

# Economy and housing markets

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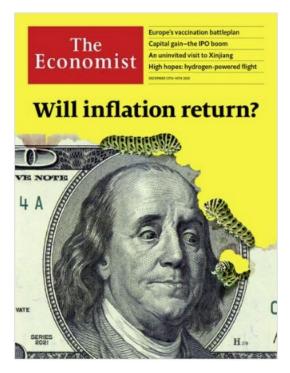
# Last year's headwinds persist but have eased



The cost of covid



The cost of energy



The cost of living

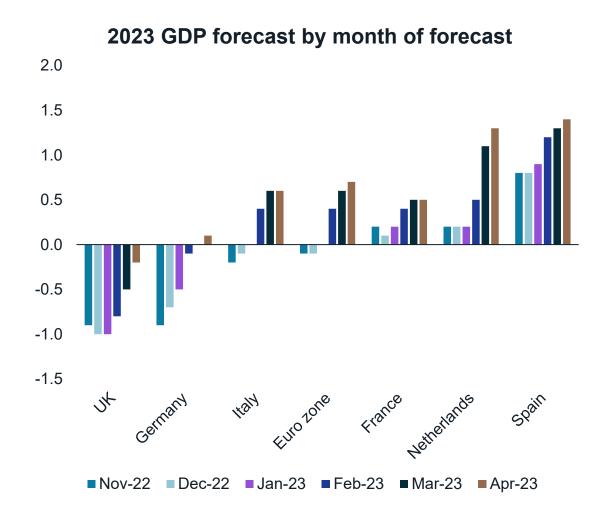


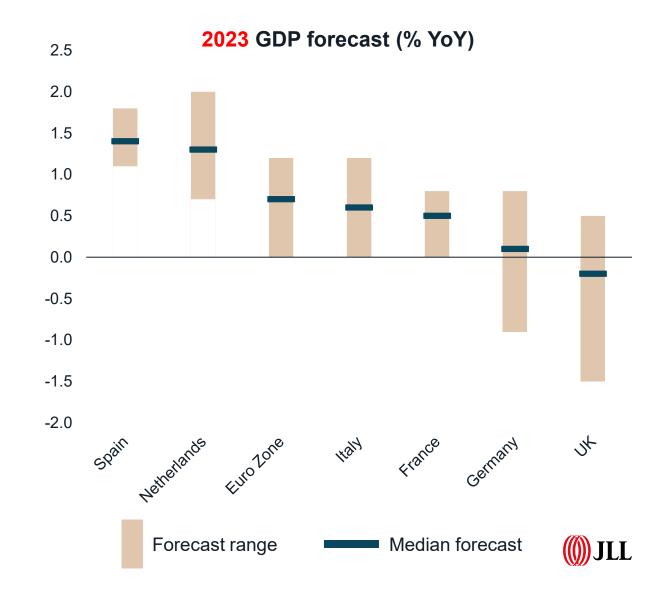
The cost of debt



## Forecasts have improved as the year has gone on

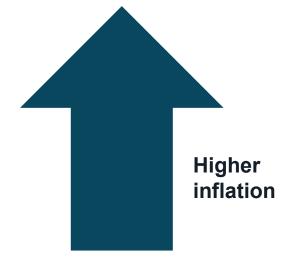
Recent wobbles may dampen the outlook slightly, but not significantly





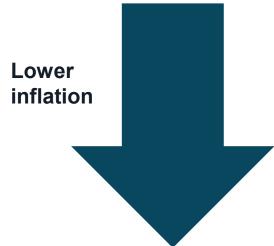
Source: Consensus Forecasts.

## The inflation story is far from straightforward



- ▲ Stronger growth outturn
- ▲ Labour market tightness
- ▲ Fiscal stimulus
- ▲ China re-opening demand

- ▲ Supply chain reorganization
- ▲ Energy insecurity & transition
- Restrictions on immigration upward pressure on wages



#### Short term

- ▼ Food and energy price growth abating / prices falling
- ▼ Tighter monetary policy
- Declining supply chain disruption

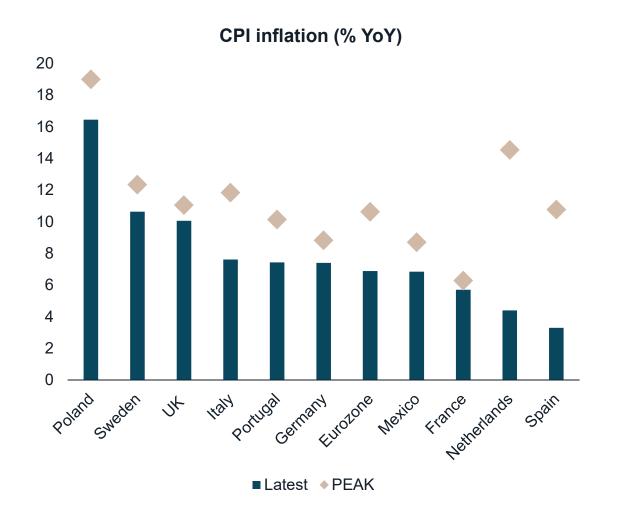
#### Medium term

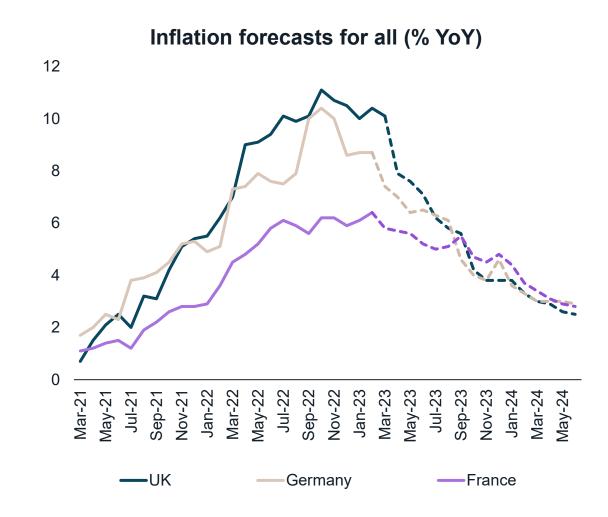
- Recession, slower consumption growth
- ▼ House price declines
- Wage growth cools as demand slows



# Inflation is past its peak (just) and starting to head lower

#### The inflationary trajectory in Europe has been very wide

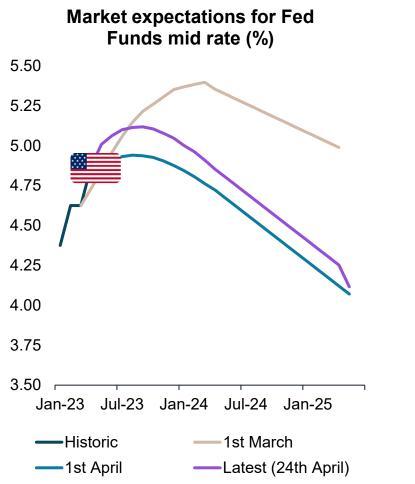


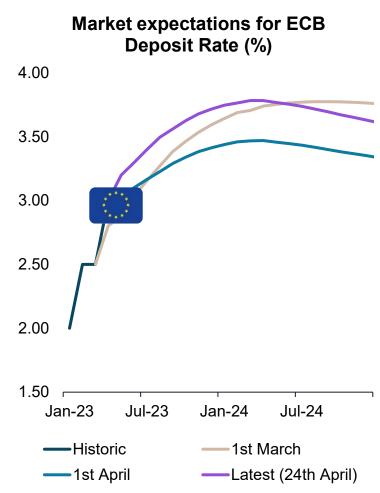


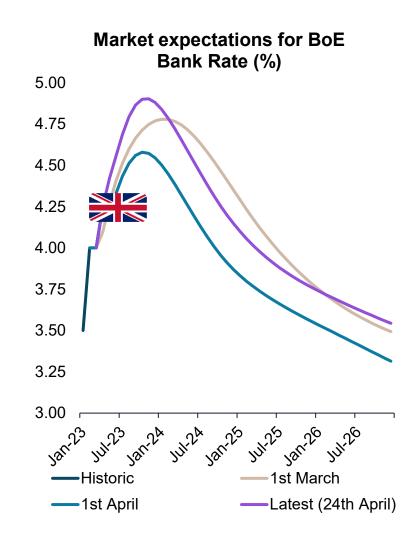


## Market expectations for policy rates are volatile

The outlook is for another rate rise or two, but when and for how long is hotly debated



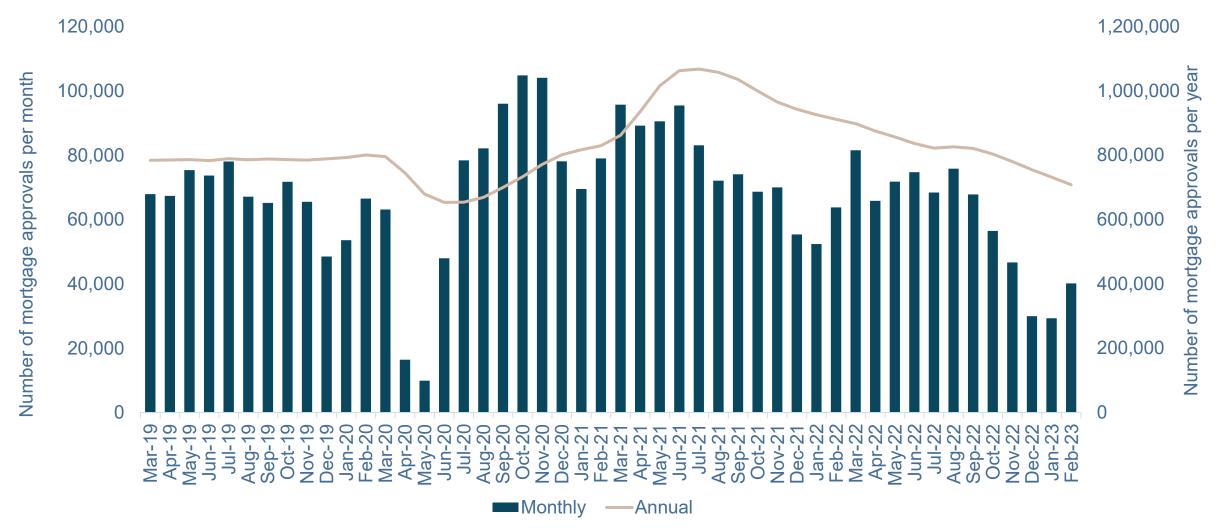




Source: Refinitiv. Data updated to 24.04.2023.

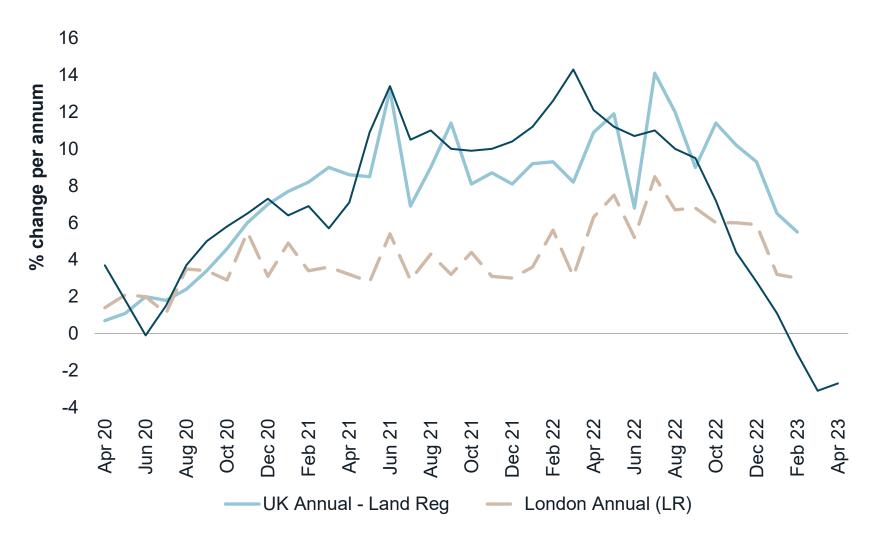


#### Mortgage approvals increased in February after sharp falls





#### House prices have fallen in the UK this year

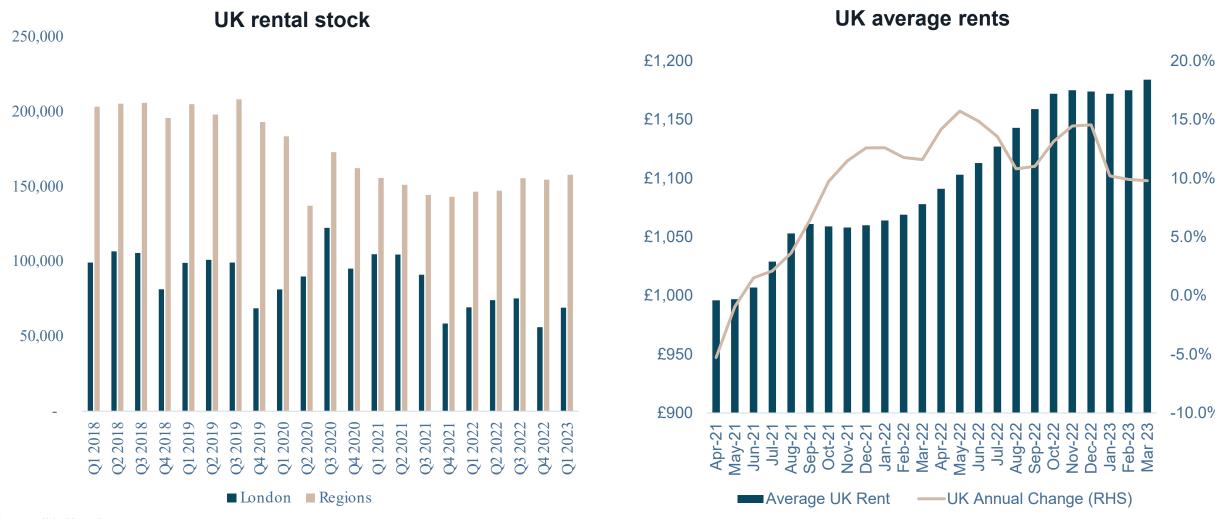


	UK house price change
YTD	-2.7%
1 year	5.5%
Pre- pandemic	27%
10 year	75%
20 year	146%





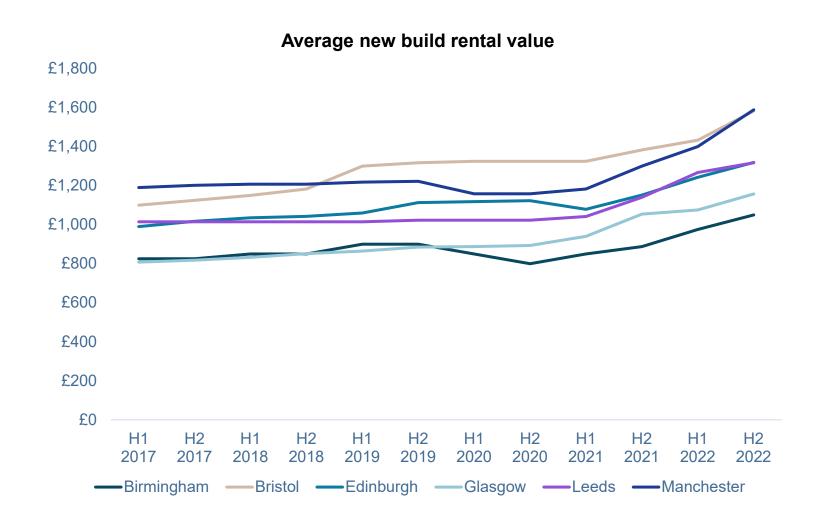
# Rental market continues to see growth off the back of low stock Average UK rents increase 9.8% in the year to March 2023



Source: JLL, Homelet



#### Return to the city drives growth across the Big Six



#### Change in average rents, last 2 years







#### Development slows in Big 6 but stable in Bristol









# Thank you

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