

# London

## UNITED KINGDOM

Investors in the super-prime market of England's capital are coping well with the recent credit blip. Knight Frank's Summer 2008 London Residential Review reports that the super-prime market saw sales volumes rise by an impressive 30% on year during the first half of 2008, with demand remaining constant from wealthy international buyers.

Naturally, the prospects for wealth creation depend upon London's ability to retain its world city status – but the movements of the world's super-rich seem to suggest that this reputation will remain intact for a long time to come, and the arrival of the Olympic Games in 2012 will only boost tourist numbers and investment within the city. The Lonely Planet's description of the city as 'a grubby Monopoly board studded with stellar sights' is apt in some respects, although perhaps a little unfair. The capital covers 1,500km<sup>2</sup>, bracketed by the Houses of Parliament to the west and The City in the east. In between lie most of London's attractions – think world-class galleries, theatres and restaurants, in addition to enjoyable and varied nightlife in districts like Soho and Knightsbridge. Moreover, the city's long-term appeal is guaranteed by its strong cross-cultural appeal: 300 languages are spoken in the city – and millions of visitors are drawn each year by London's international ambiance. ■



### Queen Mary's Place London

Queen Mary's Place offers buyers the opportunity to reside in one of London's most desirable locations, surrounded by a wealth of opportunities nearby for sport and leisure – at both Roehampton Club (an exclusive private members' sports club set in 100 acres of parkland) and in Richmond Park and Putney Heath. Built around Grade I-listed Roehampton House, this scheme will provide 447 new and refurbished homes, with one to five-bedroom options available.

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### Beaufort Gardens, London

Beaufort Gardens in Knightsbridge has delightful views over a tree-lined square near Harrods. Indeed, one of the most exciting aspects about this property is its location, nestled in a tranquil cul-de-sac that offers all the peace of a country estate. The Georgian building itself incorporates five luxury modern flats, each fitted out using the best materials and perfectly suited for those whose passion is luxury living. Each apartment comes with access to the facilities of the boutique Parkes Hotel – whose staff will provide a five-star concierge service. The apartments themselves range from a two-bedroom luxury apartment with its own private entrance to a four-bedroom maisonette with roof terrace.

From £4.5 million :: €5,690,506 :: \$8,779,508  
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