

CONFERENCE



# UK Commercial Property Conference

Managing Demands: Understanding the challenges facing the commercial property sector.

12th December, Cavendish Venues, 22 Duchess Mews, London, W1G 9DT



### Type of event

Face to face



### CPD Hours

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Formal

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In March 2023, RICS released a report on the economic challenges facing the commercial property sector. The RICS UK Commercial Property Conference will take a deep dive into some of these challenges, while celebrating new innovations. With interest rates continuing to rise and ESG remaining at the forefront of our minds, this conference will look into key trends and best practice case studies to support the commercial property sector as we move to 2024.

This year's programme will provide a holistic view of the commercial property sector with a specific focus on the following topics:

Market and Economic Updates

Asset Reviews

Technology

Landlord - Tenant Act Review

The event will start with a strategic overview of government outlooks and economic trends. Using that to establish a clear picture, the agenda will then launch into a granular discussion. Sustainability metrics, retrofitting, asset class insights and technology. Tackling each in order, we aim to promote clarity and a solution-oriented mindset for the commercial property industry as it moves into 2024.

# Programme

Day 1



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12 Dec 23

## Time zone:

GMT

8:30

### Registration & Networking

9:30

### Welcome & Chair Remarks

Speaker(s): Simon Wainwright, Managing Director, JPW Real Estate

9:45

### Opening Keynote

Join us to hear about upcoming challenges and receive context on legislation and strategy outlook.

Speaker(s): Ann Gray FRICS, President, RICS

10:05

### Market & Economic Updates

Our resident economist will present on market trends, the outlook of professionals in the sector and introduce the findings of the RICS UK Economy and Property Market Update for 2023 Q4.

Speaker(s): Simon Rubinsohn, Chief Economist, RICS

10:45

### Networking Break

11:15

### Tech Update: Cyber Security and Commercial Property

With technology and AI at the forefront of the property sector, we will provide a deep dive into cyber security including everything you need to know about compliance, legal updates, and new insights.

Speaker(s): Dan Hughes, CEO, Alpha Property Insights



## Time zone:

GMT

11:30

### Asset Reviews: Part 1

Join sequential experts to discuss the current and expected performance of different asset classes. Investor outlook, prices and qualitative trends will be discussed in a focused and straightforward manner.

Logistics

Retail

Speaker(s): Miranda Botcherby, Director, CBRE

12:00

### Summers-Inman Construction and Property Consultants – A Digital Journey

Speaker(s): Lee Orchard, Director, Summers Inman

12:15

### Panel: The Investor View

With the cost-of-living crisis creating challenges across the commercial sector, attendees will get a chance to hear from investors on the current market. This panel will cover everything you need to know about post-covid responses, rising bond yields and inflation.

Speaker(s): Alexa Baden-Powell, Senior Investment Manager, GPE

Neil Odom Haslett, Head of Private Credit & Commercial RE Lending, ABRDN

Arron Taggart, Head of UK Real Estate, Cheyne Capital

13:05

### Lunch

14:05

### Landlord-Tenant Act Review

Join us to hear the details of the Landlord-Tenant Act review, based on legislation release in December 2023.

Speaker(s): Professor Nick Hopkins, Commissioner, Law Commission



## Time zone:

GMT

14:35

### **Asset Reviews: Part 2**

Join sequential experts to discuss the current and expected performance of different asset classes. Investor outlook, prices and qualitative trends will be discussed in a focused and straightforward manner.

Leisure

Office

Speaker(s): Amanda Blythe-Smith FRICS, Director-Leisure & Trade Related Property, Savills  
Harriet De Freitas, Director - London Office Leasing & Development, Avison Young

15:05

### **Workplace Futures: Responding to Change**

We cover the information needed to help build better workplace 'systems'. We will assess the data and insights collected since 2010, a look into how we can build high performing offices and environments that people want to work in. We will question whether we are at a crossroad or a cliff edge.

Speaker(s): Tim Oldman, Founder & CEO, Leesman

Allison English, Deputy CEO, Leesman

15:35

### **Refreshment Break**

16:05

### **Retrofitting/Repurposing Assets**

With changing demands comes the need to repurpose buildings for new functions. Property managers need to keep property attractive to tenants, commercially viable, and in line with legal requirements. This session will look into ensuring sustainability in your strategies through retrofitting and repurposing assets.

Speaker(s): Daniel Coakley, Head of Construction and Standards, Lloyd's Banking Group



**Time zone:**

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**16:35**

**Occupier Panel**

Hear from Occupiers of various venues to hear about how they have been affected following the cost-of-living crisis and rising interest rates. Employees and occupiers demand more from workplaces, property managers and developers. This session will discuss how surveyors can keep up to date with market trends and what new models may be arising in the face of challenging times

Speaker(s): Simon Williams, UK Acquisitions, Assets & Estate Director, Tesco Plc  
Jill Skidmore, Global Systems Real Estate Director, Coca-Cola

**17:15**

**Chair Remarks**

Speaker(s): Simon Wainwright, Managing Director, JPW Real Estate

**17:30**

**End of Conference**

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