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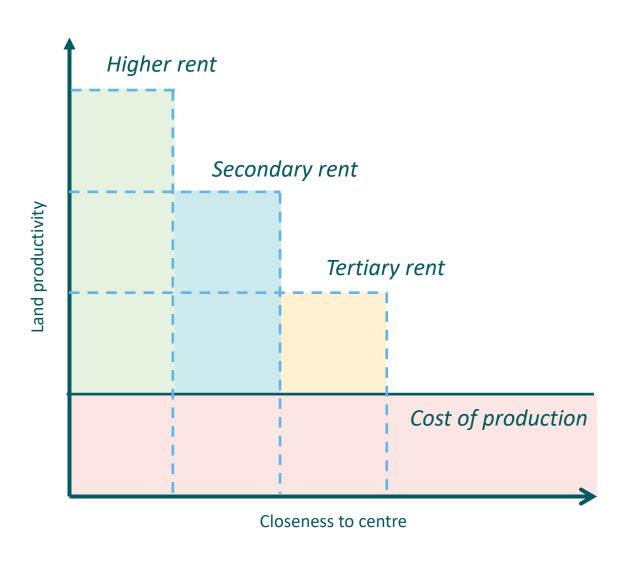
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# The Ricardian Theory of Rent

### Rental variation due to scarcity and productivity of land





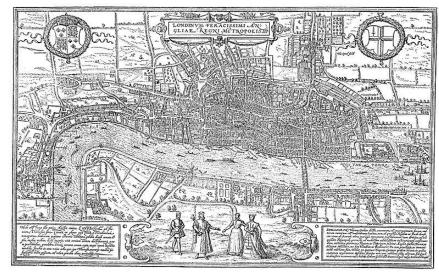
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# The long term sustainability of real assets

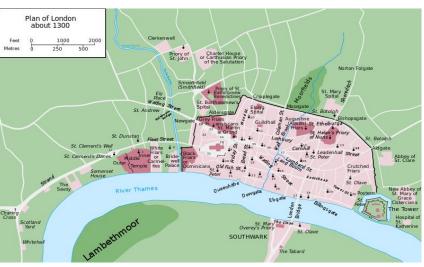
#### Roman Londinium



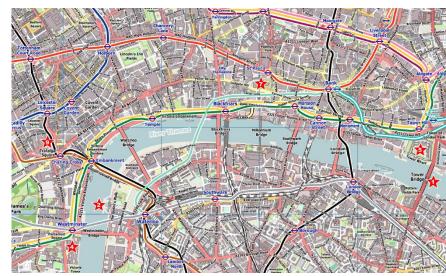
#### Elizabethan London



#### Medieval London

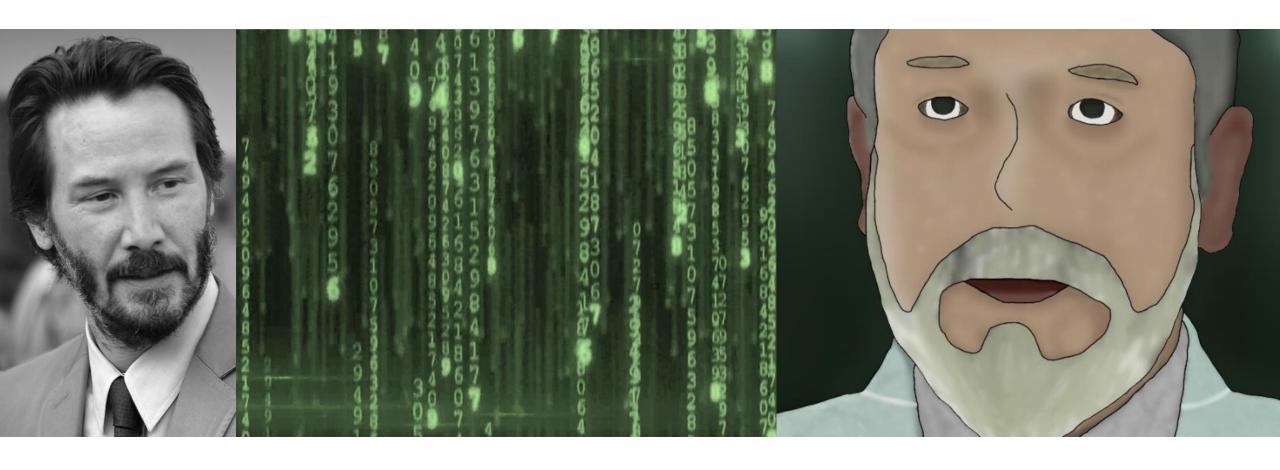


#### Modern London



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# Location in the future

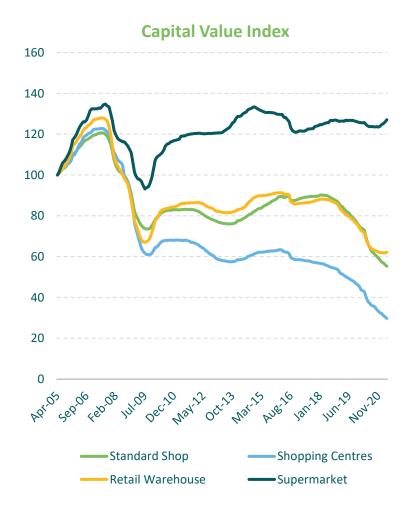


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### Investing now



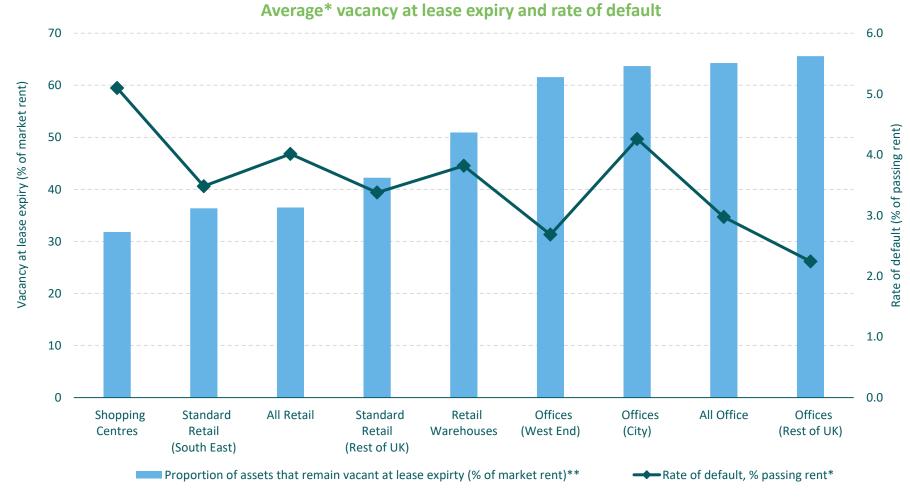




Source: Macrobond, Bloomberg, MSCI, M&G Real Estate, May 2021

### Key risks

- Liquidity
- Lease length
- Depreciation
  - —The big "forgotten"



<sup>\*</sup>Average of data from 2002-2019, data from 2020 not available

Source: MSCI Lease Events Review 2020, M&G Real Estate June 2021

<sup>\*\*</sup> % of lease expiries in a given year that remain vacant rather than renewed or new lettings

### Future risks

Future of work

Future of shopping

Future of travel

Operational assets

Property as a service



### **ESG**

- Not just about exclusions
- Net Zero is a BIG undertaking!
- Energy, Water, Carbon
- Well-being & people
- Social: Affordable housing
  - —Houses & gardens occupy 5.9% of available land
  - —Farmland occupies 63%, but contributes 0.6% to GDP
  - -84% of the UK population live in urban areas
- Solution?
  - Public and private sector together
  - —Libertarian solution "build, build, build" is not realistic
  - —Socialist solution subsidise, price control but not enough
  - —Financially viable / economically sustainable 2 A mix





King Street, London – sold

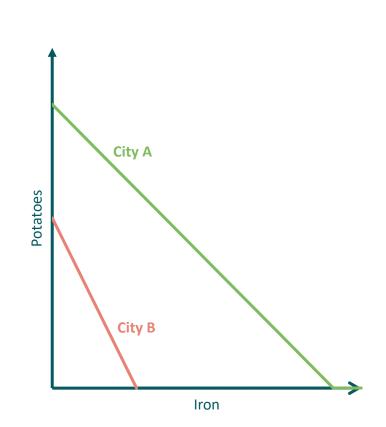
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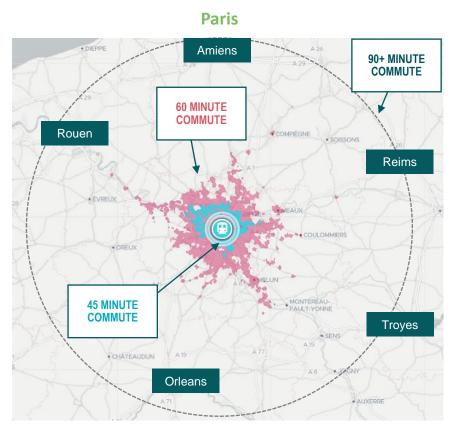
# Final question – wealthier, greener and more sustainable communities Answer - David Ricardo + "levelling up fund?"

- Comparative advantage
- Not all regions can be
  - Capital of culture
  - Tech hubs
  - Green energy pioneers
  - Industrial powerhouses

The Opportunity

- Knowledge incubators
- "Cool places"





Use this trend to exploit your comparative advantages

Source: Traveltime, M&G Real Estate, June 2021

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