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European Real Estate: New Year's Resolutions

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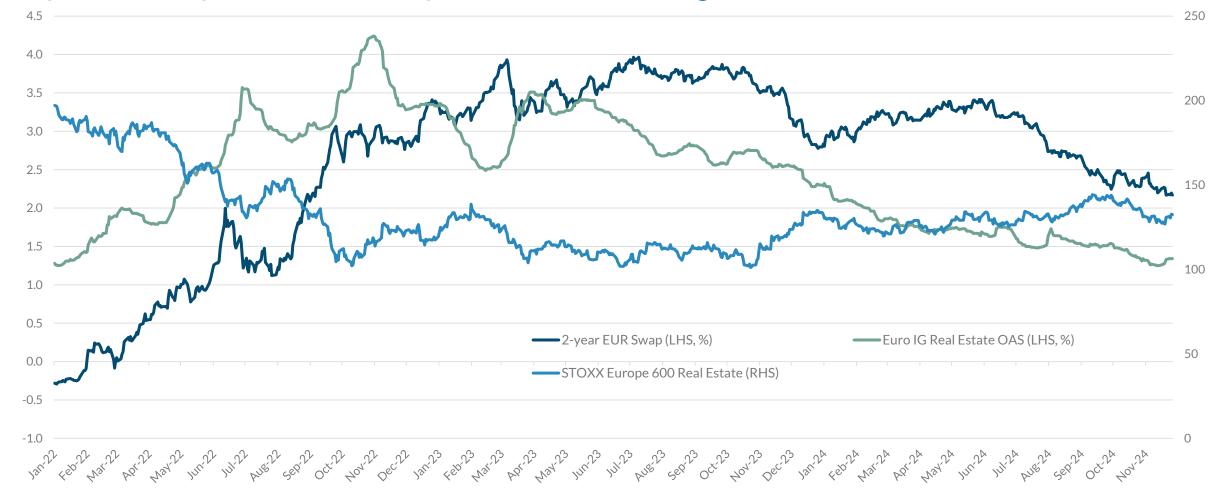


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## Where are we now? Rates are Down and Spreads are Tighter

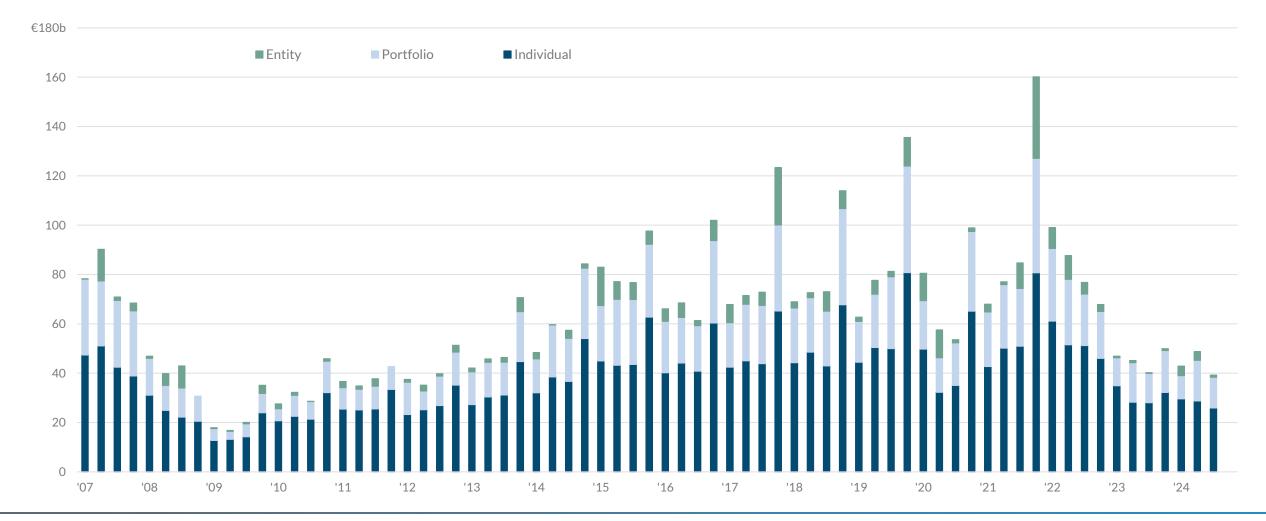
### Swaps versus European Real Estate IG Spreads and Stocks: The Big Picture





# Where are we now? The Trough in Valuations is Here or Near

### **European Real Estate Transaction Volumes (EUR bn)**



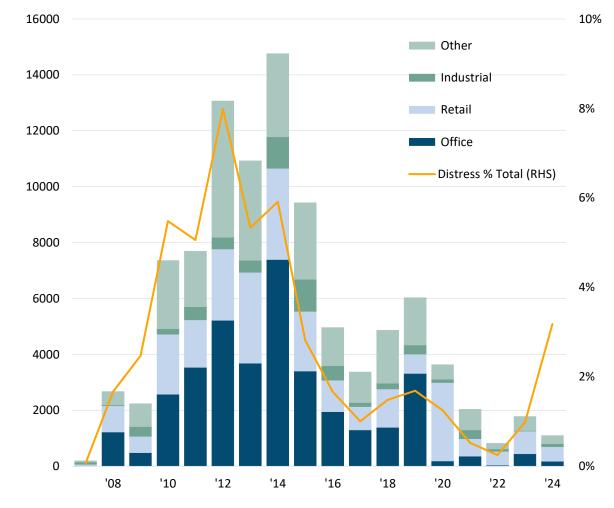


### Where are we now? Property Cycles are Long

#### The View from the Trough

- It took seven years for volumes to recover to precrises levels after the GFC
- Following the peak in valuations prior to the GFC (December 2008), the percent of sales from distress peaked years later
- The total peak-to-trough decline is less severe in this cycle, but the recovery in transaction volumes has been slower
- This time-around rental income growth has been stronger, but property yields versus government bonds are still less attractive

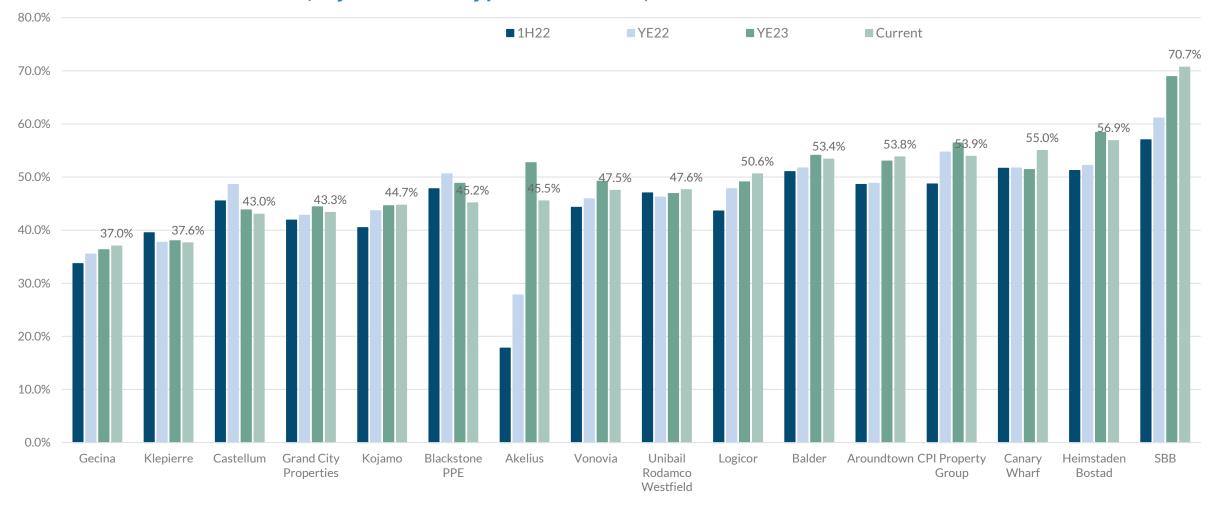
#### Sales Resolving a Distressed Situation





## Pinching Pennies: Bloated Balance Sheets

### LTV Evolutions since 1H22 (adj net debt/adj portfolio value)



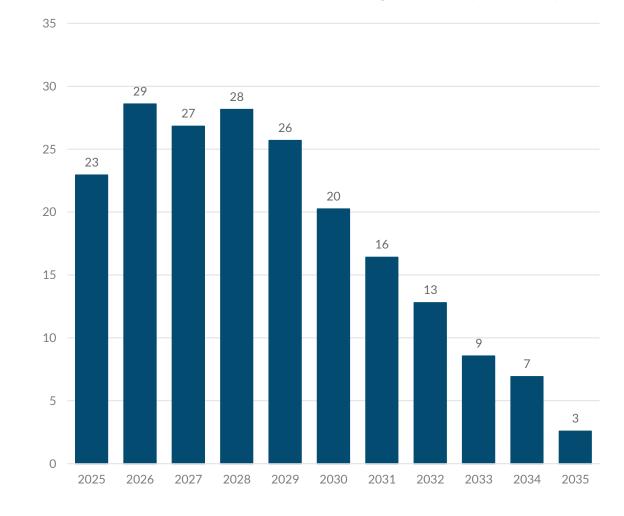


### Pinching Pennies: Managing Liquidity

### The Primary is Back

- We expect a steady stream of issuance, but for the size of sector in the index to shrink on a net basis
- Asset sale proceeds and new secured debt are still key refinancing sources
- More LME alongside new supply is likely
- Liquidity still a priority for certain names including ARNDTN, CPIPGR, CWHARF, HEIMST and SBBBSS
- Near term hybrid re-set to monitor- the CPIPGR 4.875% October 2025

#### **EUR & GBP Senior Bond Maturity Pillars (EUR bn)**





# Pinching Pennies: Companies that are Ready to Spend Again

#### **Shareholder Returns**

- We expect dividends that had been cut to be re-instated for 2024 (eg GYCGR, CASTSS)
- New dividend policies from the likes of ANNGR, CASTSS & LEGGR are more sustainable
- For private companies (eg LOGICR, BPPEHX, AKFAST, HEIBOS) the sudden return of shareholder returns is a risk

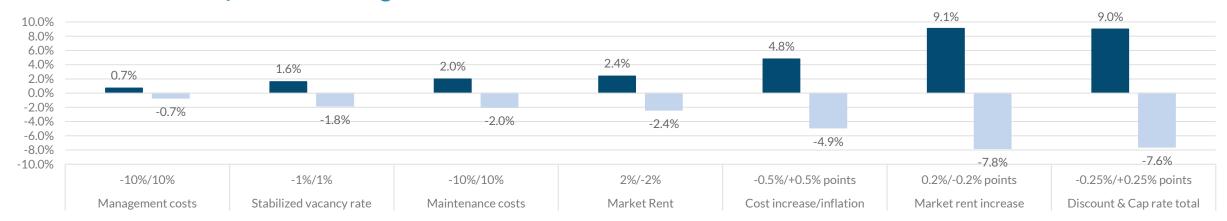
#### Investment

- Overall investment remains in contraction mode, which is a medium-term positive for supply
- There are outliers (e.g. LIFP, LOGICR) and we expect more names to start adding to their pipelines in 2025
- Some companies have looked to the equity market to fund growth: SGROLN, CPTNV, MRLSM, NEPSJ



# Getting Fit: All About Growth – Why do we care?

### Valuation Sensitivity Visual: Change in Value for Vononia's German Residential Portfolio



### ICR Sensitivity Visual: Flexing Logicor's EBITDA Growth

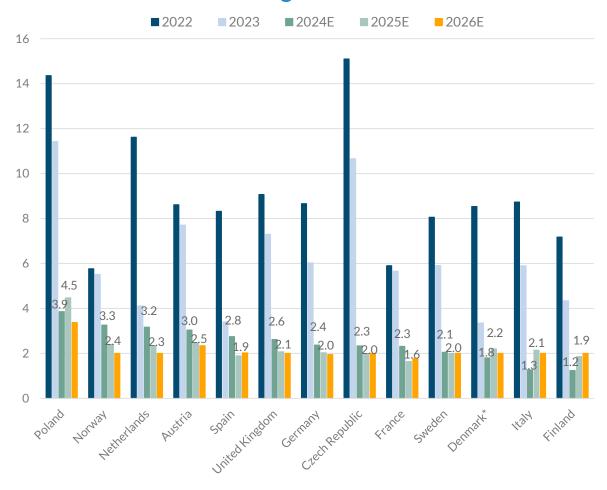
	1H24 Annualized	YE24	YE25	YE26	YE27	YE28	YE29
Refinancing Rate		4.50%	3.75%	3.50%	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%
EBITDA YoY Strong Growth	1	3.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
ICR	4.35	3.71	3.63	3.28	3.18	3.44	3.65
EBITDA YoY Low/No Growt	h	2.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1.0%	3.0%	3.0%
ICR	4.35	3.68	3.45	3.01	2.85	3.03	3.15

Assumptions in red. We assume yearly maturities are refinanced, so overall gross senior debt is unchanged.

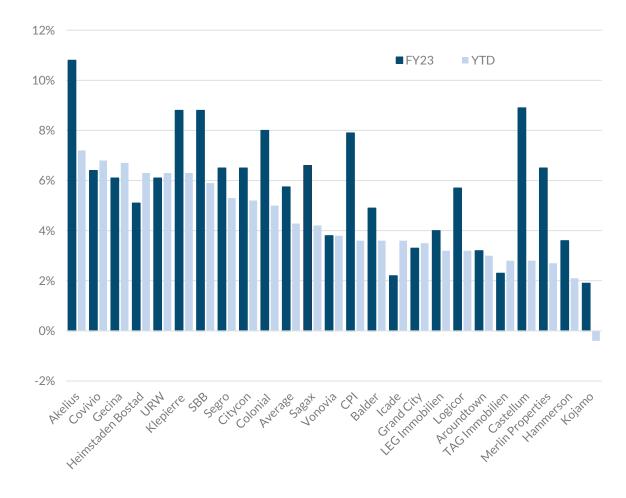


# Getting Fit: The Outlook is for Slower Growth in 2025

#### Inflation in Focus - Average Consumer Prices YoY



#### **Like-for-like Rental Income Growth Trends**





### Getting Fit: All About Growth

#### Logistics

- What the market doesn't expect
- Vacancy weakened further in 1H24
- Prime rent growth is slowing across Europe
- Macroeconomic uncertainty a key consideration
- Long term value thesis intact

#### Retail

- The market is operating at a new equilibrium, with a dispersion in performance
- Growth has slowed YTD, reflecting lower inflation and lower footfall growth, but OCRs through 1H24 reassured
- Macroeconomic uncertainty a key consideration

#### Offices

- Still the area of greatest concern
- Occupancies under pressure
- Teasing out the structural impact from the cyclical impact still tbd
- The bifurcation of trends continues to playout
- Long term value thesis is not the same for all



### Getting Fit: Offices in Focus

#### Where are we most worried?

- Low and declining occupancy, mixed quality of the portfolio, and location of portfolio are all key variables
- There is a risk of stranded assets
- Names of highest concern ARNDTN, AOXGR, CPIPGR, ICADFP and CWHARF
- Names we are monitoring CASTSS and BPPEHX
- Balance sheet flexibility and industry expertise will allow for long term value creation

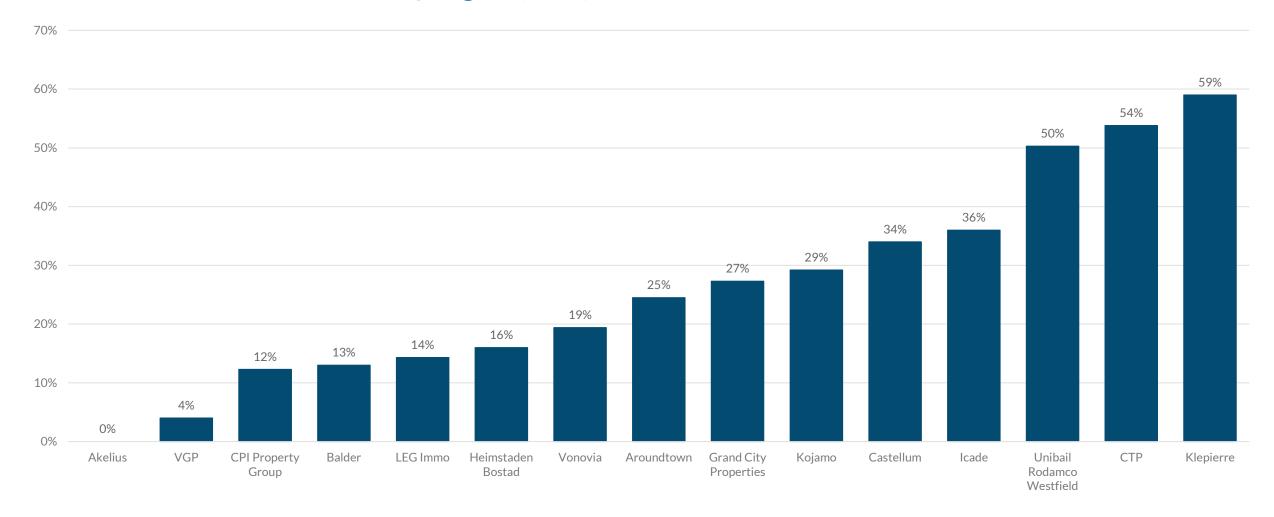
#### **Occupancy Trends: Major Office Portfolio Owners**

	Gecina	Canary Wharf	Alstria	Castellum	СРІ	Aroundtown	Balder	Icade	Merlin	Colonial	ВРРЕНХ
Occupancy	93.8%	88.5%	91.9%	90.0%	87.8%	87.2%	91%	88.0%	92.4%	96.0%	89.0%
Change in YTD	0.1%	-2.6%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-0.9%	0.0%	-2%	-0.3%	-0.1%	-1%	-4.0%
Change in 2023	0.9%	-1.4%	-0.8%	-1.8%	-1.2%	-1.6%	0%	-0.7%	0.0%	1%	-1.3%
Change vs YE19	0.0%	-9.0%	0.0%	-2.1%	-5.4%	-1.8%	-2%	-8.4%	-0.4%	-1%	-6.0%



# Giving Back: Sustainability

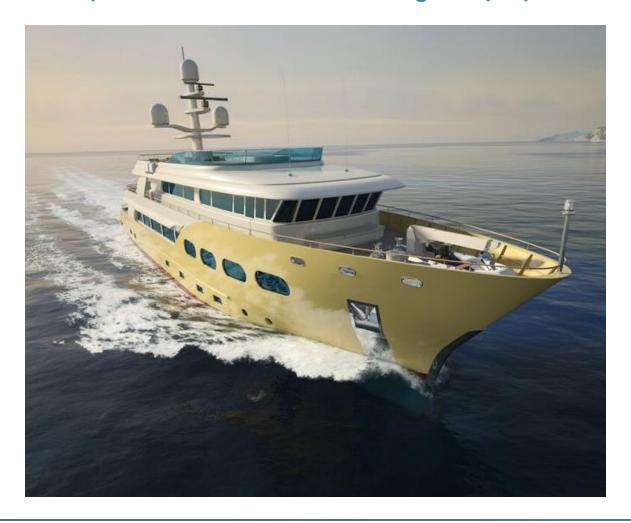
### % of Turnover which is EU Taxonomy Aligned (2023)





# Giving Back: Governance

### Muddy Waters' Photo of Vitek's Alleged Superyacht



#### **Next Year Will Be Better**

- Governance risk is the perennial unknown unknown
- If investors want pick-up spread in the sector, they need to accept a degree of governance risk
- Comfort with management is key
- The sector has been through the ringer, which has hardened investors' nerves



### Relative Value

#### **Sector Recommendation**

IG European Real Estate = Market Perform

#### Name Specific Pans

- URWFP vs ANNGR
- VVOYHT
- AKFAST
- HEIMST

### **Name Specific Picks**

- LIFP
- GYCGR
- SATOYH
- CPIPGR
- SBBBSS

#### **Hybrids**

We expect the European Real Estate hybrids to continue to Outperform near term



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