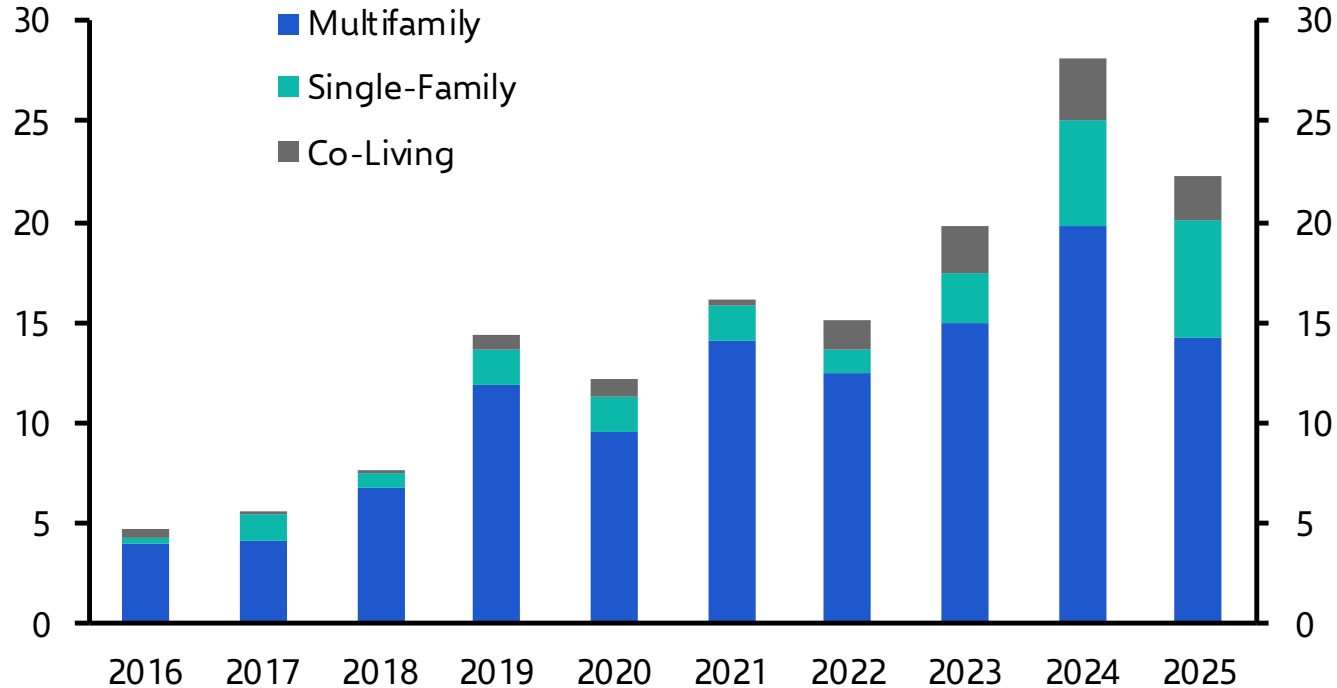
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Housing Rents (%y/y)



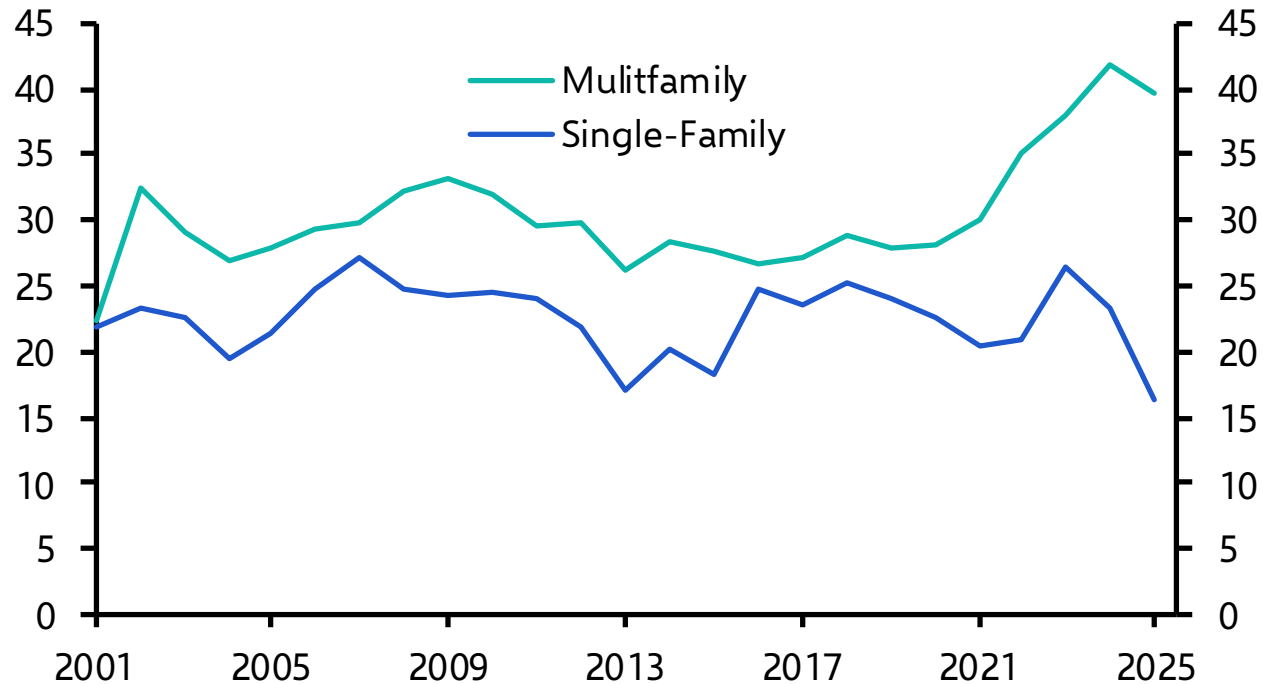
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Build-to-Rent Completions (000s)



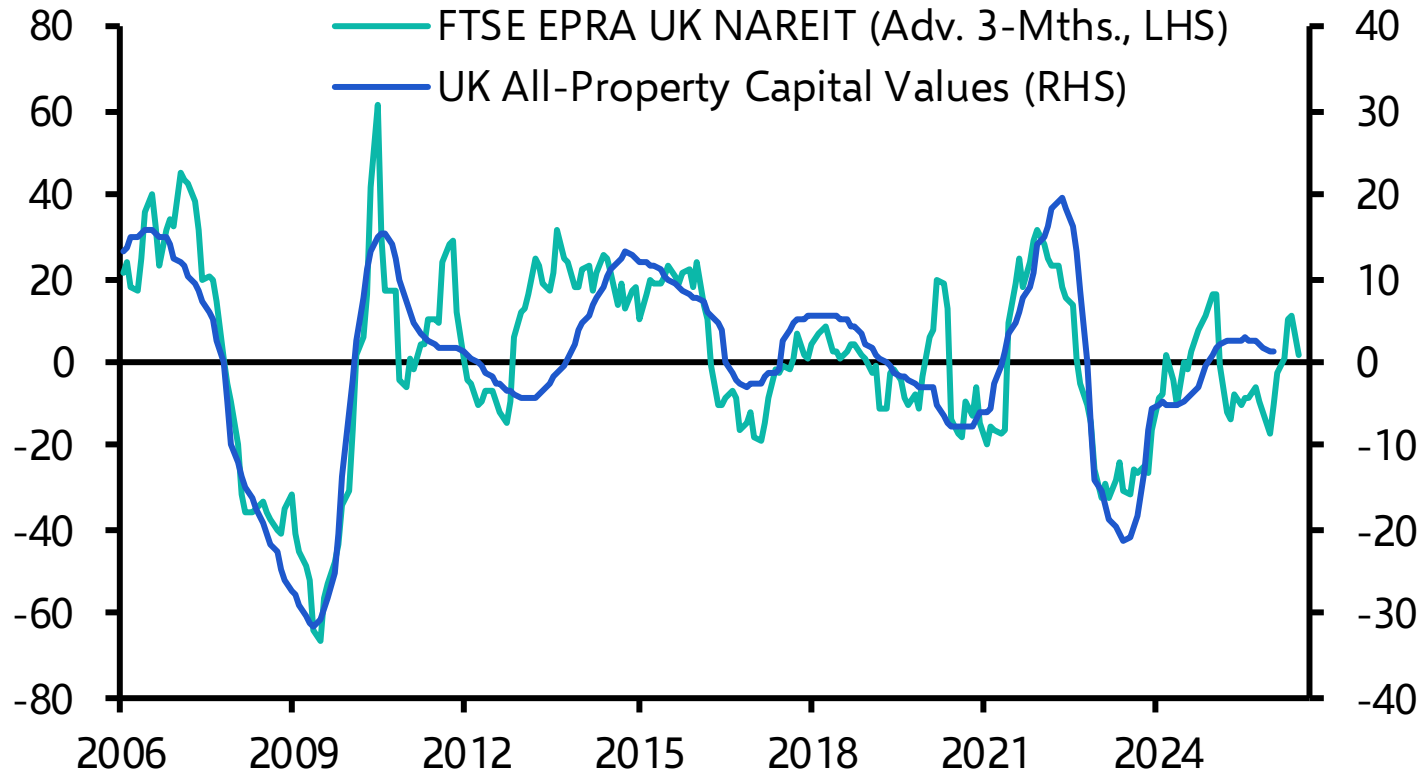
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Role of Price Expectations on Credit Availability (% Net Bal.)



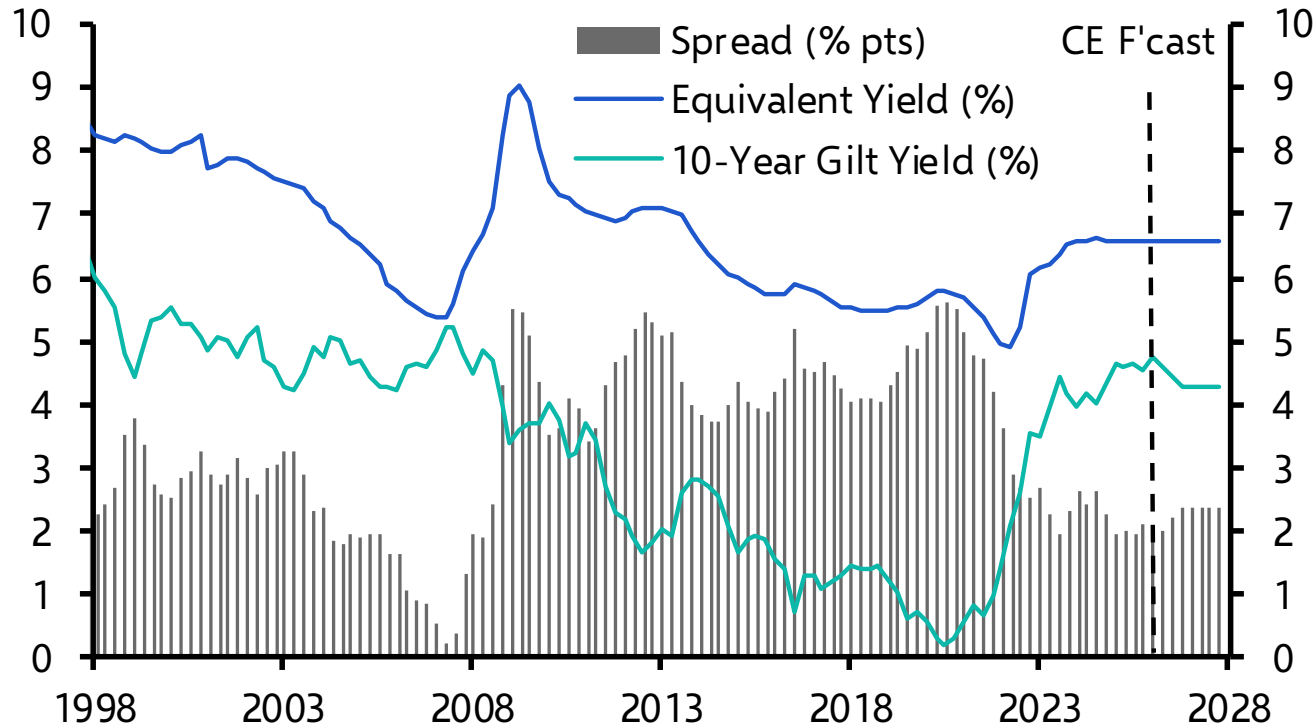
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NAREIT Price & All-property Capital Value Growth



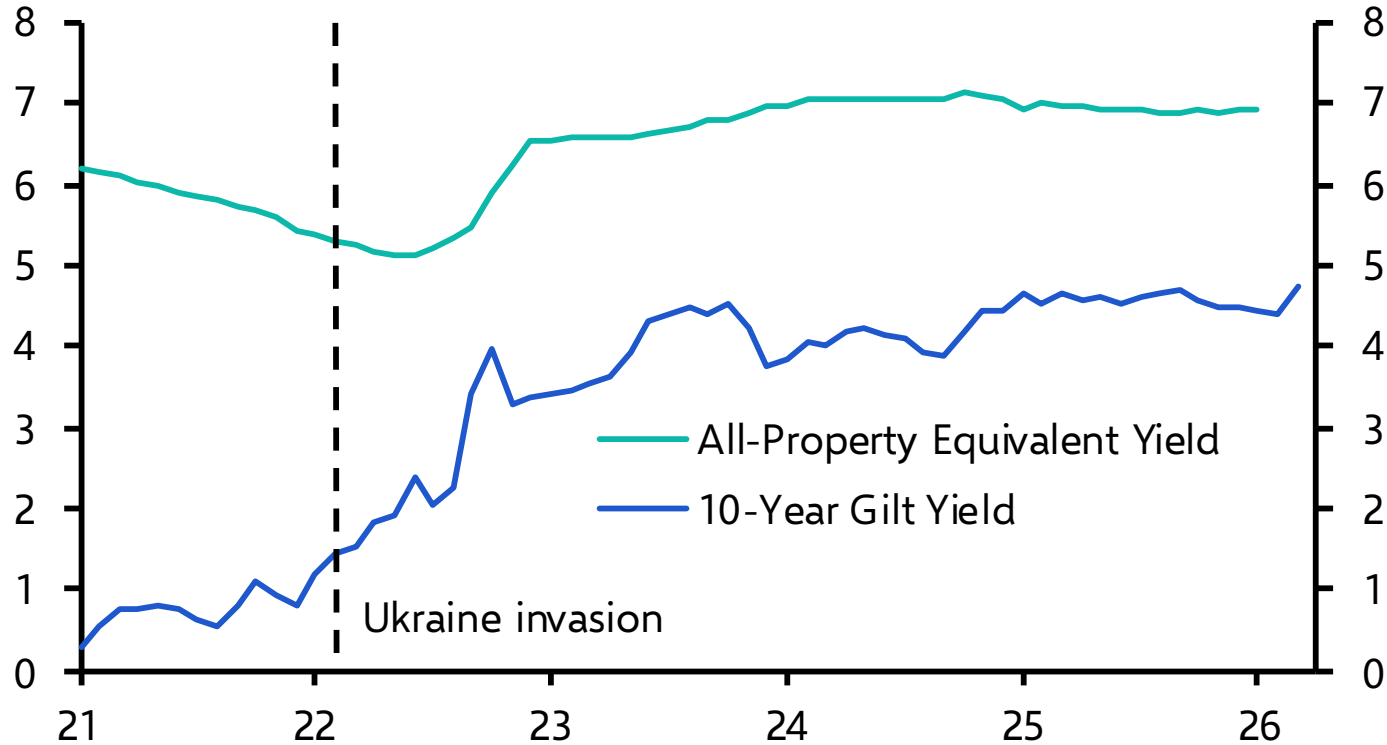
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10-Year Gilt Yield & All-Property Equivalent Yield Spread



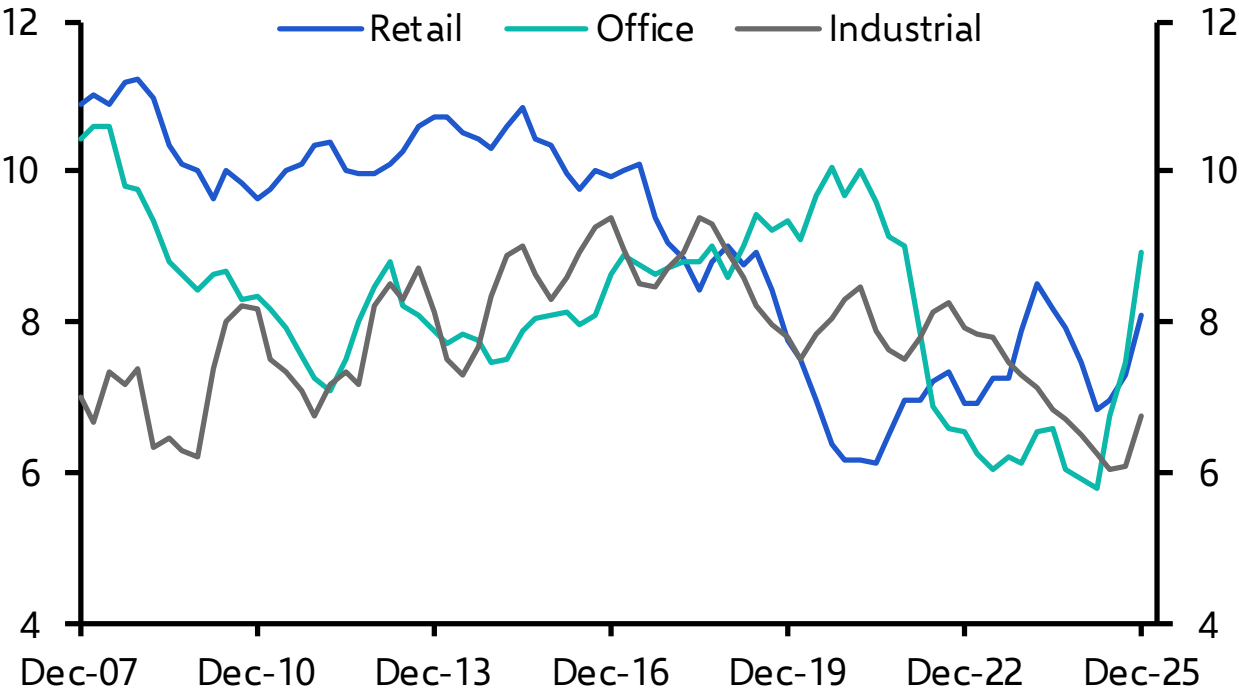
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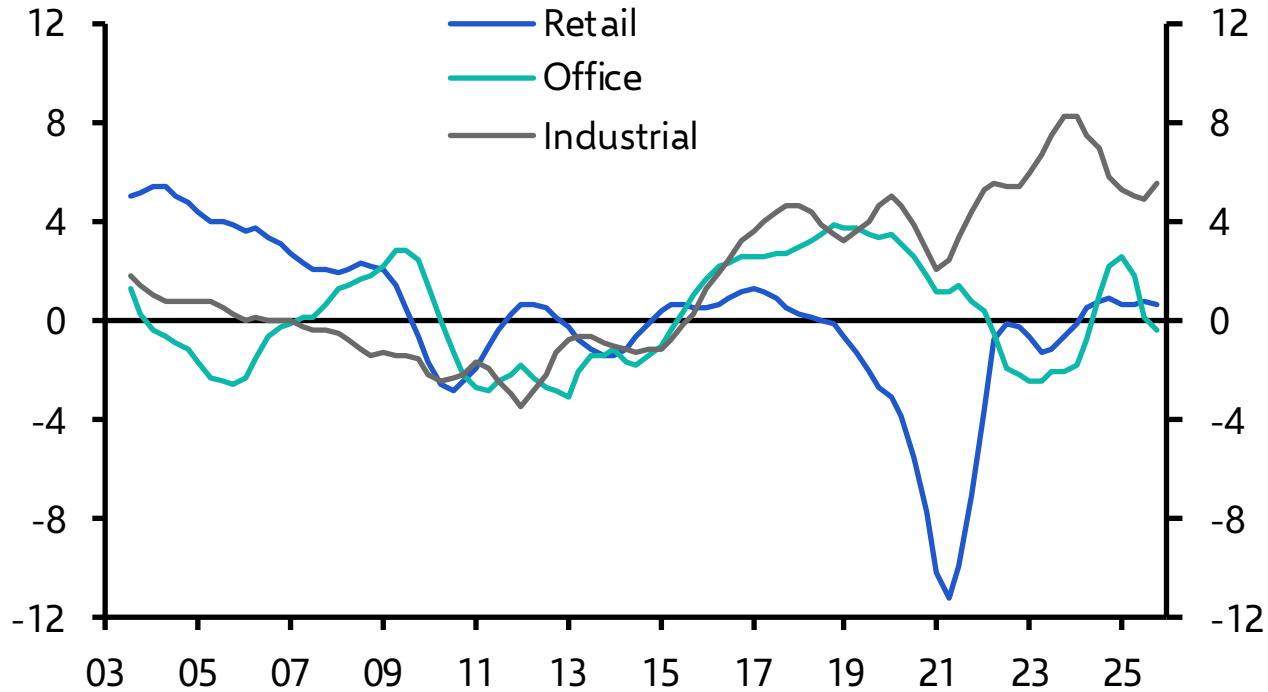
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Average Lease Length to Break or Expiry



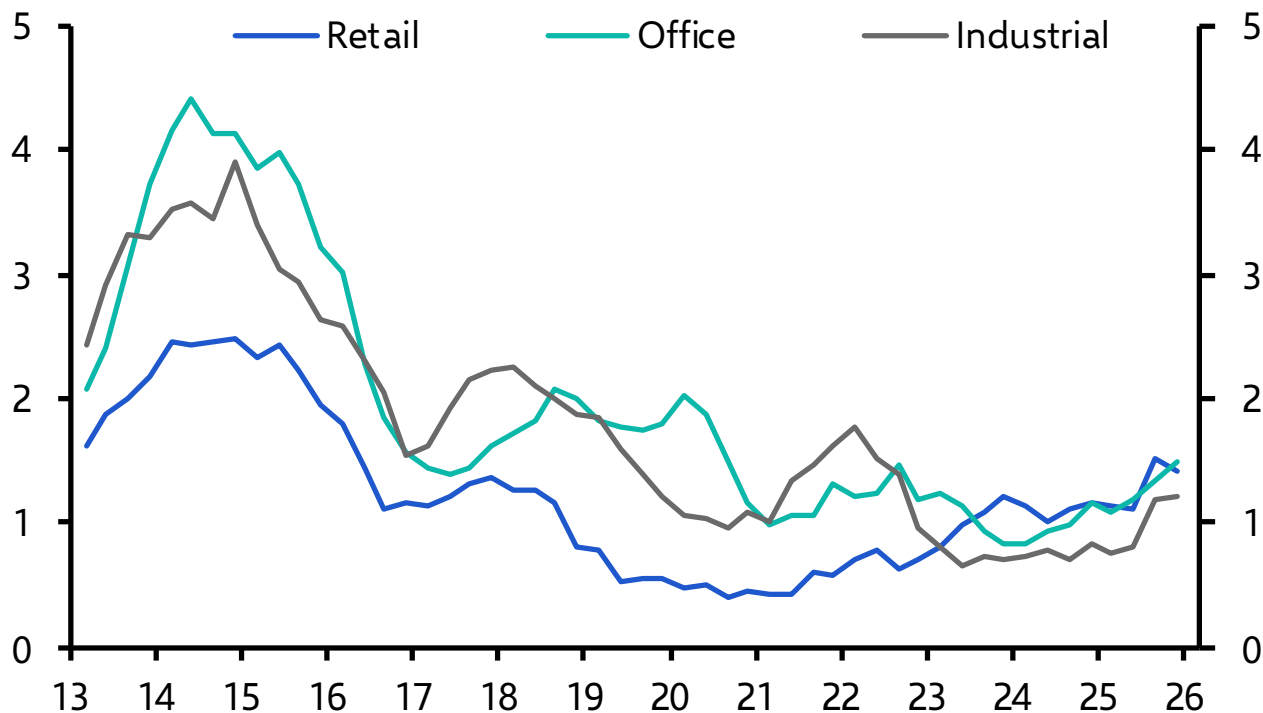
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Net Operating Income Growth (4-qtr avg., % y/y)



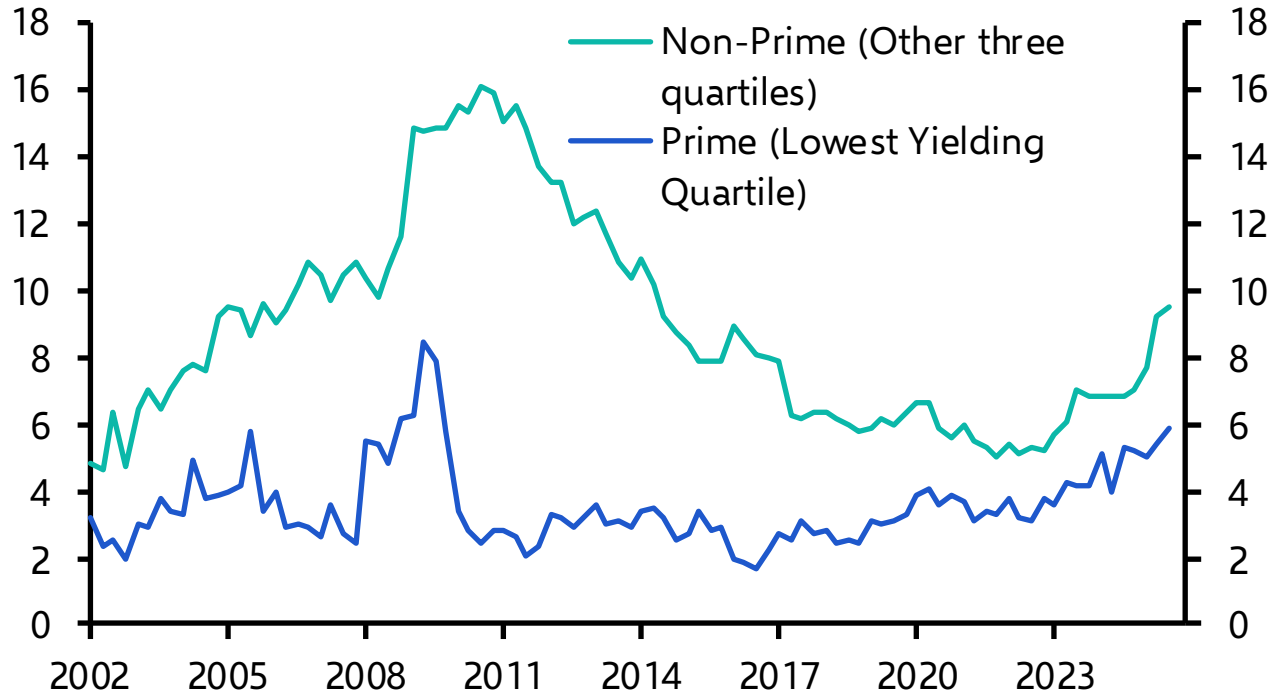
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Capital Expenditure as a Share of Capital Value (%)



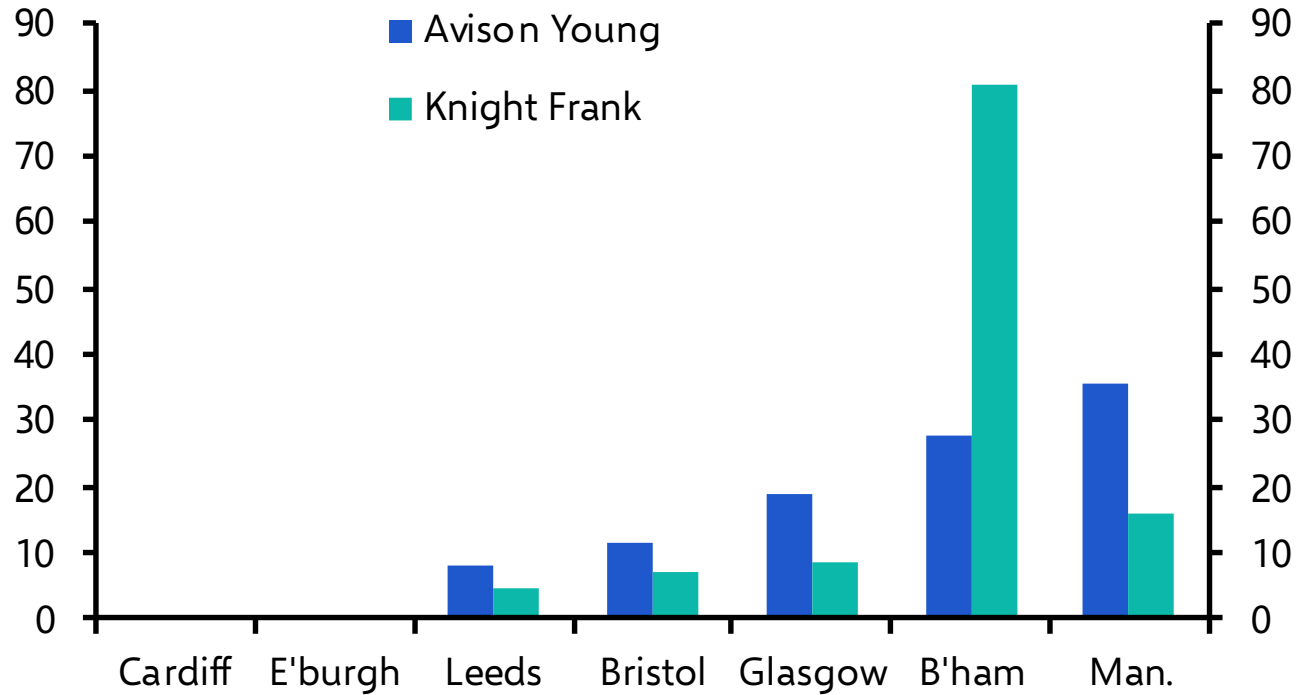
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Industrial Vacancy Rate by Yield Quartile (%)



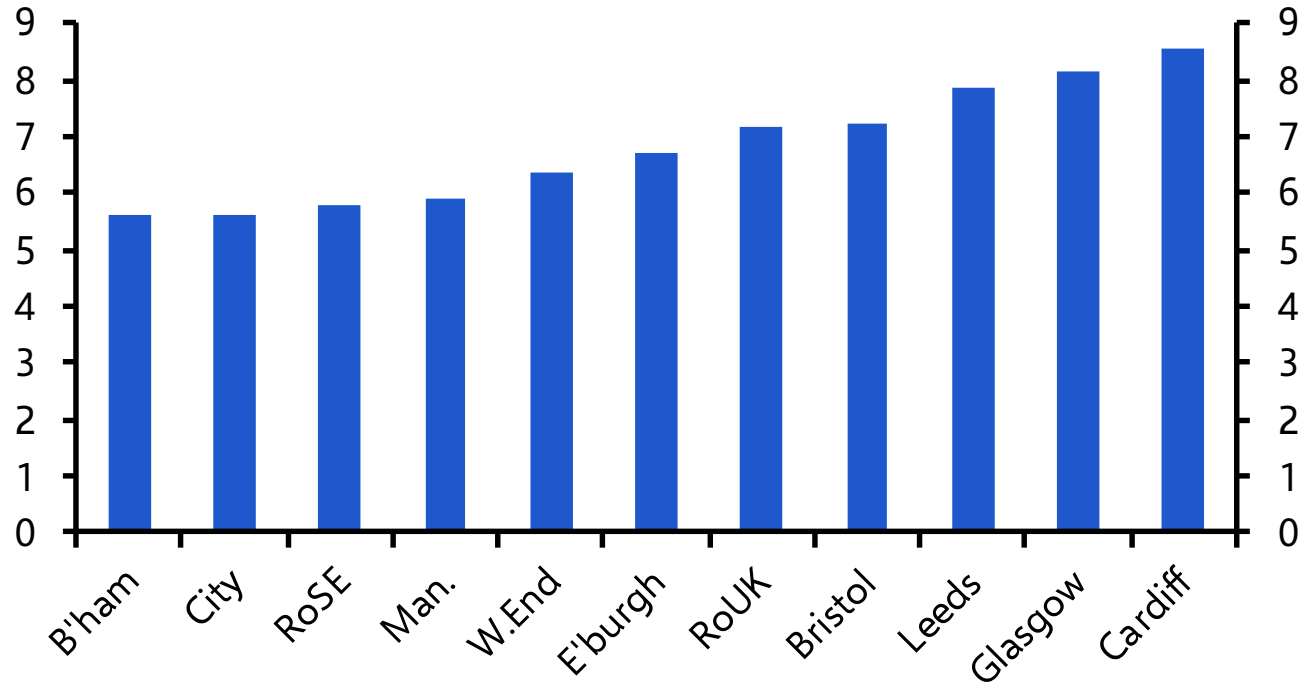
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Speculative Office Pipeline (% of Annual Take-Up)

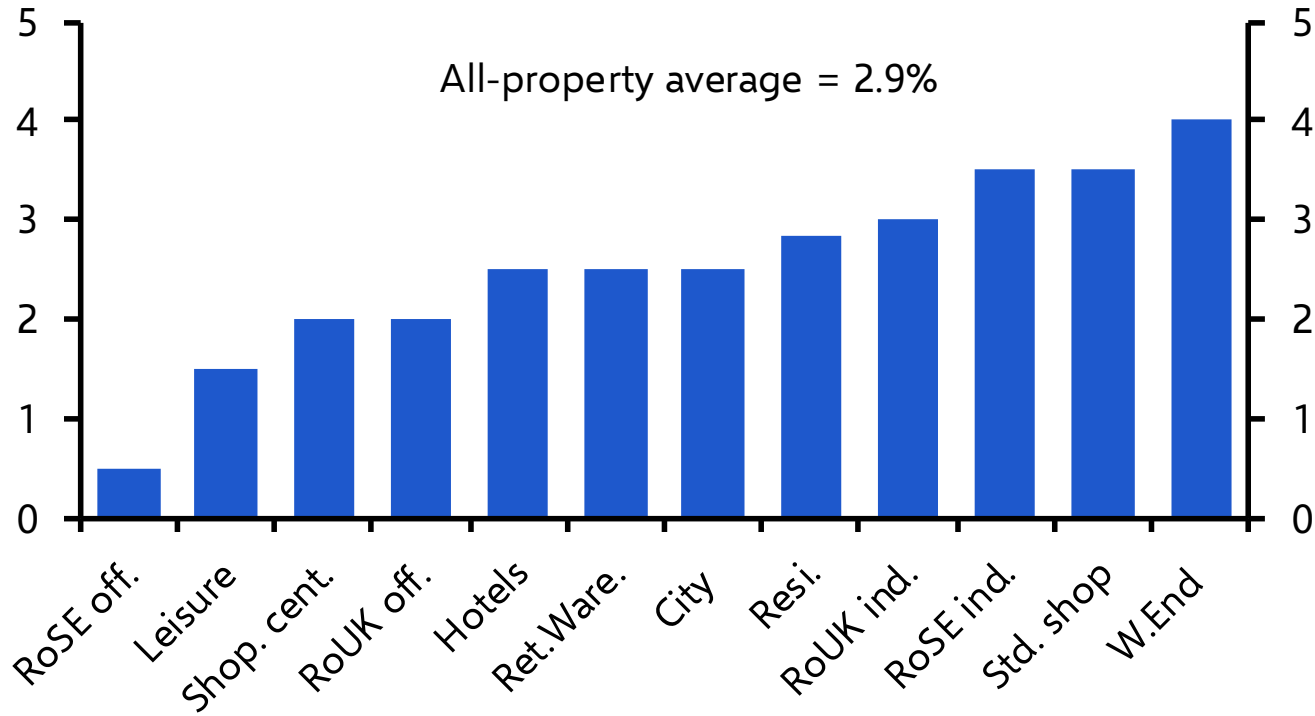


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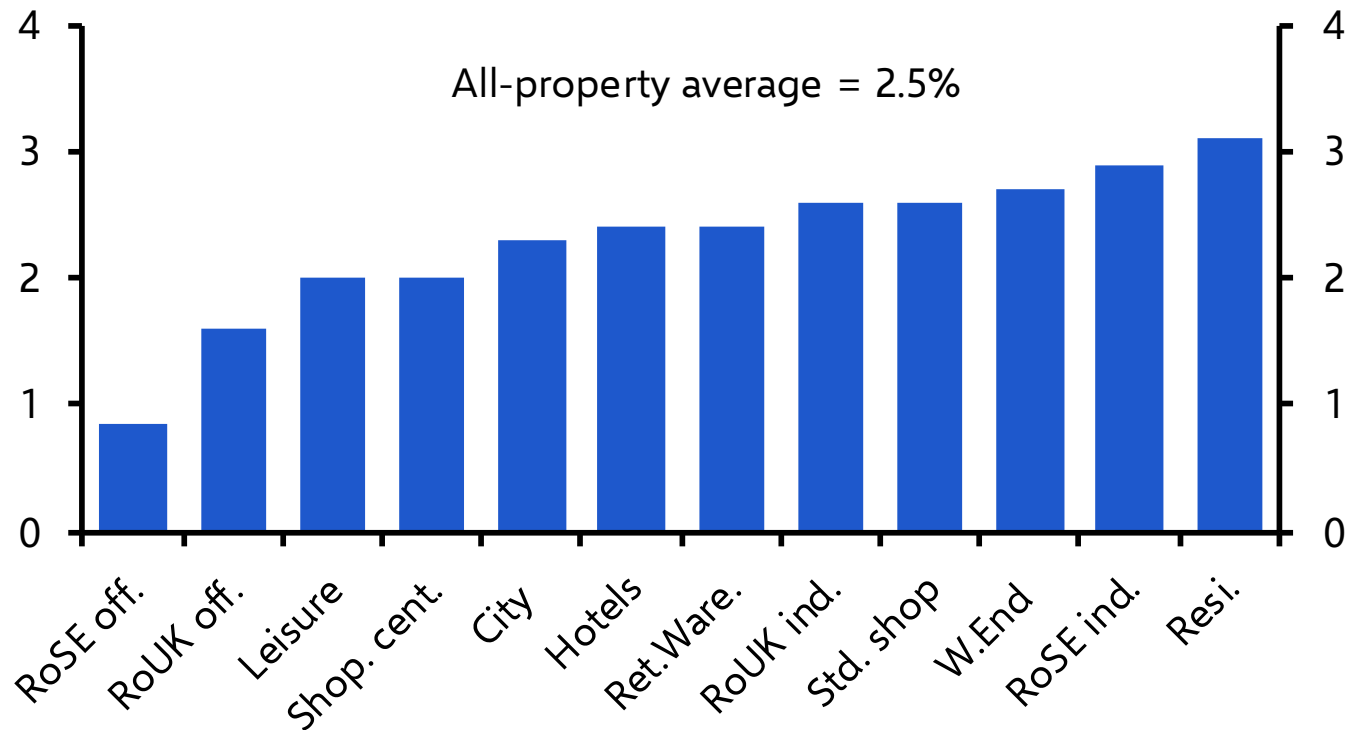
Office Total Returns Forecasts (2026-29, % p.a.)



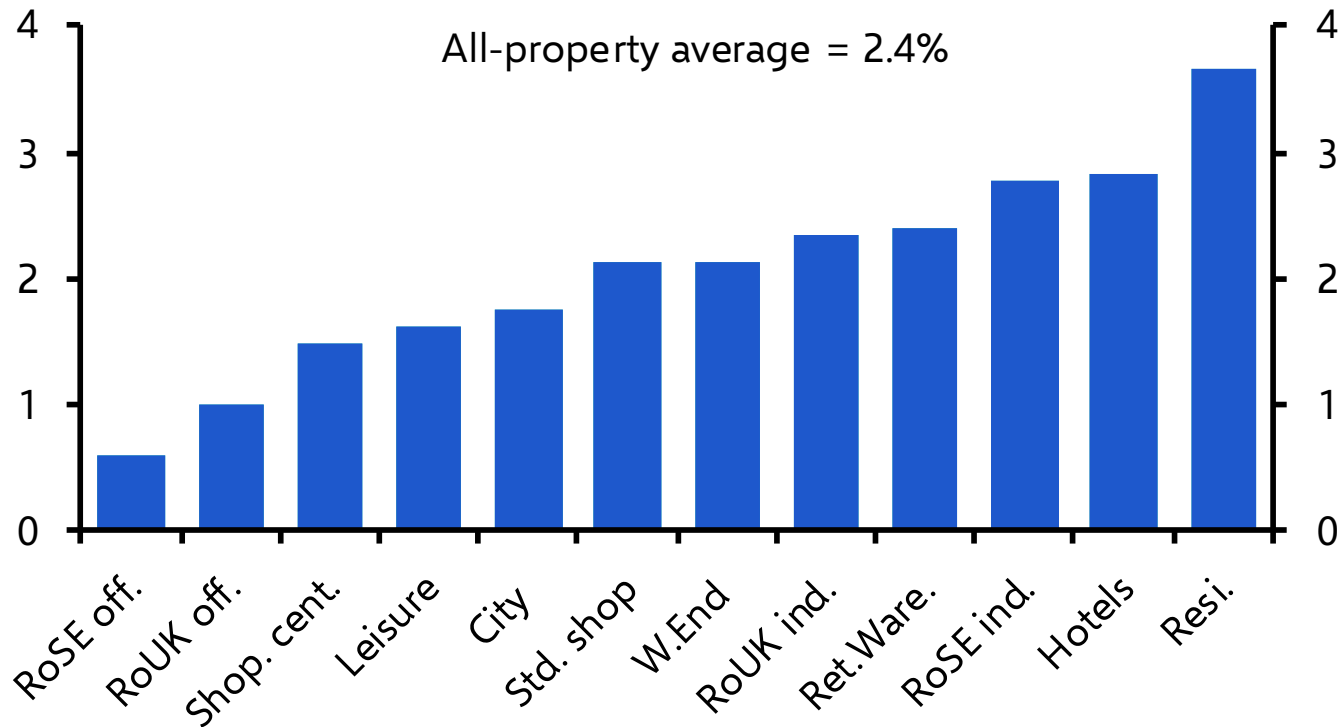
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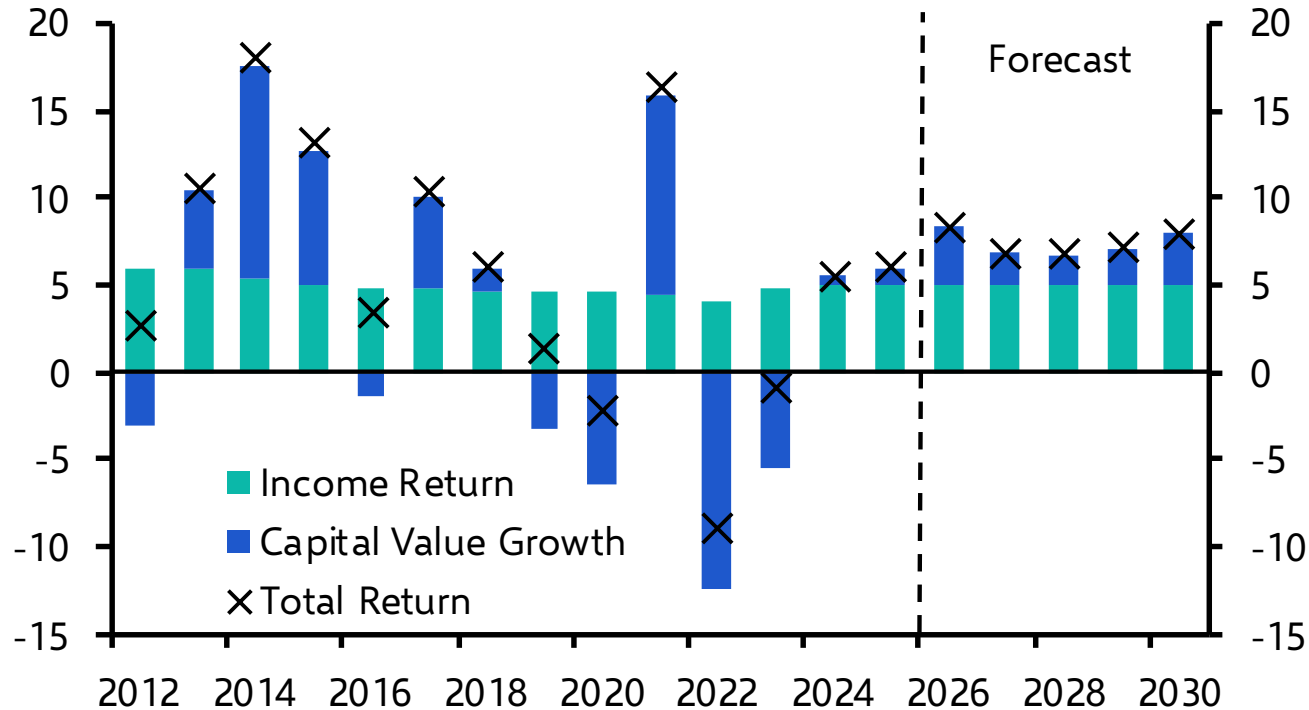
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CE Forecasts for Capital Value Growth in 2026-2030 (% p.a.)



All-Property Total Returns and Components of Return (% p.a.)



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