

# Going Elsewhere When It Is Crowded

Let's Go Shopping - Hong Kong Retail Recovery as the Next Catalyst

30 January 2026

# Hong Kong Residential Prices Back to the Uptrend

**It Is Still 22% Cheaper Than the Peak in 2022**

**Hong Kong Residential Price Index**



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Source: Bloomberg, KGI

# Positive Drivers Pointed Out by KGI in Early 2025

**At a Time When Majority of the Market Believes There Are More Downside to Property Prices**

**KGI's reasonings in early 2025 = Major investment banks' reasonings in early 2026**

- Strong rental momentum – improving rental yield
- Improving investment sentiment
- Improvement in affordability after the correction over the last 4 years
- Low-leverage in the banking system – overall LTV was only 22%
- Population revert to growth trend (driven by immigration) to support rental demand and purchasing power
- Abundant liquidity in the banking system – Hong Kong monetary base increased 3 times from 2008
- Limited land supply during the last few years is expected to drive significant drop in supply from 2027

# Two of the Hottest Investments in 2026

One of them is Gold but which one is which?

Index, 30 Jan 2025 = 100

— A — B

200

180

160

140

120

100

80

Source: Bloomberg, KGI



# In Nov 2025, We Said Commercial Properties Have Bottomed

## The Rise in Property Stocks Reflects Improvement in Both Residential and Office Markets

2025/11/21

### Commercial Real Estate Is No Longer a Drag to Developers

#### Bottoming Out of Sentiment in Both the Office and Retail Markets

##### Office Market

- Positive absorption with better sentiment and sizable deals
- Demand from the finance industry and mainland China firms
- Upgrade demand to Central or prime-located buildings as rents become affordable after correction
- Expect negative rental reversion to narrow; flat rental reversion by end 2026

##### Retail Market

- Continued mild recovery in retail sales (Sep 25 sales saw widened growth despite 3 Typhoons)
- Turning to flat rental reversion in mid-2026
- Positive tourism growth, stronger RMB & wealth effect
- Shopping malls gaining market share from street level shops

Answer to the previous page: **A: Sun Hung Kai Properties, B: Gold**

Source: KGI

# First QoQ Office Rental Improvement Since 2Q22

## Every Dog Has Its Days

4Q25		Avg Rent (HK\$/sqft)	4Q25 Q/Q	4Q25 Y/Y	4Q25 vs. Peak	Cap Rate	Cap Rate QoQ	Vacancy	Vacancy QoQ
Office	Overall	Rental	46.5	0.7%	-1.5%	-39%	3.2%	0.05%	14.1%
		Capital Value	17,257	-0.8%	-6.7%	-50%			0.7%
	Central	Rental	73.9	1.5%	-0.4%	-43%	3.2%	0.08%	11.0%
		Capital Value	27,817	-1.0%	-7.2%	-53%			0.0%
	Wanchai / CWB	Rental	45.9	0.4%	-2.4%	-37%	3.2%	0.03%	10.8%
		Capital Value	17,359	-0.7%	-6.8%	-47%			-1.2%
	TST	Rental	41.9	1.2%	-0.7%	-23%	3.5%	0.06%	7.2%
		Capital Value	14,365	-0.5%	-5.3%	-37%			-0.5%
	HK East	Rental	33.2	-0.4%	-9.7%	-40%	3.5%	0.01%	13.1%
		Capital Value	11,535	-0.7%	-11.4%	-48%			0.0%
Retail	Kowloon East	Rental	24.1	-1.2%	-0.6%	-30%	3.1%	-0.02%	19.4%
		Capital Value	9,224	-0.4%	-4.5%	-44%			-0.5%
	Prime Retail	Rental	90.5	-2.6%	-9.1%	-46%	4.8%	0.02%	9.9%
		Capital Value	22,625	-3.0%	-10.0%	-46%			0.2%
Street Shops	Street Shops	Rental	194.7	-2.8%	-7.7%	-74%	2.7%	0.04%	n/a
		Capital Value	85.621	-4.4%	-17.1%	-76%			n/a

Source: Jones Lang LaSalle, KGI

# Retail Appears to Be the Remaining Catalyst for the Stocks

## It Is a Challenging Argument Now but So Did Residential and Office Market in 2025

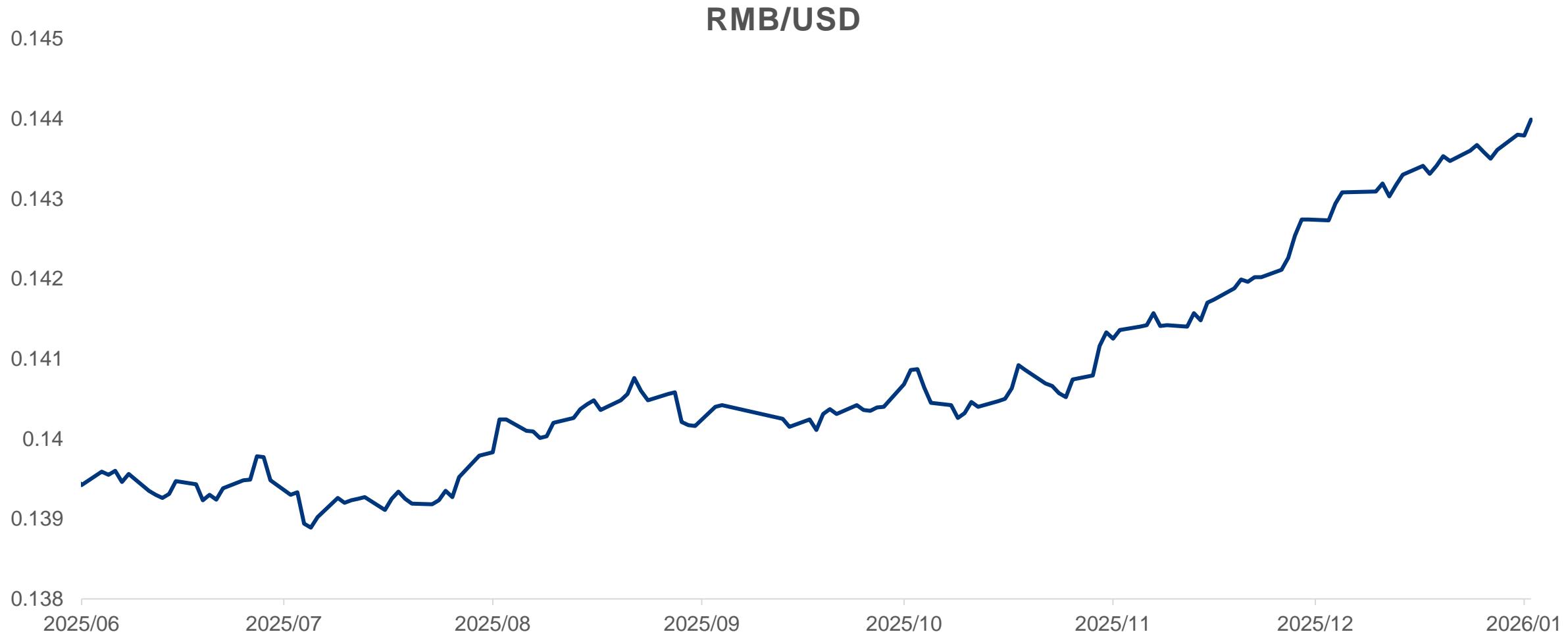
- Hong Kong retail sales is at 78% of the 2018's level which was in line with overall tourist level at 77% of 2018's level
- There doesn't seem to be a significant drag on retail sales from outbound domestic consumption
- If per capita spending by tourists have been falling driven by more same-day travel, this implies spending per capita by the local has increased
- Two key drivers for retail sales:
  - 1) Strength in RMB to drive increasing tourist spending
  - 2) Positive wealth effect to improve local spending power



Source: Bloomberg, KGI

# RMB Is Riding on the US Weakness and Capital Flight to Safety

## Mainland Tourists' Spending Power Is Increasing



# Consumption Confidence Reinforced by the Stock Market

## HSI vs Hong Kong Retail Sales Growth YoY%

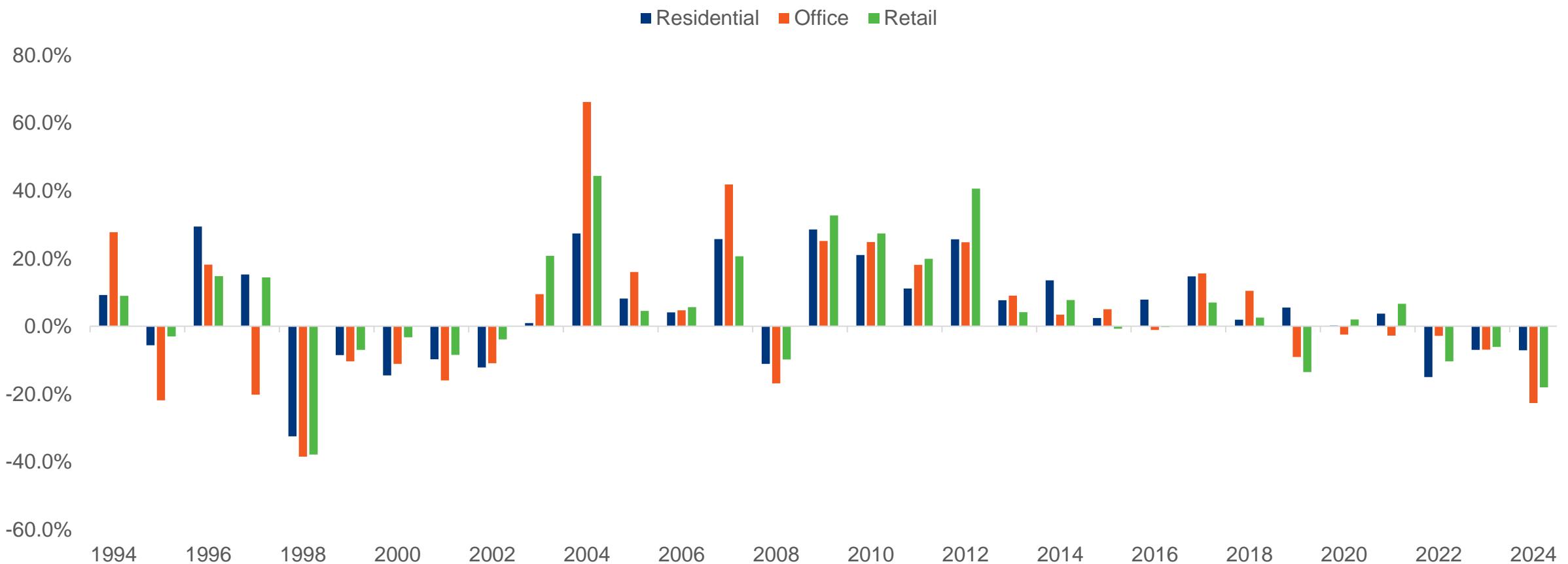


Source: Bloomberg, KGI

# Residential, Office and Retail Tend to Move Together

This happens 80% of the last 31 years

Residential, Office and Retail Price Changes YoY%



Source: Bloomberg, KGI

# Where Can We Find Hong Kong Retail Exposure?

**That will be the last engine to sustain the re-rating**

	SHKP	Henderson Land	CK Asset	Sino Land
Agricultural land	4%	9%	2%	0%
Hong Kong property development	16%	18%	18%	25%
<b>Hong Kong property investment</b>				
Office	13%	27%	10%	12%
Retail	31%	16%	9%	25%
Hotel	3%	-	11%	5%
China	20%	13%	7%	12%
Others	13%	18%	44%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Gross NAV (HK\$/Per share)	236.5	91.6	91.9	13.6
Net debt (HK\$/Per share)	-32.9	-30.9	-8.4	5.4
NAV (HK\$/Per share)	203.6	60.7	83.5	19.0
	Swire Properties	Hongkong Land	Wharf REIC	Hang Lung Properties
Agricultural land		0%	0%	0%
Hong Kong property development	4%	0%	0%	3%
<b>Hong Kong property investment</b>				
Office	30%	44%	24%	5%
Retail	13%	15%	60%	14%
Hotel		2%	7%	
China	47%	25%		72%
Others	6%	15%	10%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Gross NAV (HK\$/Per share)	53.5	13.4	65.0	36.8
Net debt (HK\$/Per share)	-8.7	-1.3	-11.0	-9.5
NAV (HK\$/Per share)	44.8	11.7	54.2	27.3

Source: KGI estimates

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