# MSCI South Africa Annual Property Index 2023

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## **An Introduction to MSCI Real Assets:** *Evolving to serve investors in Real Assets*

### 2012

Acquire IPD (est. 1980) - a leading provider of real estate investment tools Integrating private real estate assets into MSCI core offer 2019

Acquire environmental fintech and data analytics firm Carbon Delta Strengthening our climate risk capabilities

### 2020

Strategic relationship with the Burgiss Group Expanding our innovation and product development in Private Assets

### 2021

Acquire leading data and analytics provider Real Capital Analytics (RCA) Expanding our real estate market data and analytics solution

RCA had recently acquired Datscha, supporting growth in the Nordics, and Property Data, enhancing UK transaction data

Relationship with data technology firm Income Analytics Expanding our tenant risk offer

### 2022

MSCI Real Estate becomes MSCI Real Assets

Demonstrating our offer across commercial real estate and infrastructure assets

Partnership with ESG and Climate advisory and software firm Evora Global Expanding our ESG and climate solutions

### 2023

MSCI acquires Burgiss Group to shed light on private capital

## Global perspective: South Africa, the best performing country in 2023 as returns slip across the globe

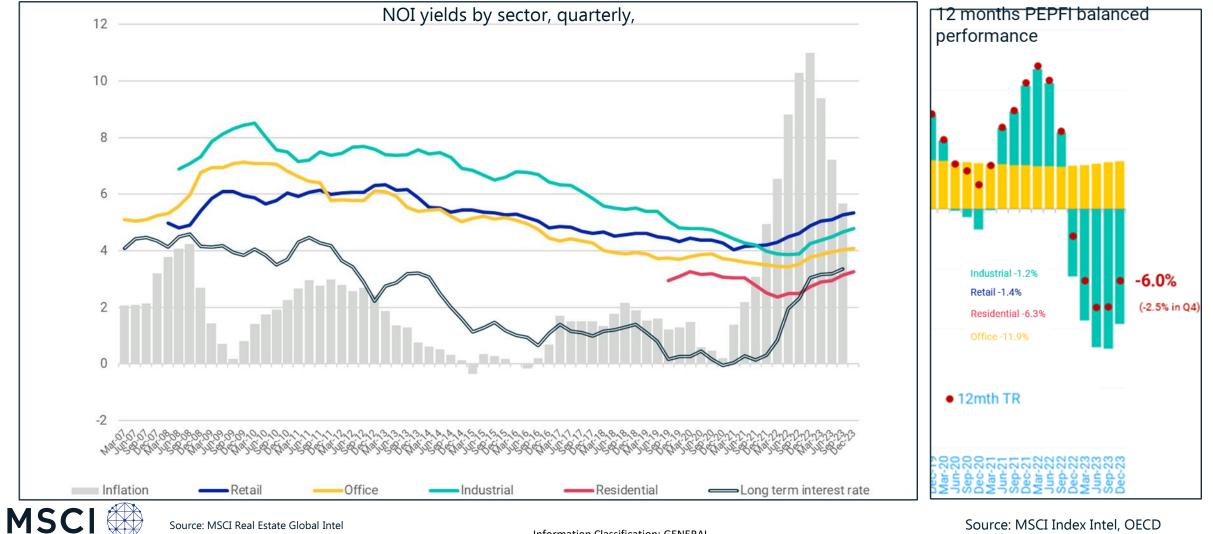
#### Total return by Country in 2023

Standing 12-month investment returns in local currency



# **Global: Corresponding yield increase** Pepfi Balanced Performance

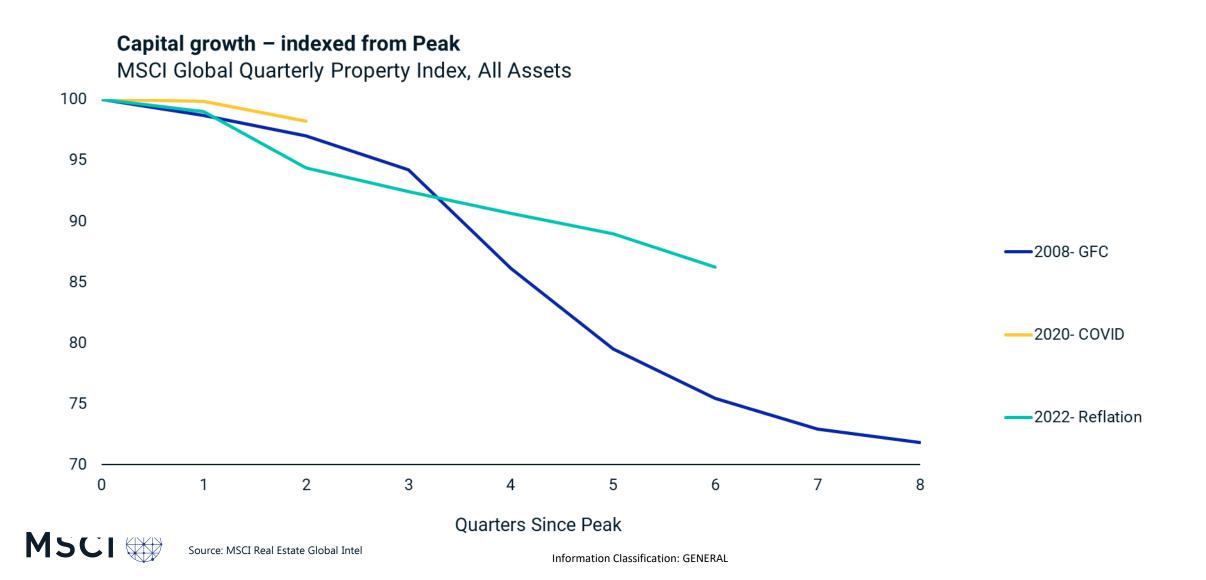
#### Standing investment



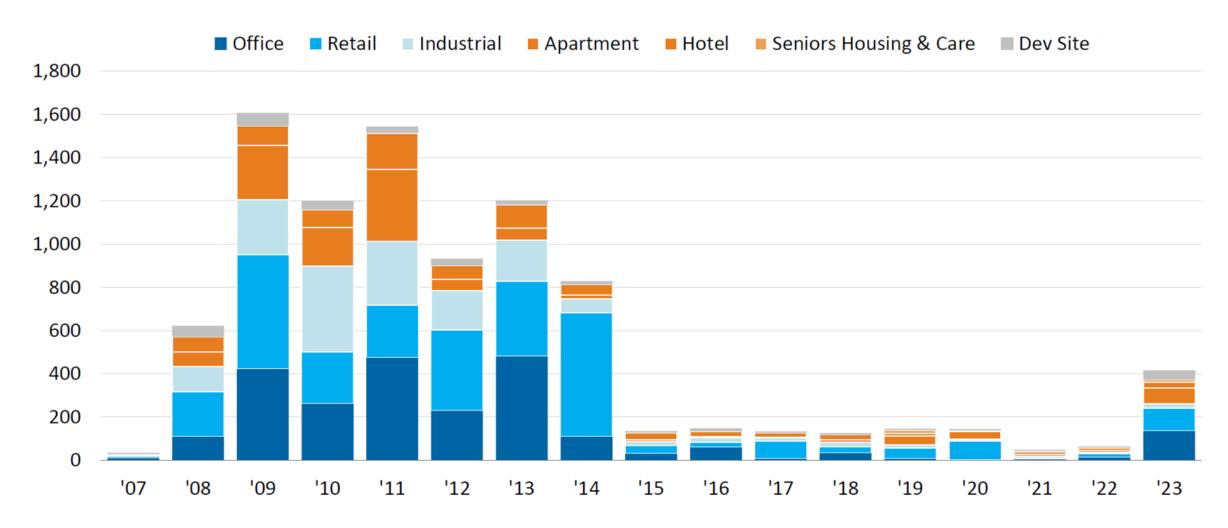
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Source: MSCI Index Intel, OECD

# **Current downturn shallower than GFC but longer and sharper than that experienced during COVID**



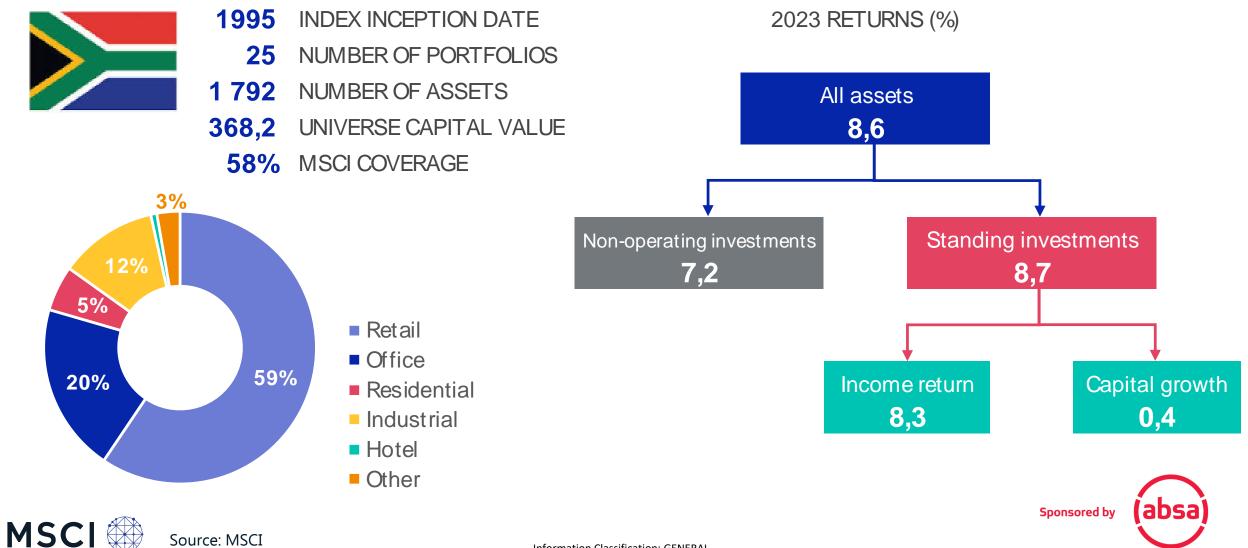
## **Europe: Distress creates opportunities**





Europe All Property. Properties In Distressed Situation. Transactions €5m+. Based on Public Reported Information

## South African Real Estate Index for December 2023



Information Classification: GENERAL

## **MSCI Real Estate South African Universe Contributors**

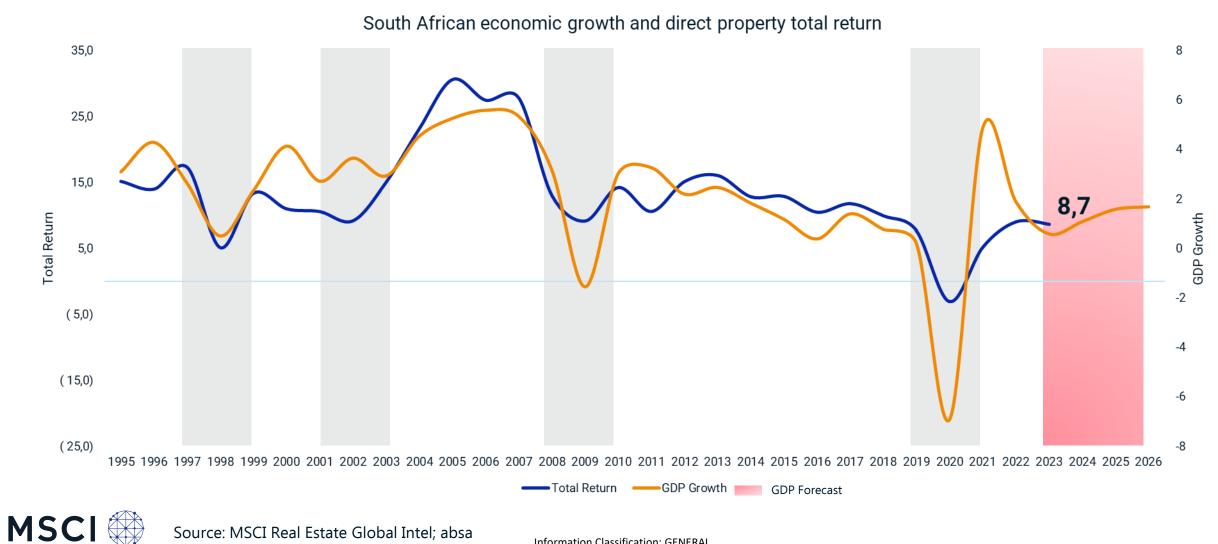
Unlevered, directly held real estate



\* Included to the previous or subsequent periods so comply with MSCI methodology

## **Property Returns follow GDP growth**

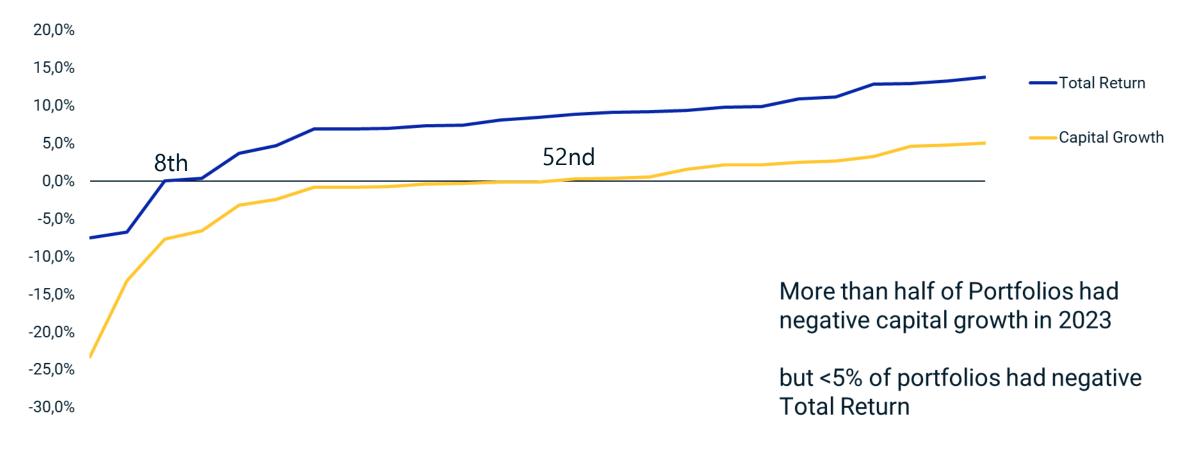
Standing investment



### **Wide Range of Portfolio Direct RE Returns** ~-7.5% to +15% range from 5th-95th percentiles

Range of 2023 Portfolio-level Total Return and Capital Growth

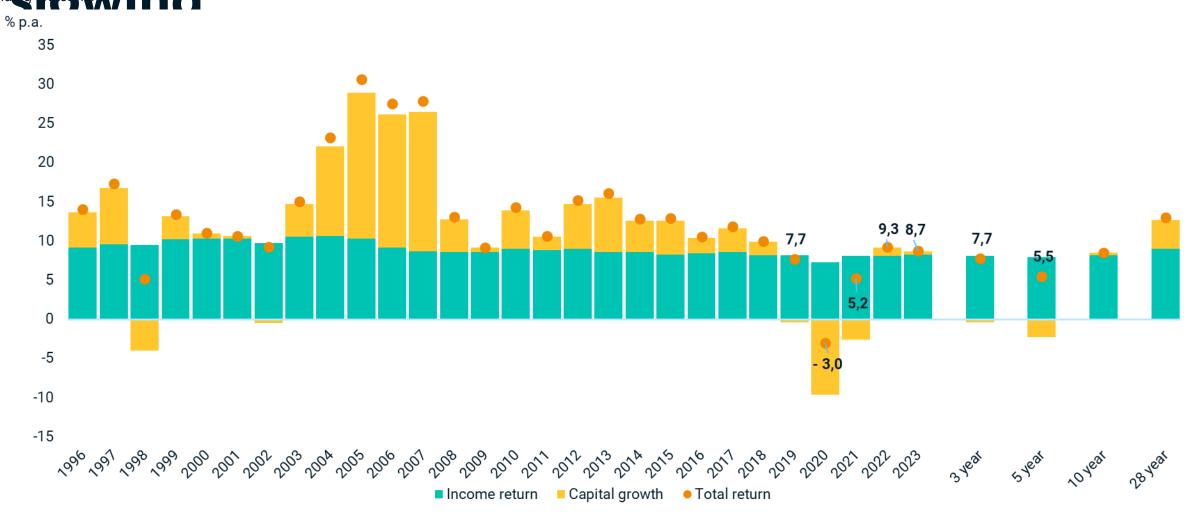
All Property; All Assets; 5<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

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# return: income return consistent, capital growth



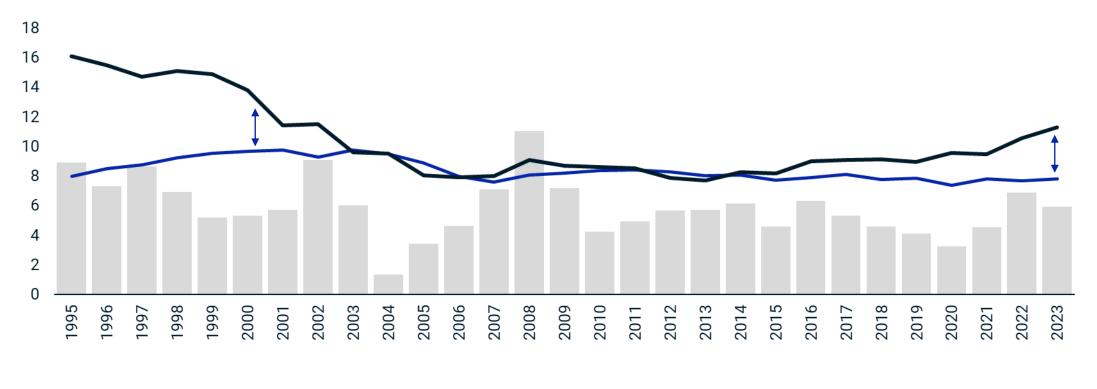
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### **Property NOI Yield has diverted from Long Term bond yield**

### NOI yield vs Long Term Bond Yield & Inflation

Annual, standing investments

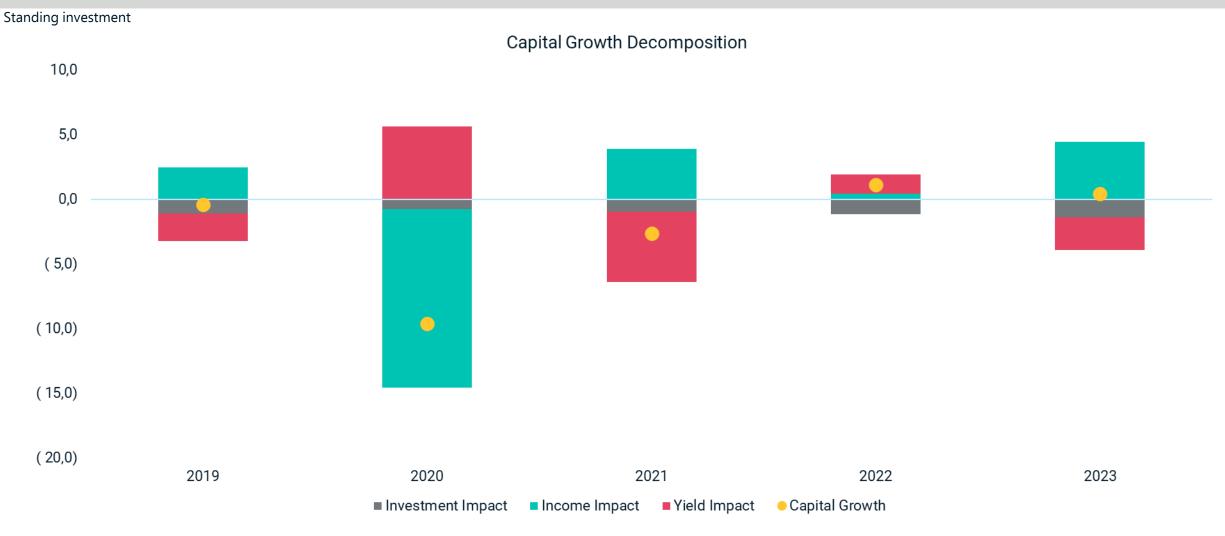


Inflation, consumer price index - % year-on-year —NOI Yield; All Property —Interest rate, 10-Year Government Bond Yield, Secondary Mkt



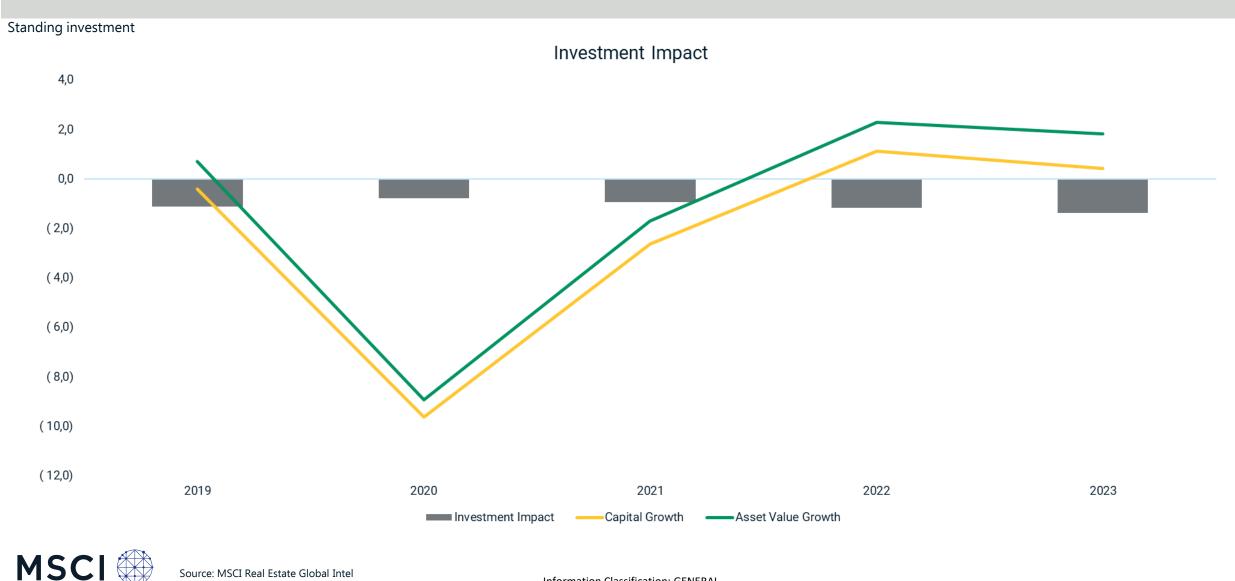
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## Capital growth underpinned by income growth but held back by negative sentiment (yield impact)





# Widening investment impact means that the capex spent is non-yield enhancing



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

## Industrial sector is still delivering the higest returns, followed by retail which is the only sector showing an improvement





Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

# **Income impact varied between the sectors** office negative, industrial and residential positive



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

# Cape Town Offices held value while Johannesburg and Durban went further negative

### Total return office by city

Standing investment returns in local currency



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

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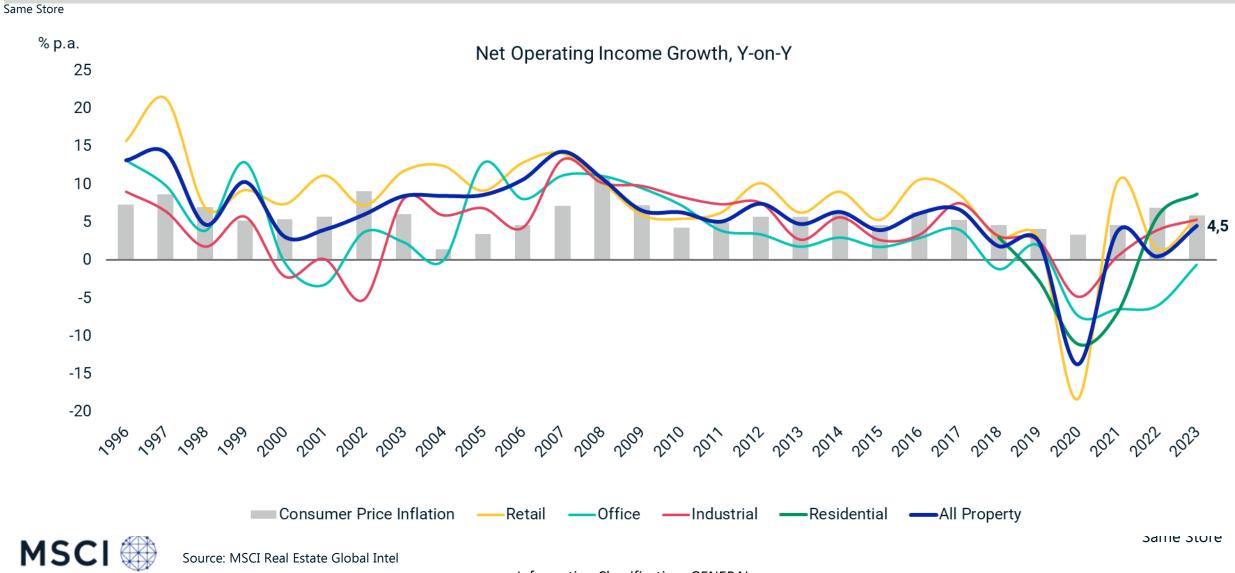
# More industrial properties in top half of total return distribution

#### % of Sector by Asset Total Return Decile All Assets

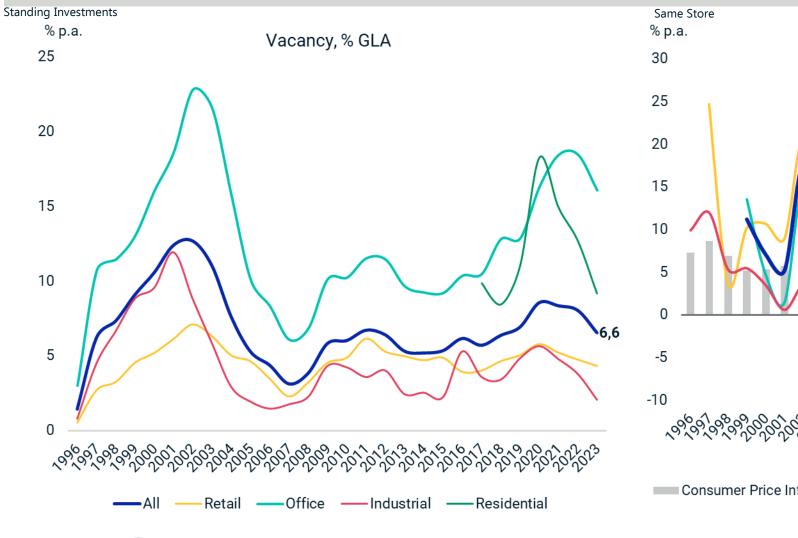




# Net Income growth continuing to improve in 2023 but not yet in real terms

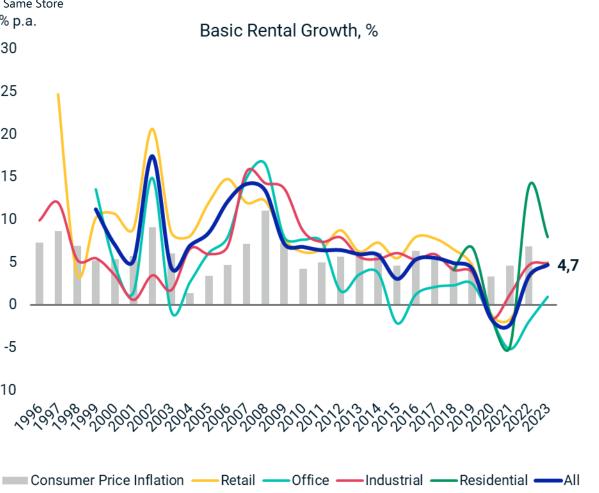


# Vacancy is coming off and rental growth has improved



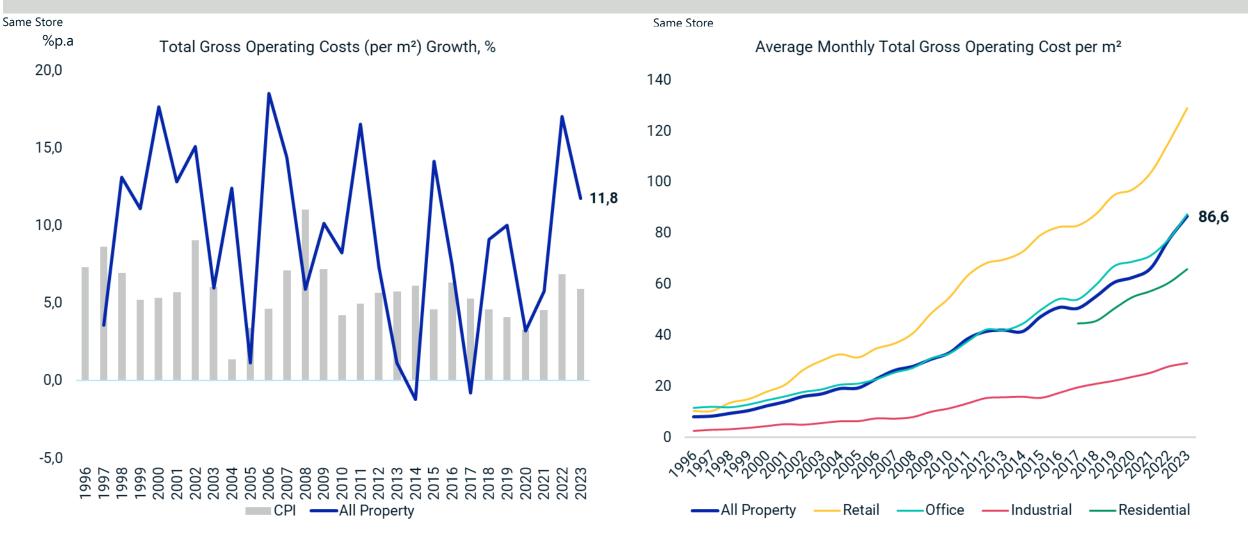
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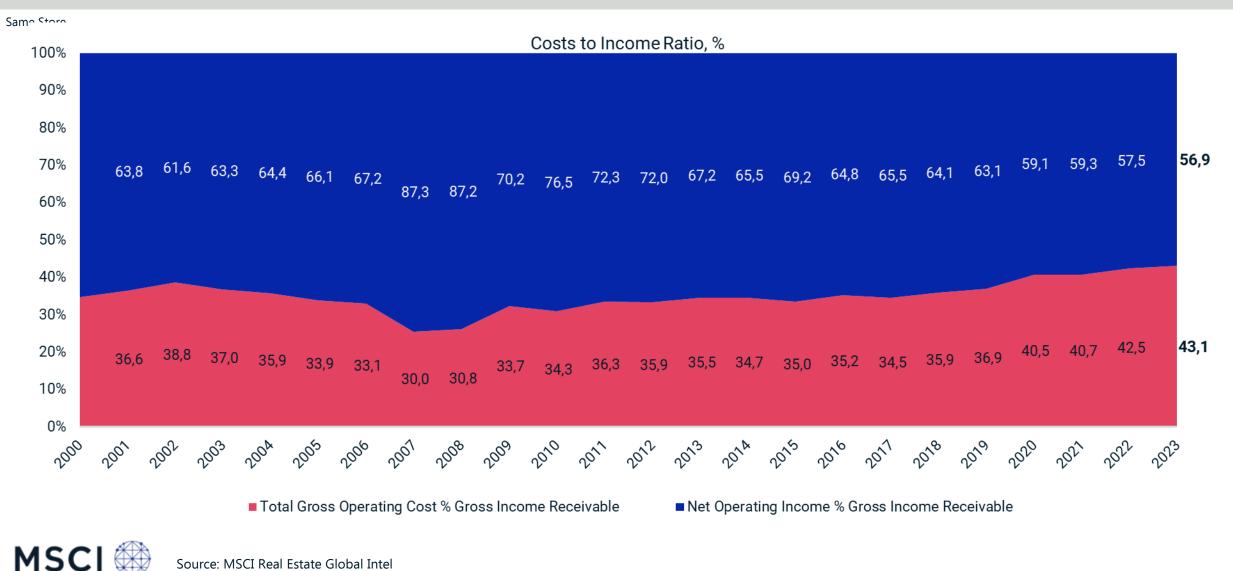
# **Total Operating Costs are growing faster than inflation especially in retail**



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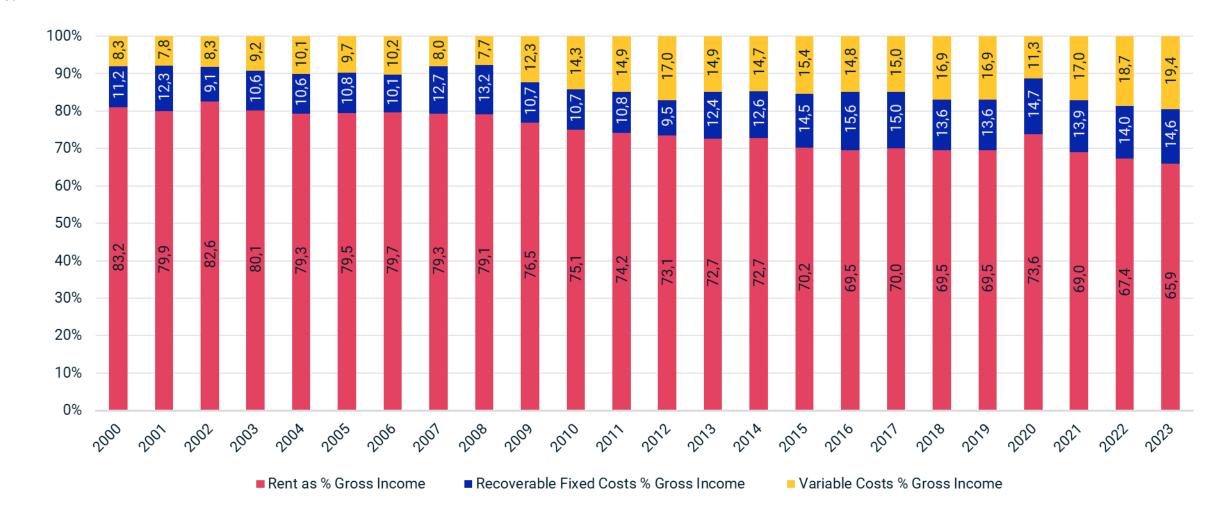
## The cost to income ratio continues to creep upwards



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

# Rent continues to be a smaller proportion of the tenant's cost of occupation

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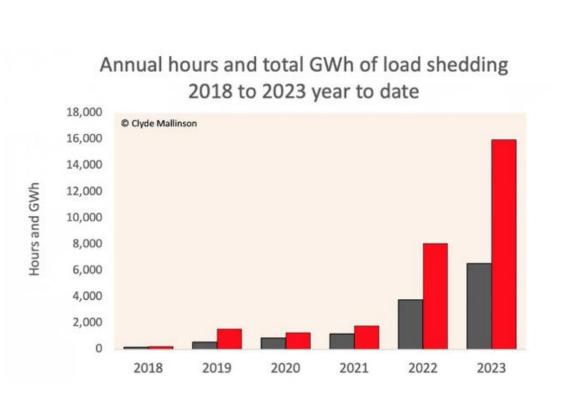
# **Rates and Electricity still drove 50% of Total Cost growth.** Building Maintenance (incl Diesel) and TI also grew quickly

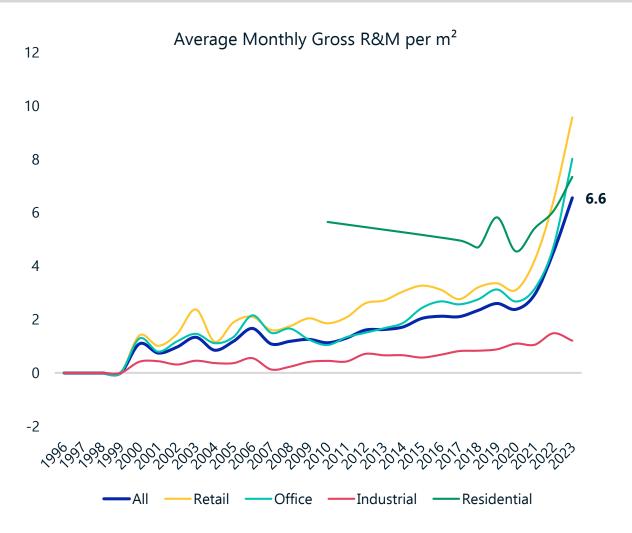


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## Load shedding is becoming a material cost driver

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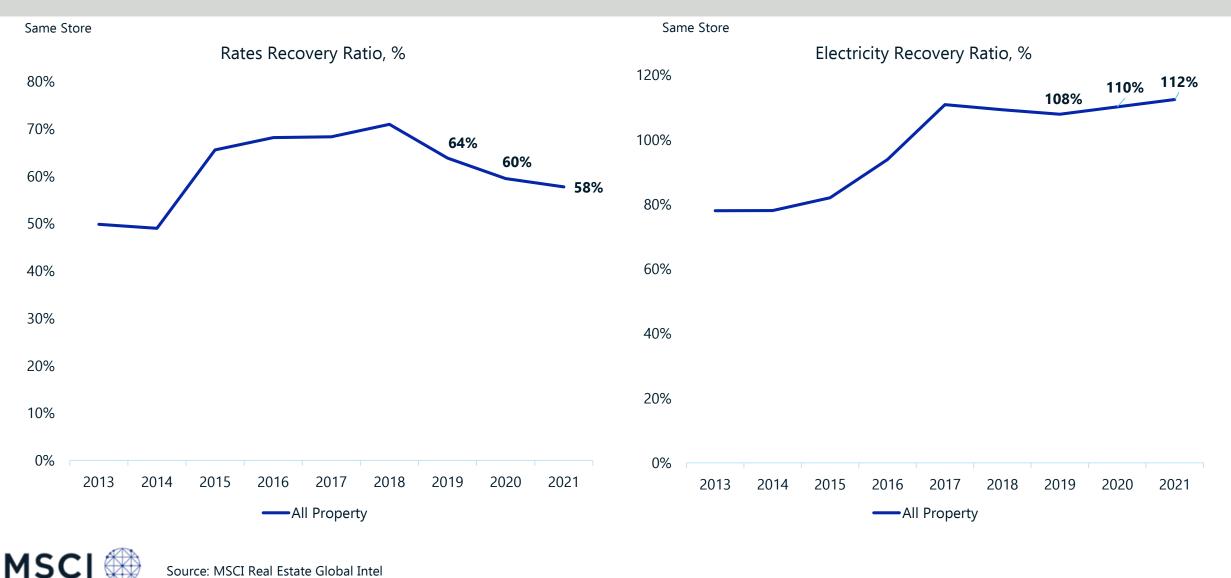




MSCI Source: <u>https://www.eng</u>

Source: https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/; Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

# Recovery ratios improving on electricity but not on rates where owners continue to absorb a larger portion



Source: MSCI Real Estate Global Intel

# Improved business confidence generally boosts deal volume & returns. What will happen after the elections?

**Deal Volume & Business Confidence** All Property; ZAR



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**Business Confidence Index** 

Source: BCI = South African Chamber of Commerce

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## **Summary**

Globally, the reflation crisis is having a negative impact on values across sectors creating opportunities for buyers

South Africa: 8,7% Total Return in 2023 Income Return improved to 8,3% and Capital Growth slowed to 0,4%

Capital Growth was hindered by yield impact, aka valuer sentiment - while income impact shows that valuations were underpinned by growing net income

Capital expenditure is shown to be non-yield enhancing - maybe a tied to non-grid energy sources Property fundamentals improved in terms of vacancy, rental growth and net income growth.

Costs are still growing father than inflation resulting in a higher cost to income ratio





# Thank you

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