

## Global Real Estate: Similarities & Differences

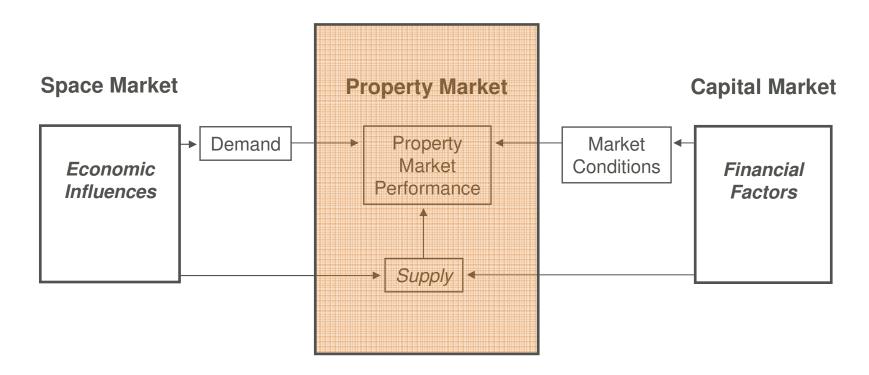
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#### How do Real Estate Markets Work?



The most local

Source: Higgins adapting Archer & Ling 1997



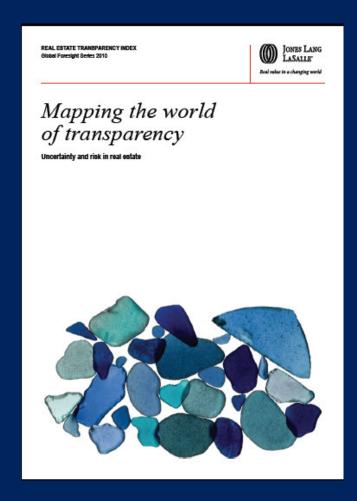
## Supply Side: what can be different?

- Market Transparency
- Liquidity
- Taxation





## Transparency



## Real Estate Transparency Index - Methodology

The survey includes 33 questions designed to measure real estate transparency as objectively as possible.

2010 Index covers 81 markets, which were rated against 5 transparency tiers.

# The questions address five categories of transparency:

- 1. Investment Performance Indices (7)
- 2. Availability of Market Fundamentals Data (5)
- 3. Listed Vehicles Financials (3)
- 4. Regulatory and Legal Factors (11)
- Professional Standards and Transaction Process (7)

Tier 1

High Transparency

Tier 2

Transparent

Tier 3

Semi-Transparent

Tier 4

Low Transparency

Tier 5

Opaque

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle, LaSalle Investment Management 2010



### The 5 Sub-Indices of Real Estate Transparency

#### **Investment Performance Measurement**

- Availability and time series of public and private investment indices
- Property valuation frequency and credibility

#### **Market Fundamentals Information**

 Accurate time series of supply, demand, rental rate and yield data on all property types in major markets

## Standardized and Efficient Reporting of Listed Vehicles

- Financial disclosure meeting international standards
- Corporate governance meeting international standards

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle, LaSalle Investment Management 2010

#### Fair and Efficient Legal Regulatory System

- Enforceable contracts
- Secure title
- Tradition of property rights
- Taxes and fees administered efficiently & fairly
- Zoning and building codes administered efficiently and fairly

#### Open and Fair Transaction Process

- Availability of pre-sale information, and fairness of bidding/negotiating processes
- Professional standards of service providers
- Transparency of service charges and management fees
- Availability of information on debt and role of regulators



# 2010 Real Estate Transparency Index – Key Enhancements

#### Enhanced Questions on Debt Addressing:

- Availability of information on commercial real estate debt
- The role of bank regulators in monitoring and publishing information on real estate debt
- New Geographies
  - North Africa and the Levant
- New Transparency Website
  - www.joneslanglasalle.com/Transparency

From Opacity to Transparency JONES LANG LASALLE Mapping the world of transparency

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle, LaSalle Investment Management 2010



# Real Estate Transparency Index 2010 – Key Findings

- Slowdown in progress in real estate transparency over past 2 years, bucking the long run trend
- Transparency of the transactions process has been most compromised by the real estate downturn
- Availability and quality of market fundamentals data continues to improve
- Transparency of real estate debt markets rising in significance
- One-third of markets register no change or deterioration
- Australia ranks as world's most transparent market
- Notable improvers Turkey, China, India
- Deterioration in some MENA markets

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### Supply Side: what (else) can be different?

- Market Transparency
- Liquidity
- Taxation

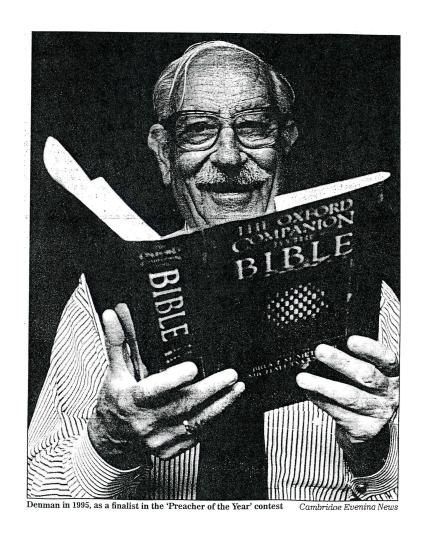
- Lease terms
  - Impact on cash flows
- Attitudes to land / Operation of the land market
  - Public good or private property
  - Effect on supply elasticity, market volatility & land values
  - Required Returns
- Terms of trade between investors & developers
  - Risk sharing affects availability of development finance

Your ideas



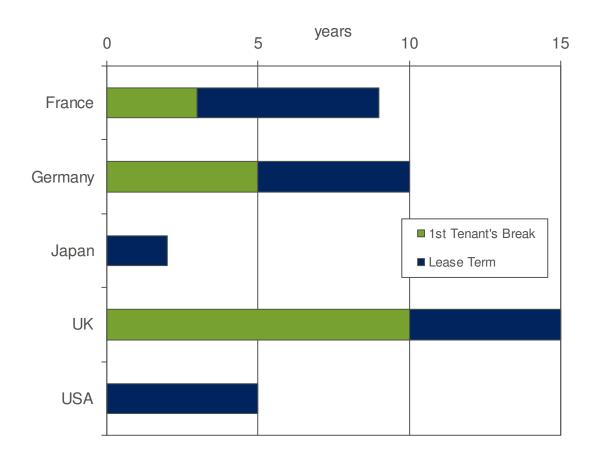
### The Importance of Institutional Frameworks

- John Kay 'The Truth about Markets'
- Similar institutional frameworks in US & UK
  - market economies with some government intervention
  - legal system based on 'common law' with emphasis on 'precedent'
  - Anglo-Saxon culture towards property rights
- Real Estate only recently taught as an international subject but is there recognition of the different Institutional Frameworks around the world?
- Recognised over 40 years ago by Donald Denman, first Professor of Land Economy





## Typical Lease Durations – Major Markets



#### **Review mechanisms**

Annual indexation to const costs

Annual indexation to CPI > threshold

None

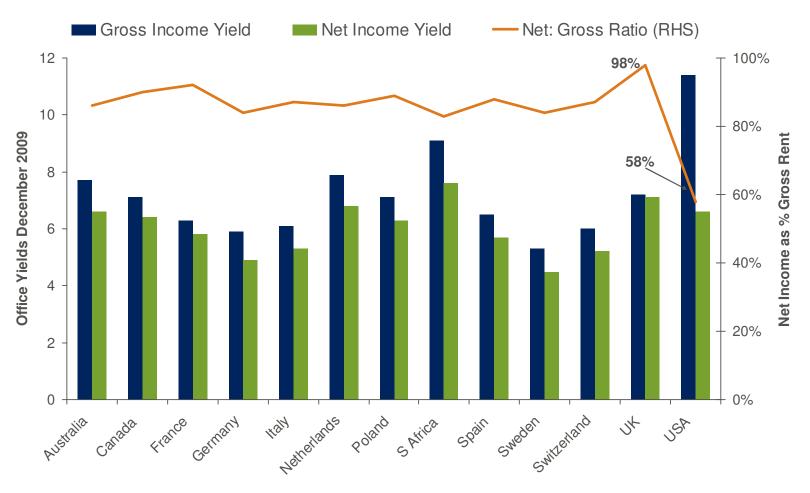
5 yearly upward only OMV rent review

None

Source: LaSalle Investment Management



#### Effect of different national lease terms: gross rent to NOI



Source: IPD Multinational index



### Operation of the Land Market

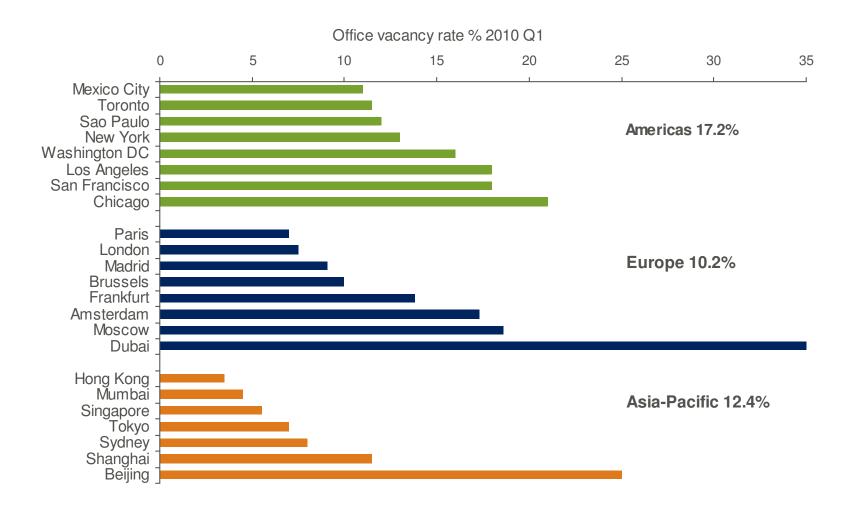
- Systems for land zoning:
  - Prescriptive plan, or
  - Administrative/political decision making
- Attitudes to land development
  - Utility to sacred status (Needham)
  - Local v national decision making
  - Importance of local tax base

#### Effects:

- Differing levels of 'natural vacancy' (Sanderson et al.)
- Variation in price of urban land
- Cost of regulation (Cheshire & Hilber)
- Differences in Required Returns

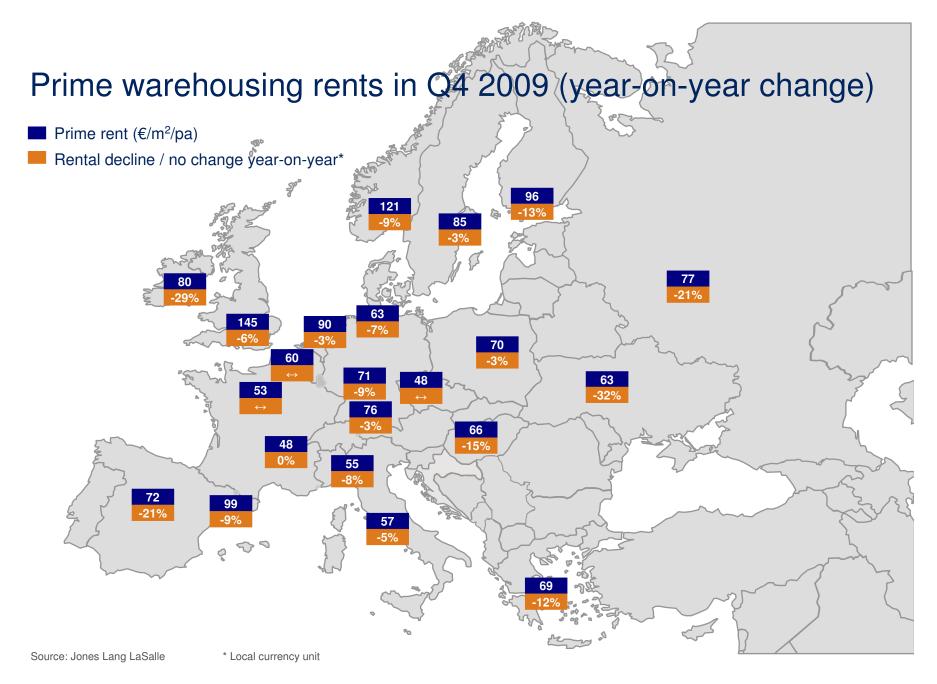


### Office vacancy rates around the world



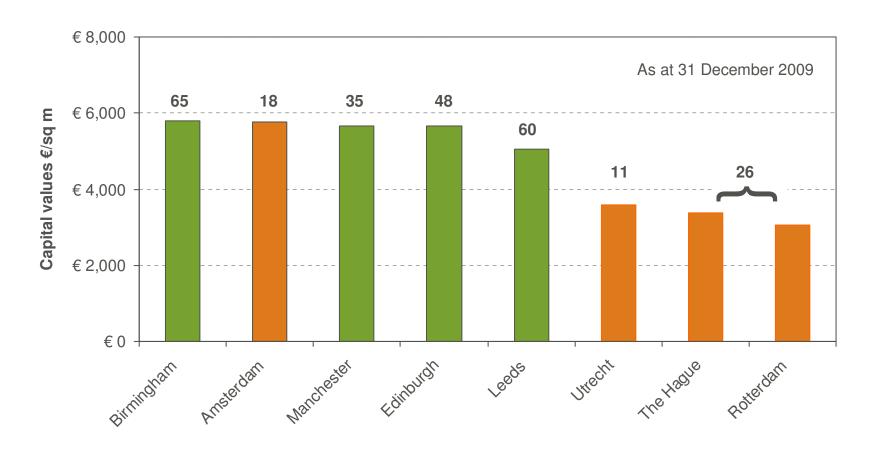
Source: Jones Lang LaSalle (regional vacancy rates based on 52 markets in Americas and 24 markets each in Europe and Asia-Pacific







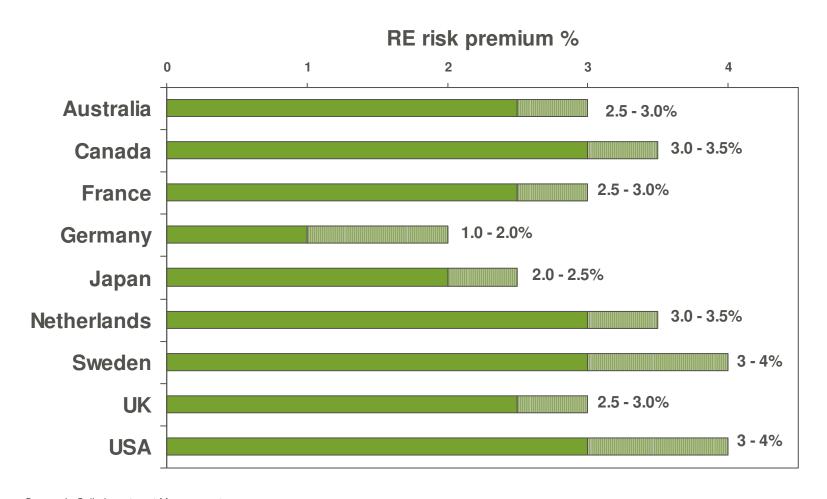
### Office values in UK & Netherlands + EREGI 2009 Rankings



Sources: Jones Lang LaSalle & LaSalle Investment Management



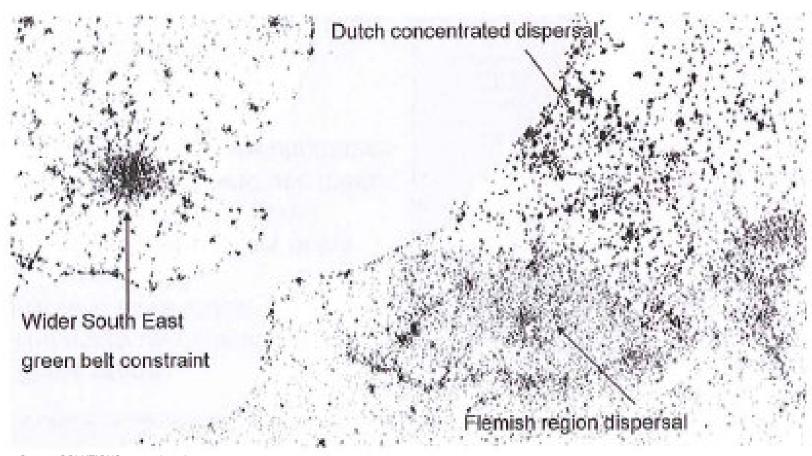
## Risk premium from real estate differs by country







# Three different Urban Forms: Where are land values lowest?



Source: SOLUTIONS research project



## Terms of Trade between Developer & Investor

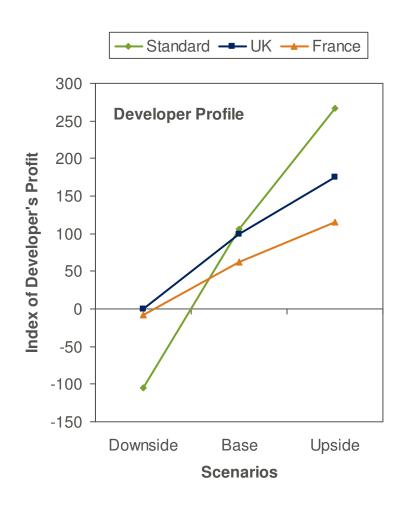
- Or how risk is shared in a development project
- Issue: symmetry of profit share between a successful & unsuccessful project
- Three examples Standard JV, UK & France

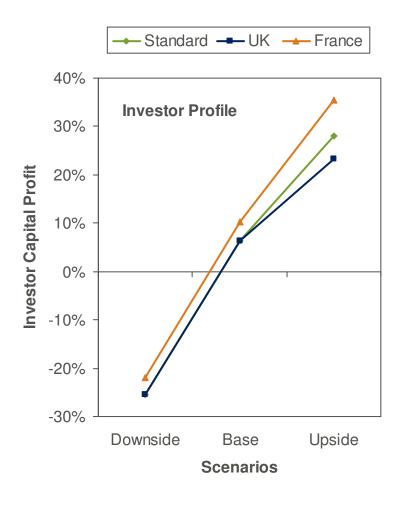
Key Terms	Standard JV	UK	France
Name	Equity/Profit share	'Profit Erosion'	'VEFA' *
Investor Price	Variable	Notionally fixed	Fixed
Developer Overage	Yes	Yes	No
Developer capital	Yes, e.g. 10%	None	Land & Construction
Developer max loss	Equity stake	Zero	Rent guarantee

<sup>\*</sup> Vente en l'état futur d'achèvement (VEFA).



# Three Equity Schemes for Financing Development: ....Risks & Returns







#### Institutional Frameworks Matter:

- Effect land & property prices
- Effect speed of supply response
- Effect market volatility
- Effect detail of returns (cash flow from lease & share of development profit)
- (as well as differing levels of transparency)

Scope for a significant new research agenda?



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