

Unlocking Long-Term Value: Real Estate as a Strategic Asset for Pension Funds

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Factors To Consider











The role of the real estate asset class

The sectors relative performance

Factors underpinning performance

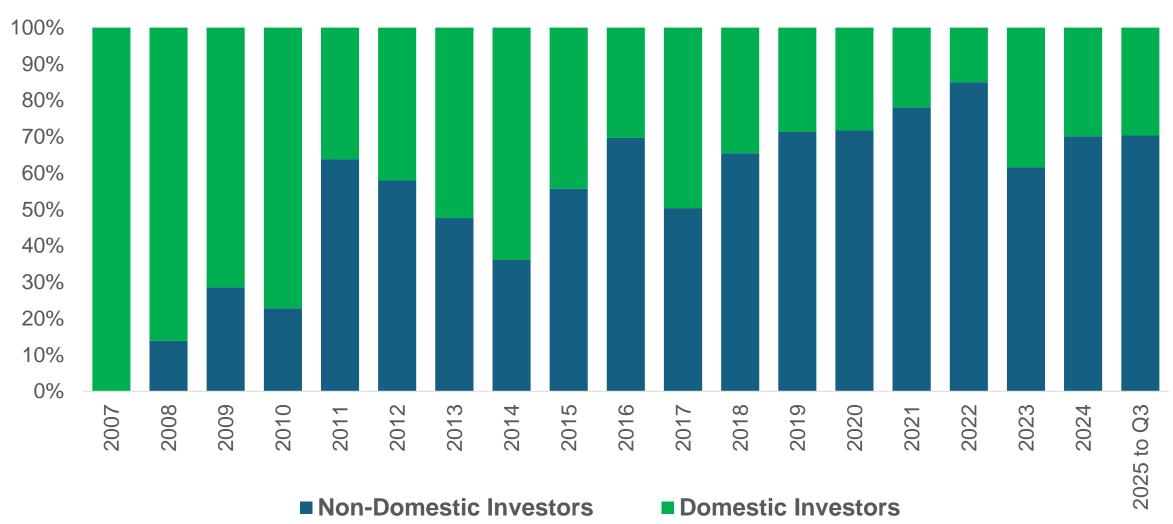
Unlocking access to the sector





Investment in Irish Real Estate





Source: CBRE





The Role of the Real Estate Asset Class



- Real estate delivers a compelling long-term return that is a good hedge against inflation
- Real estate & infrastructure are **significant diversifiers**, particularly when many public assets are strongly correlated & some funds are over-concentrated in public markets
- Real estate offers exposure to megatrends demographics, digitalisation, decarbonisation & deglobalisation
- Real estate is tangible & delivers positive social, economic & environmental benefits

Wilton Park

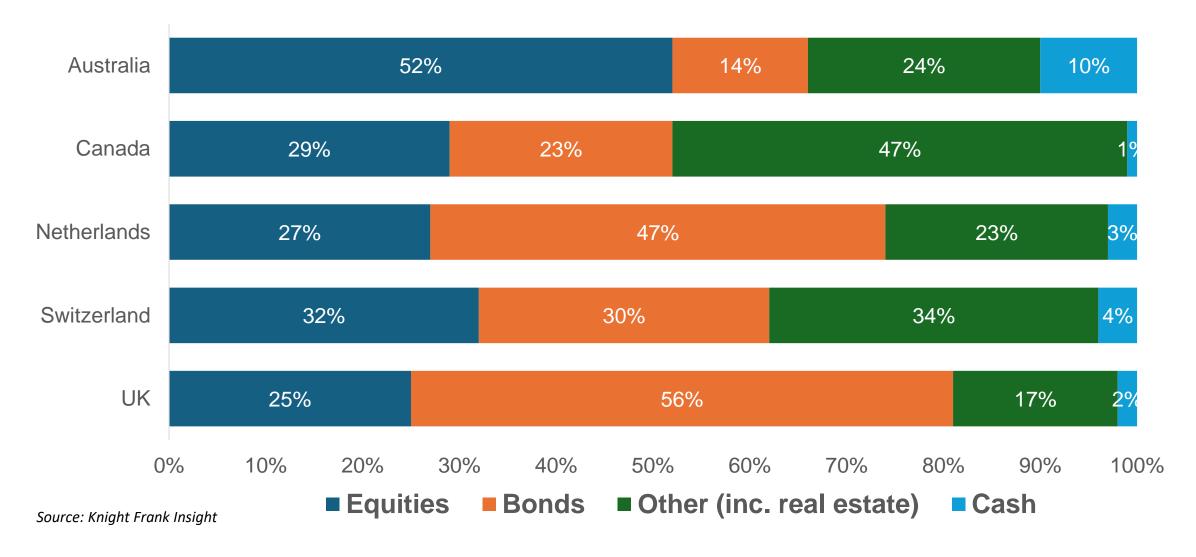






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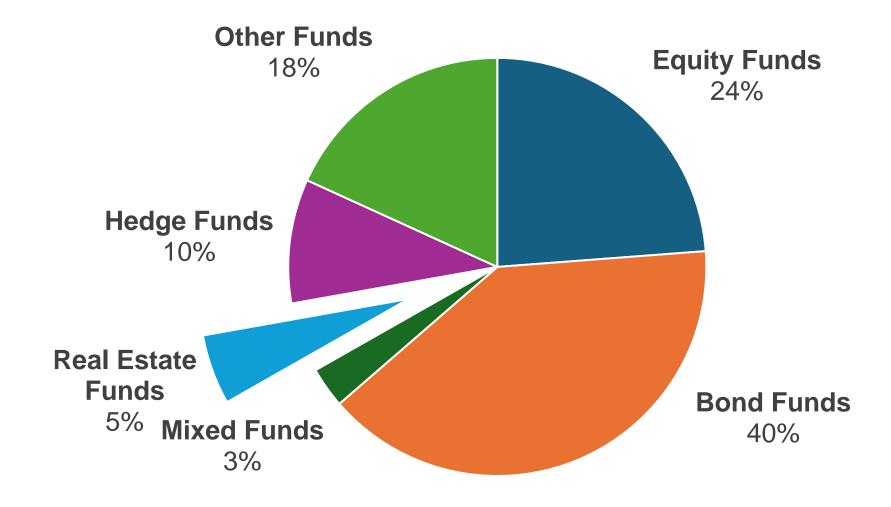






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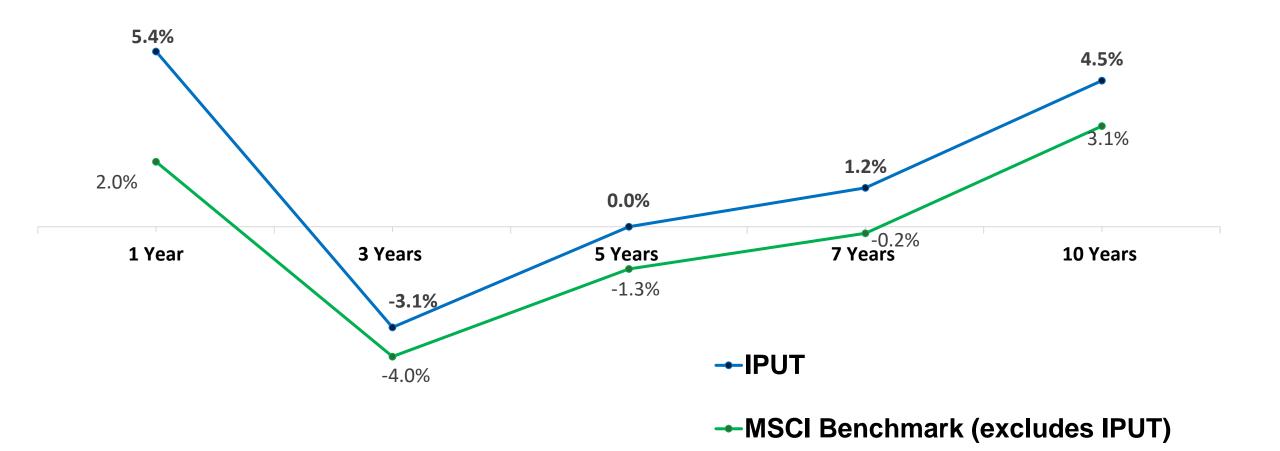
Source: Central Bank





IPUT's Relative Performance





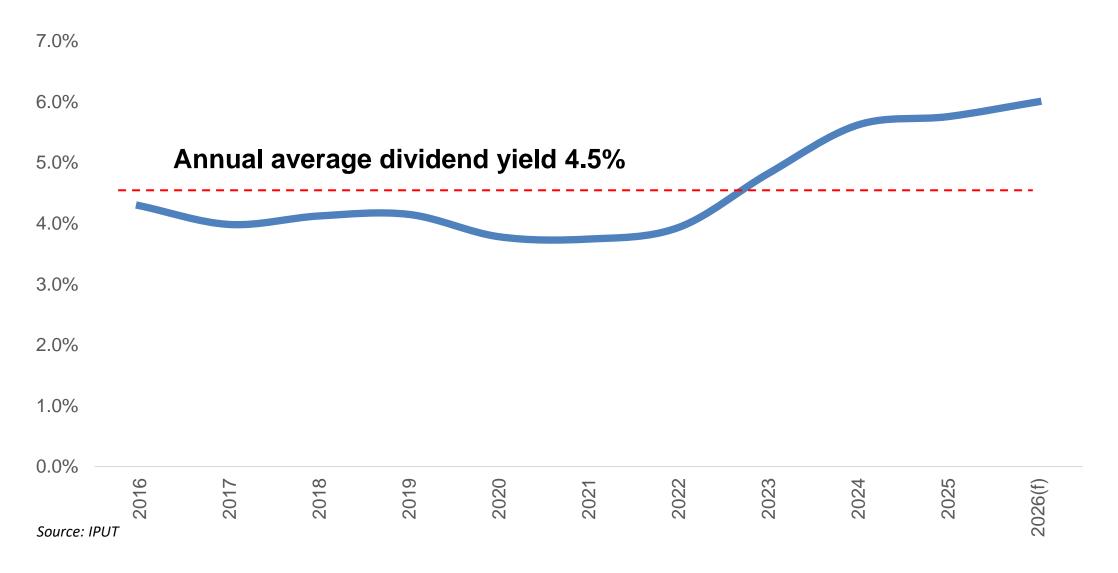
Benchmark: Ireland - MSCI quarterly valued funds . Annualised Return as at 30 June 2025





IPUT Dividend Yield 2016 - 2026(f)









Factors Underpinning Performance



- Structural & cyclical drivers supporting demand for prime real estate & infrastructure
- Strong occupational & investor demand for sustainable, amenitised workspaces
- Supply crunch of Grade A offices & prime logistics assets to drive significant rental growth
- Role for pension funds to participate in:
 - delivery of much-needed infrastructure;
 - generation of strong returns for investors;
 - delivery of positive economic, environmental & social outcomes

25 North Wall Quay



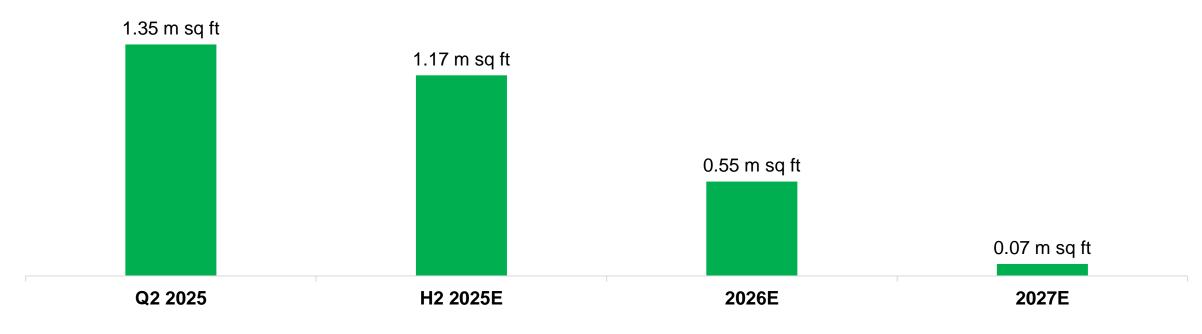




Supply Demand Imbalance Underpinning Rental Growth



Dublin City Centre Grade A+ Office Availability



	Q2 2025	H2 2025	2026E	2027E
Grade A+ Availability Rate	4.5%	3.8%	1.7%	0.2%

Source: Green Street, CBRE, JLL (Q2 2025)





Unlocking Access to the Sector - A Call to Action





1. Improve access to data on pension holdings to enable comparison with other countries & quantify the potential opportunity



2. Pensions Authority & Revenue Commissioners to make legal & regulatory changes to facilitate real estate investments within Master Trusts



3. Clear guidelines on asset allocation limits, minimum fund sizes, valuation standards & liquidity buffers



4. Clarity from Revenue that real estate investments in Master Trusts will retain tax-exempt status



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Signing of The Mansion House Accord, May 2025





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QUESTIONS?

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