

## Foxtons Lettings Market Report



While the upcoming Autumn Budget and progression of the Renters' Rights Act have been the focus of many headlines, the London lettings market in 2025 has been defined by a consistent rise in new listings compared with 2024, supporting a healthier supply of rental properties across the capital.

Ahead of Phase 1 of the Renters' Rights Act becoming effective from 1 May 2026, we can see that available stock has grown and competition in the market has eased, yet rental values have remained firm and average achieved prices continue to inch upward. This resilience reflects sustained interest from serious renters and the strength of the London rental market in generating returns for landlords, which we expect to continue into 2026.



"October saw a seasonal slowdown in demand, but the London lettings market remains resilient. The recent Royal Assent of the Renters' Rights Act is a significant milestone, and with Phase 1 implementation confirmed for 1 May 2026, landlords should prepare for upcoming changes by working with a London lettings expert to get the right price for their rental property. Despite easing competition, rental values have held firm, supported by strong applicant budgets and improved supply. These trends underline the continued strength of London's rental sector and its ability to deliver returns for landlords, even in a shifting regulatory landscape."

~ Gareth Atkins, Managing Director Lettings



"For landlords invested in London property, the stability of resilient rental values supported by strong budgets should provide confidence in the market as we approach a major regulatory change. With the Renters' Rights Act now law and Phase 1 implementation confirmed for 1 May 2026, maintaining compliance will be more critical than ever before as the introduction of an Ombudsman, a new PRS Database and fines of up to £40,000 mean that Landlords cannot afford to make a mistake. Foxtons Property Management is here to help you navigate these changes, ensuring your portfolio remains fully compliant while protecting returns. Proactive management now will safeguard your investment and position you for success in a shifting regulatory landscape."

~ Fran Giltinan, Managing Director Property Management & Customer Experience

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### Year-To-Date Key Market Indicators

	Supply New Instructions YoY		Demand enter Registrations YoY		
All London	2%		L -7%		
Central	-4%		L -1%		
East	19%	-5%			
North	-4%	-3%			
South	-1%	-14%			
West	3%	-17%			
		YTD 2025 October 2025	YoY (YTD 2025 vs YTD 2024) MoM (October vs September)		
New Applicant Registrations per New Property Instructed					
**************************************	Year to Date	14.3	-9.3%		
	Last Month	9	-28.9%		
Average Rent Per Week Achieved					
	Year to Date	£585	2%		
	Last Month	£575	-3%		
Average % Budget Spent on Rent					
	Year to Date	98%	-1%		
	Last Month	99%	0%		



# Applicant Demand

In line with forecast seasonal trends, demand for rental properties eased by 33% in October 2025 compared with September 2025. Year-to-date, applicant demand continues to track 7% lower than in 2024, as demand remains steady, supported by the strong underlying need for rental accommodation in London. The reduction in demand in renter registrations was more pronounced in the South and West regions.

Year-on-year

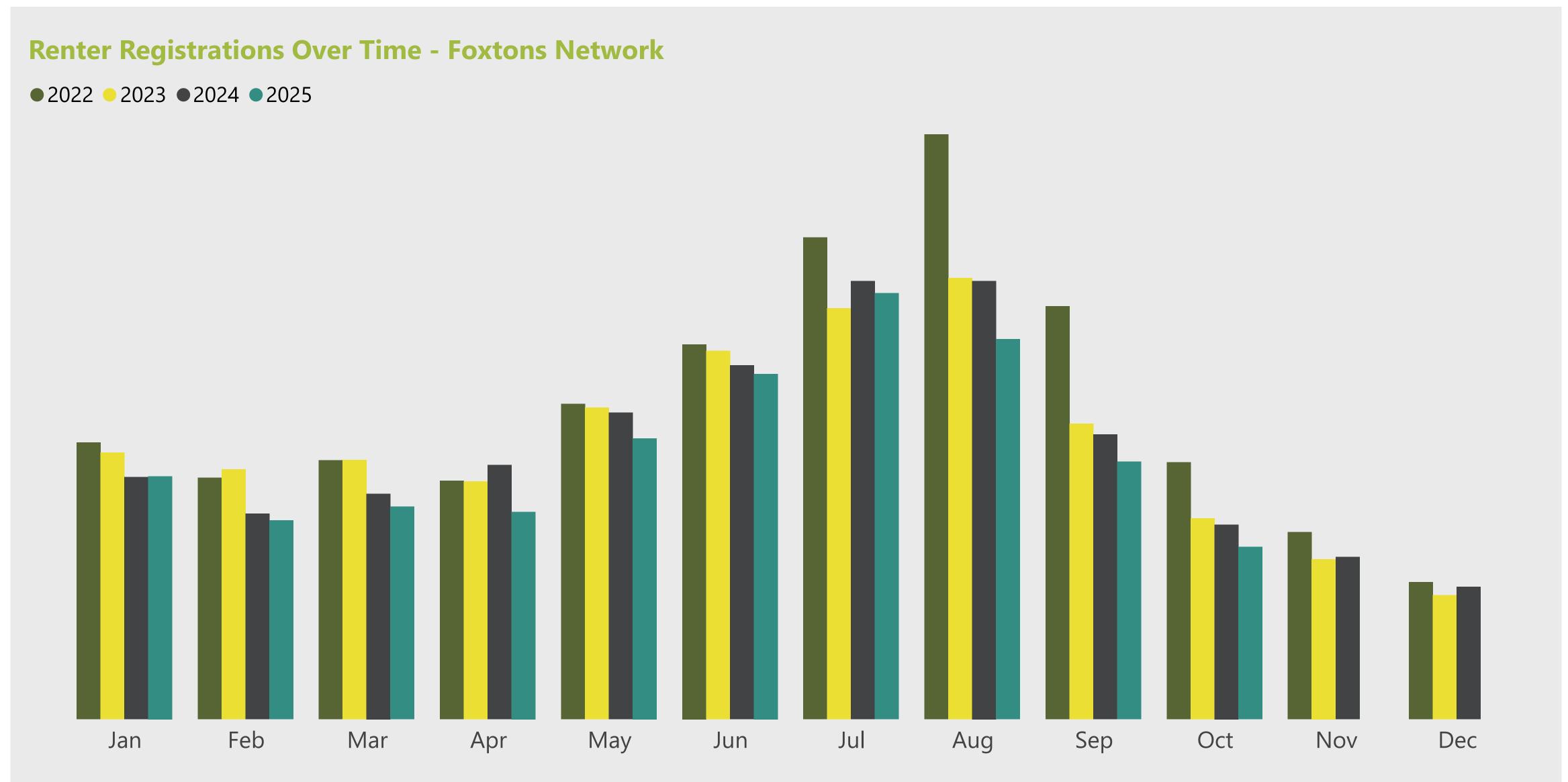
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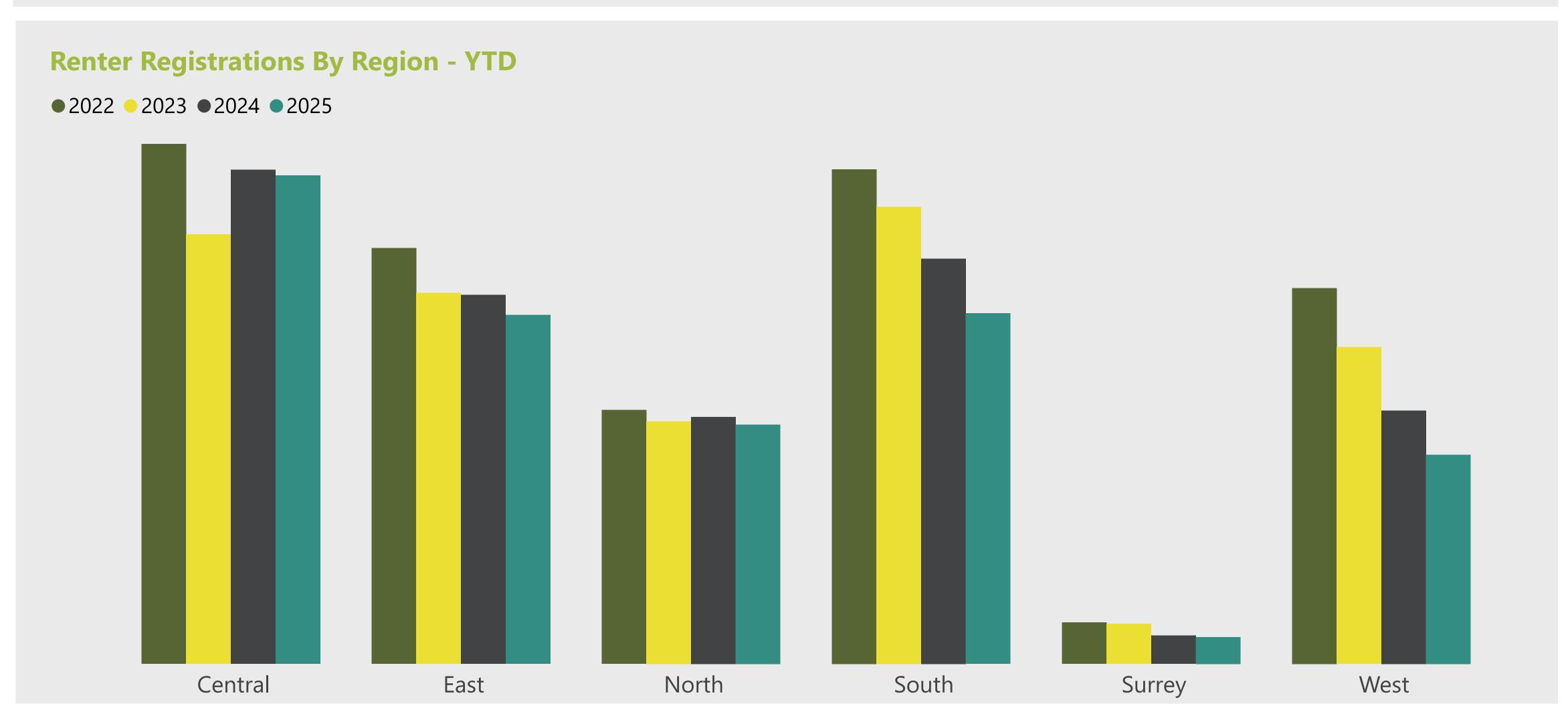
2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

-33%

October vs September







### New Renters per New Instruction

The market has cooled notably, from around 20 renters competing for each available property in August 2025 to 9 in October 2025, as seasonal trends persisted and new applicants per new instruction fell by 28.9% month-on-month. A clear shift towards a renters' market.

Year-on-year

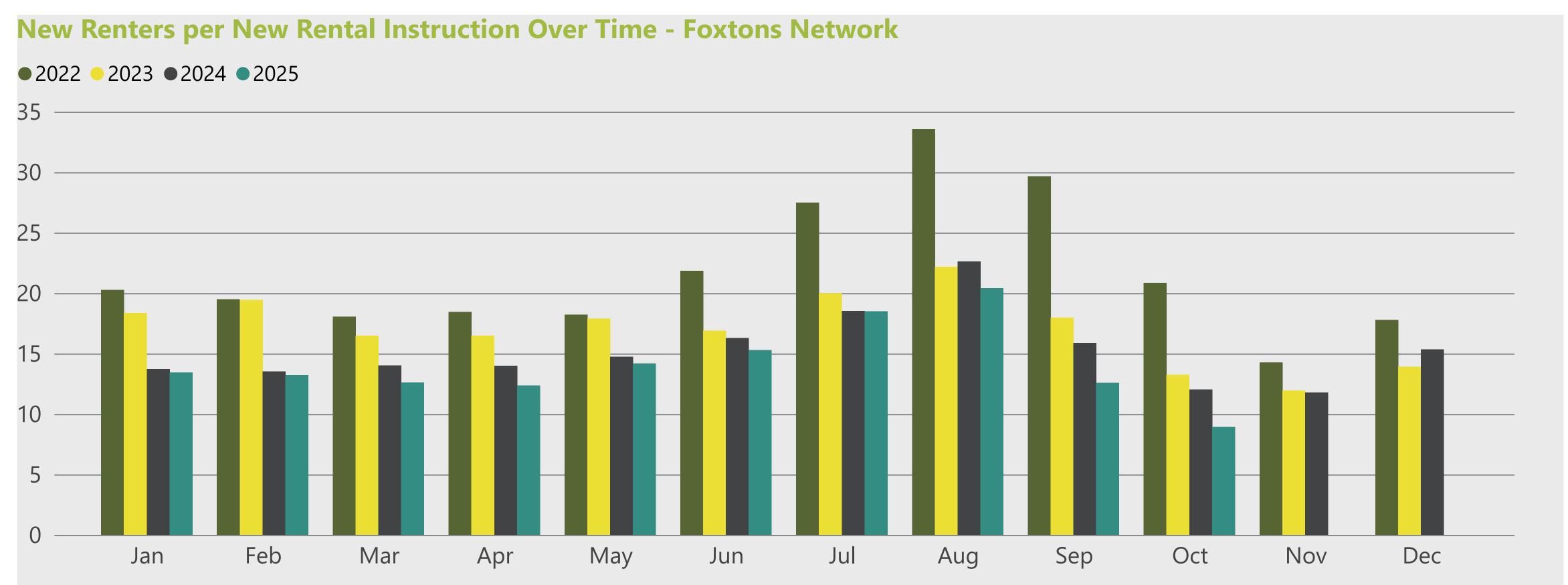
-7.8%

2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

-28.9%

October vs September

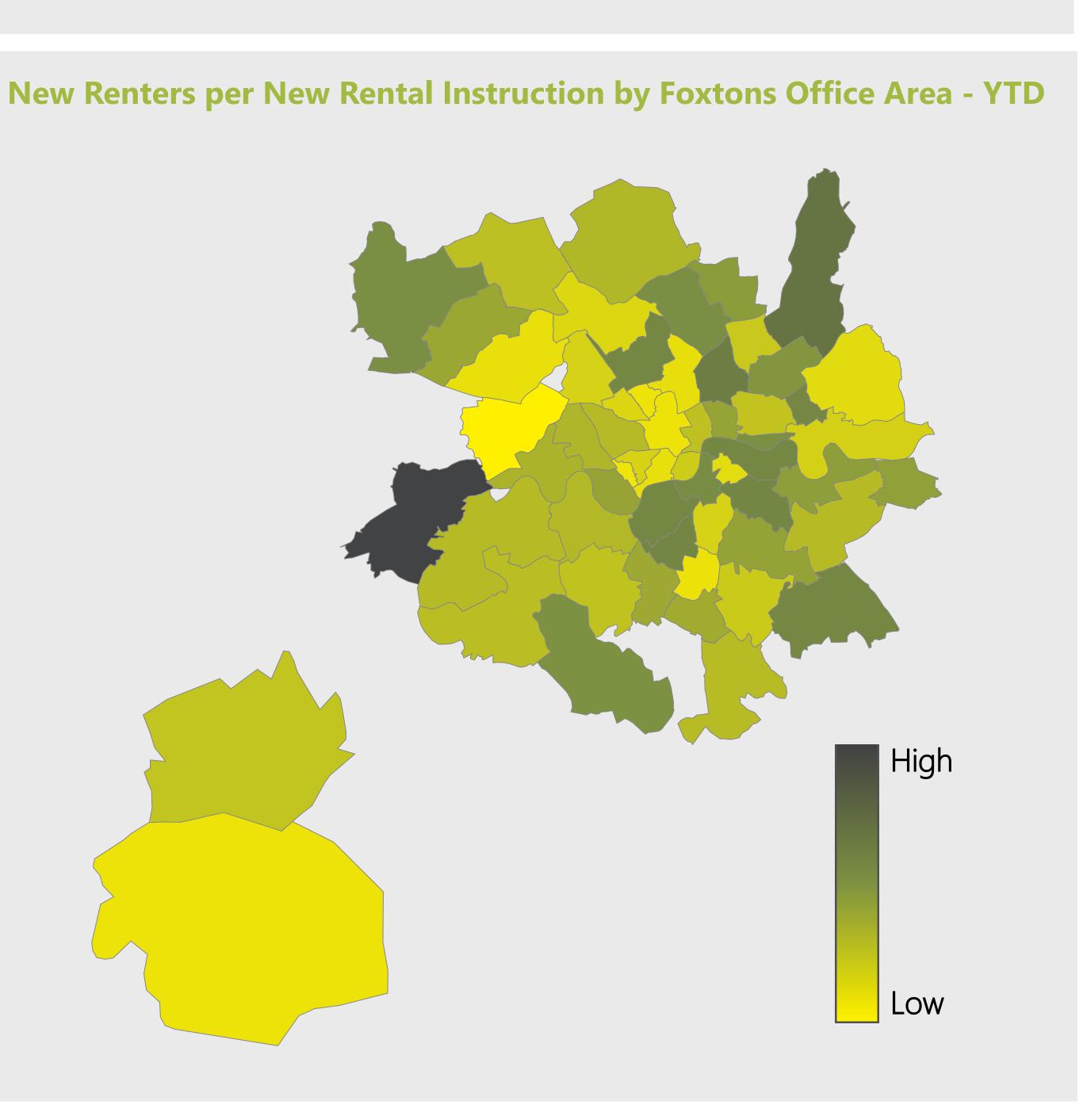


#### **New Renters per New Instruction by Area**

Areas	YTD	Last YTD	YoY %
Central	12.7	11.9	6.0%
East	14.4	17.4	-23.2%
North	17.0	16.3	5.0%
South	16.5	18.5	-14.6%
Surrey	10.4	12.3	-22.1%
West	13.1	15.8	-24.8%
Total	14.3	15.3	-7.8%

#### **New Renters per New Instruction by Area**

Areas	Last Month	2 Months Ago	MoM %
Central	8.5	12.8	-33.0%
East	11.2	12.7	-12.4%
North	8.4	13.0	-35.1%
South	10.0	13.7	-26.7%
Surrey	12.6	8.5	49.1%
West	6.8	10.9	-37.5%
Total	8.9	12.6	-28.9%





# Applicant Budgets

Applicant budgets remained elevated at over £550 per week, dipping only marginally by 4% in October 2025 compared with September 2025. Across London, budgets are higher year-to-date in all regions except North London, which has seen a small decline. The resilience of budgets demonstrates that demand continues to support rental values.

Year-on-year

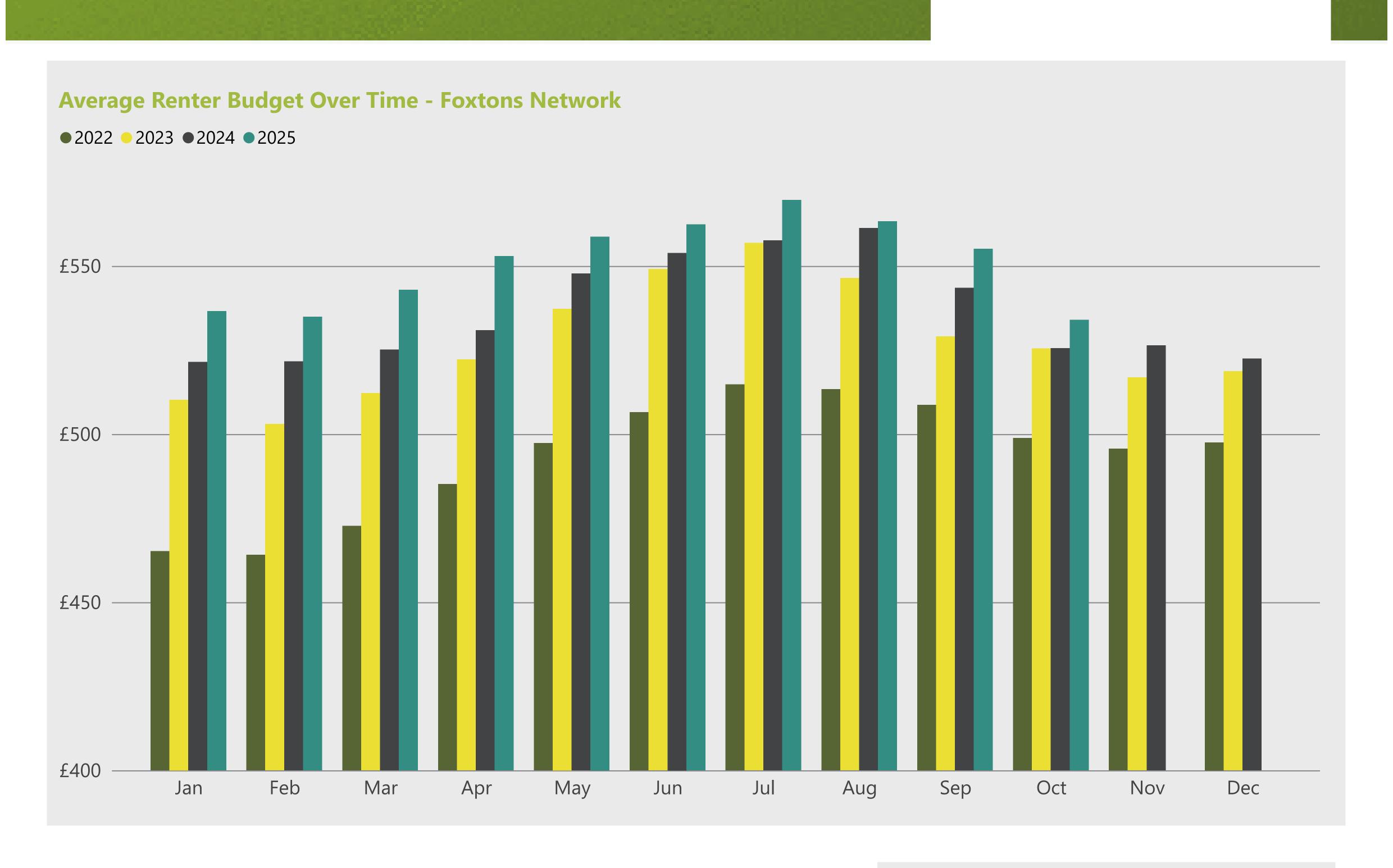
2%

2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

-4%

October vs September





#### **Renter Budgets by Area**

Areas	YTD	Last YTD	YoY
Central	£605	£601	1%
East	£557	£545	2%
North	£543	£547	-1%
South	£525	£509	3%
Surrey	£477	£467	2%
West	£511	£494	3%
Total	£554	£543	2%



# Market New Listings

All market data on this page is from Zoopla. Foxtons data is internal.

Rental supply remained resilient in October 2025, continuing the strong trend seen throughout 2025. Despite a 7% month-on-month dip from September, listing volumes still surpassed those recorded in October 2024. Overall, year-to-date figures show new listings up 10% compared with last year, highlighting a sustained improvement in market supply.

Year-on-year

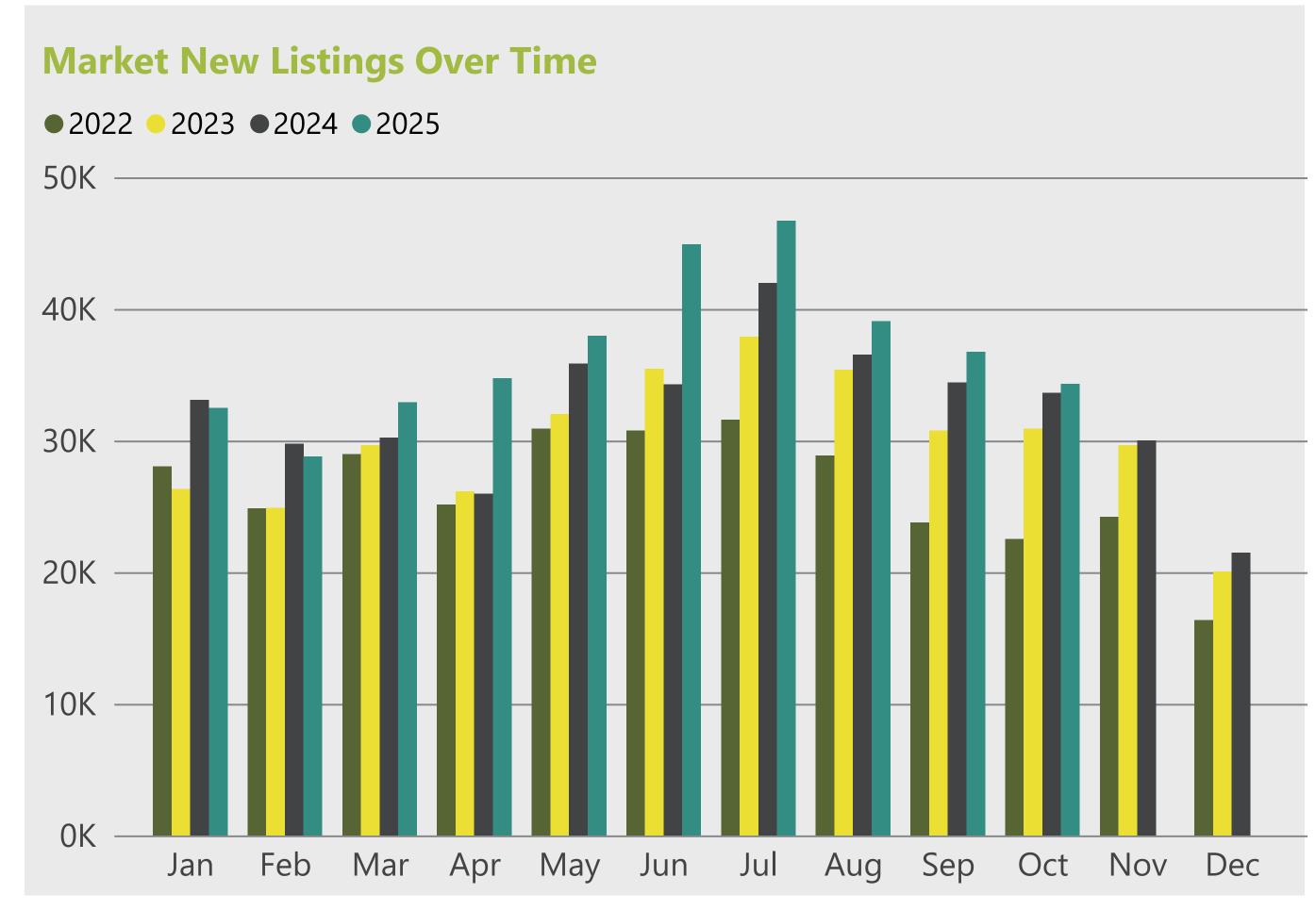
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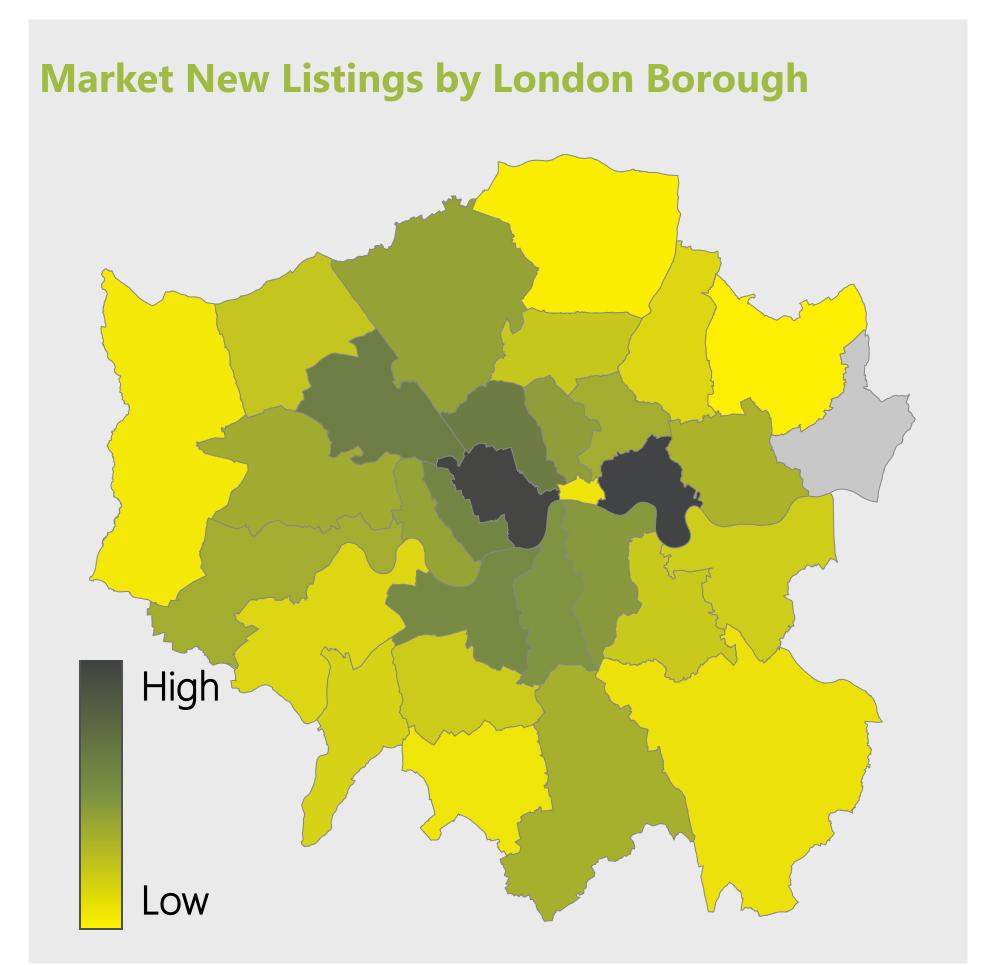
2025 vs 2024

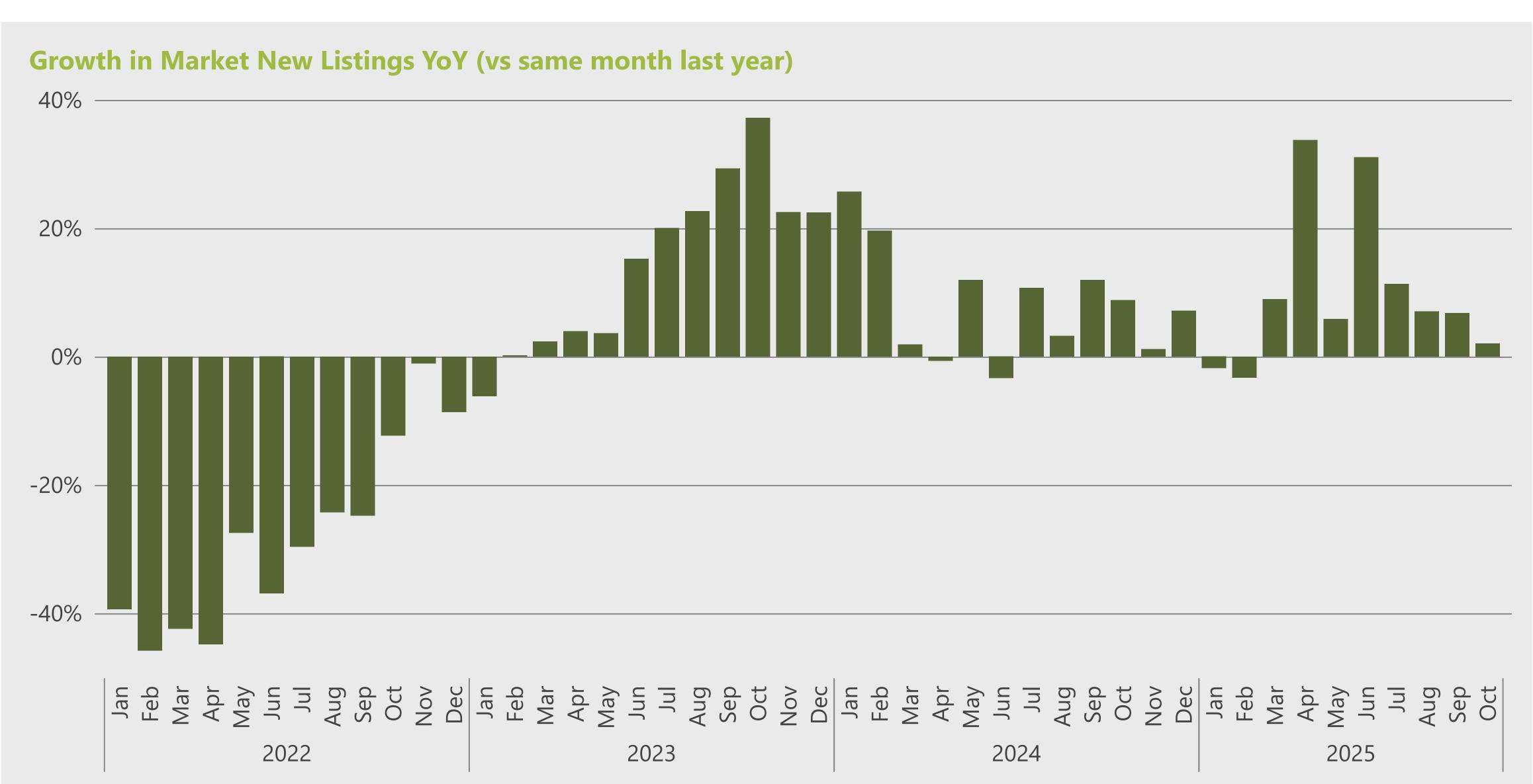
Month-on-month

-7%

October vs September









### Rent Achieved

Average achieved rents edged down by 3% in October 2025 compared with September 2025, settling at £585 per week. This slight dip aligns with the typical seasonal pattern seen in October over the past two years. Year-to-date, rents remain 2% higher than in 2024, with growth recorded across all London regions except the North. The continued upward trajectory underscores the resilience of rental prices, supported by sustained tenant demand.

Year-on-year

2%

2025 vs 2024

Month-on-month

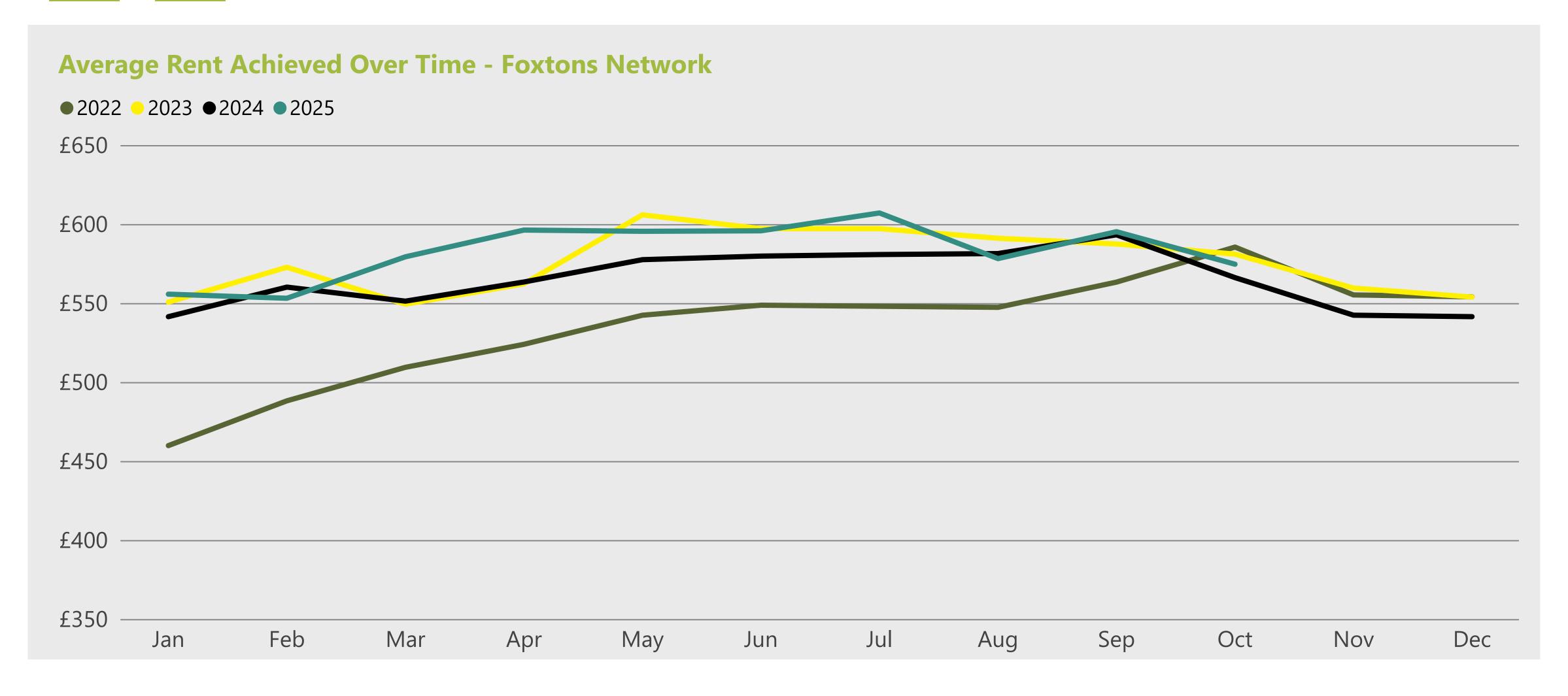
-3%

October vs September

### Average Weekly Rent Achieved YTD and YoY Change



#### **Average Weekly Rent Achieved by Area** YTD Last YTD YoY Areas Central 2% £678 £666 £542 4% East £564 North £541 £551 -2% South £543 £527 3% Surrey £474 £459 3% 5% West £511 £486 Total £585 £572 2%





# Renter Spend

Renter spending patterns in October 2025 closely mirrored those seen in September 2025, with tenants spending an average of 99% of their registered budgets. Around 63% of renters secured properties below budget, while 30% needed to stretch above it. These figures reflect a still-competitive market, where most tenants are finding options within budget, though a significant share continue to pay a premium for their preferred homes.

Year-on-year

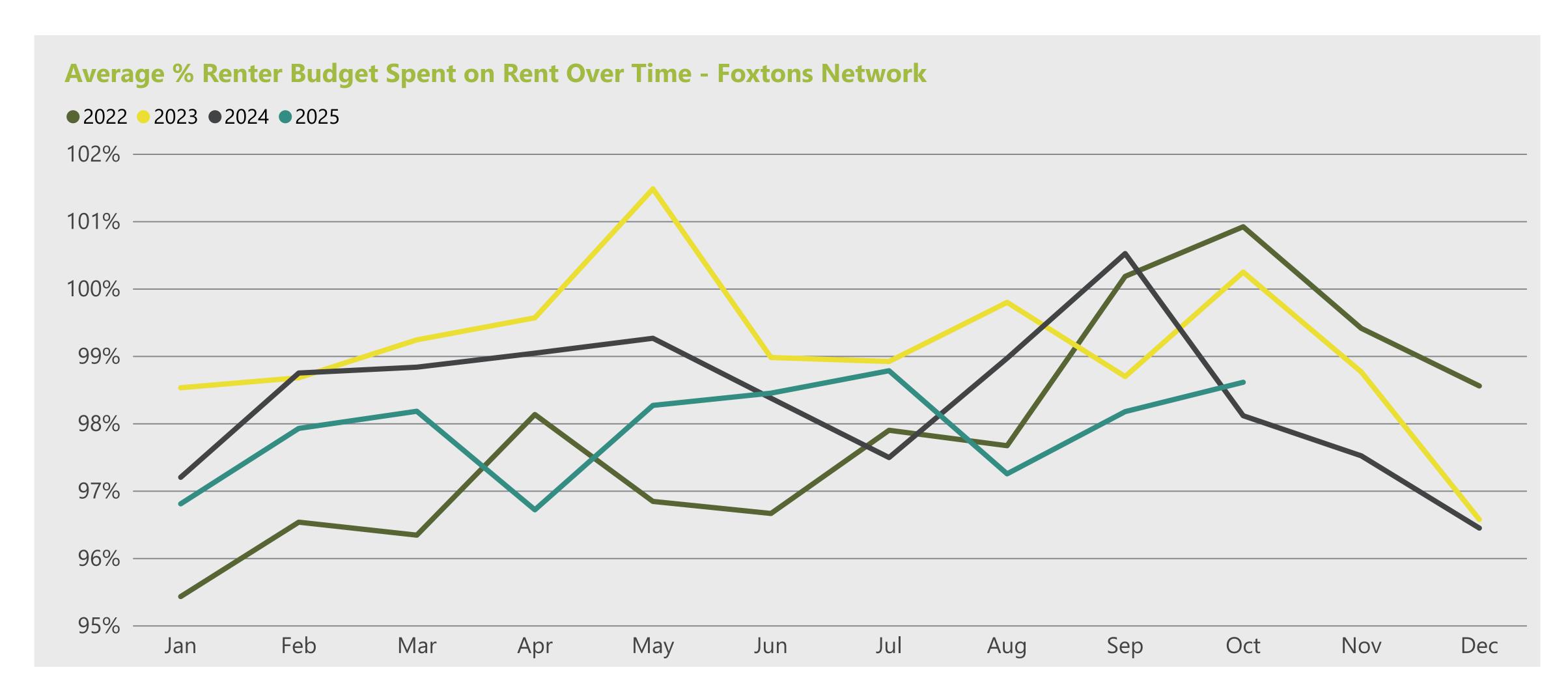
-1%
2025 vs 2024

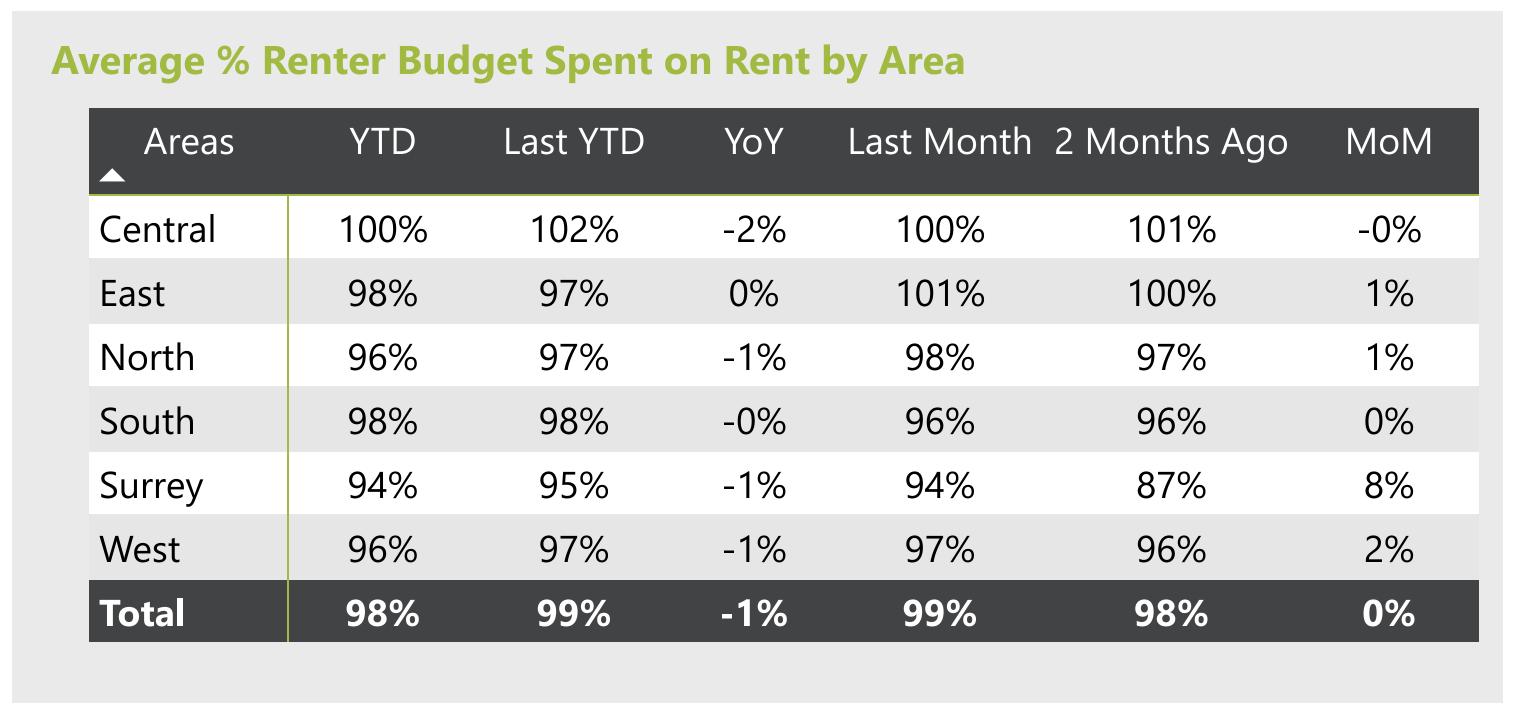
Month-on-month

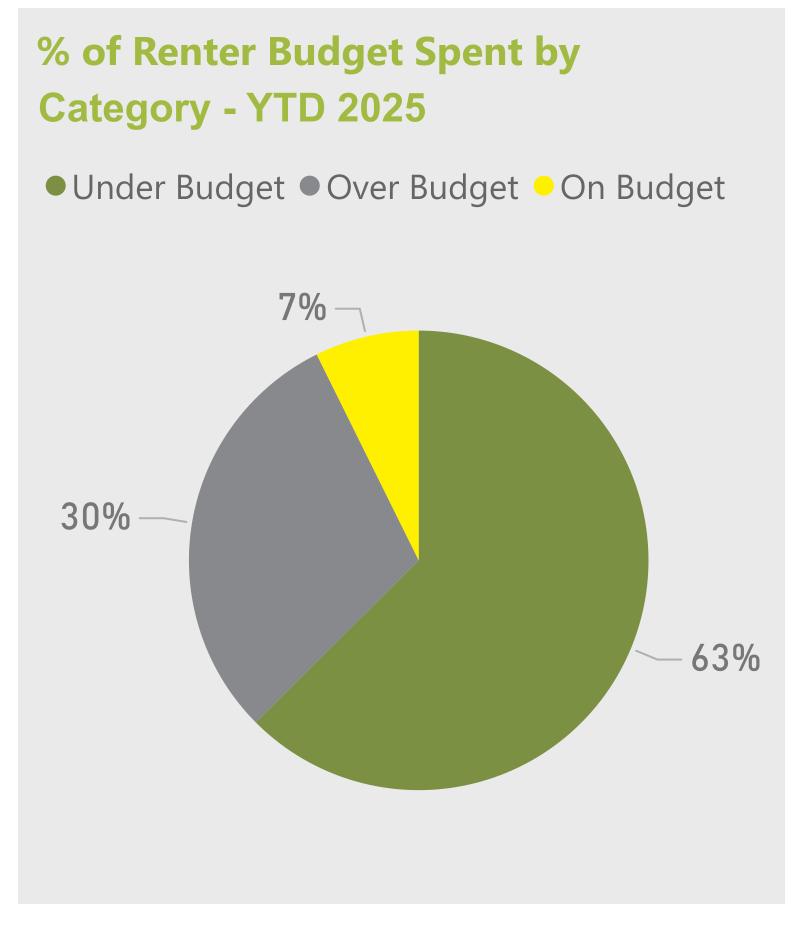
0%
October vs September

### Average % of Rental Budget Spent

100% means renters are spending exactly their budget. Anything over 100% means renters are spending over budget. Under 100% means renters are spending under budget.

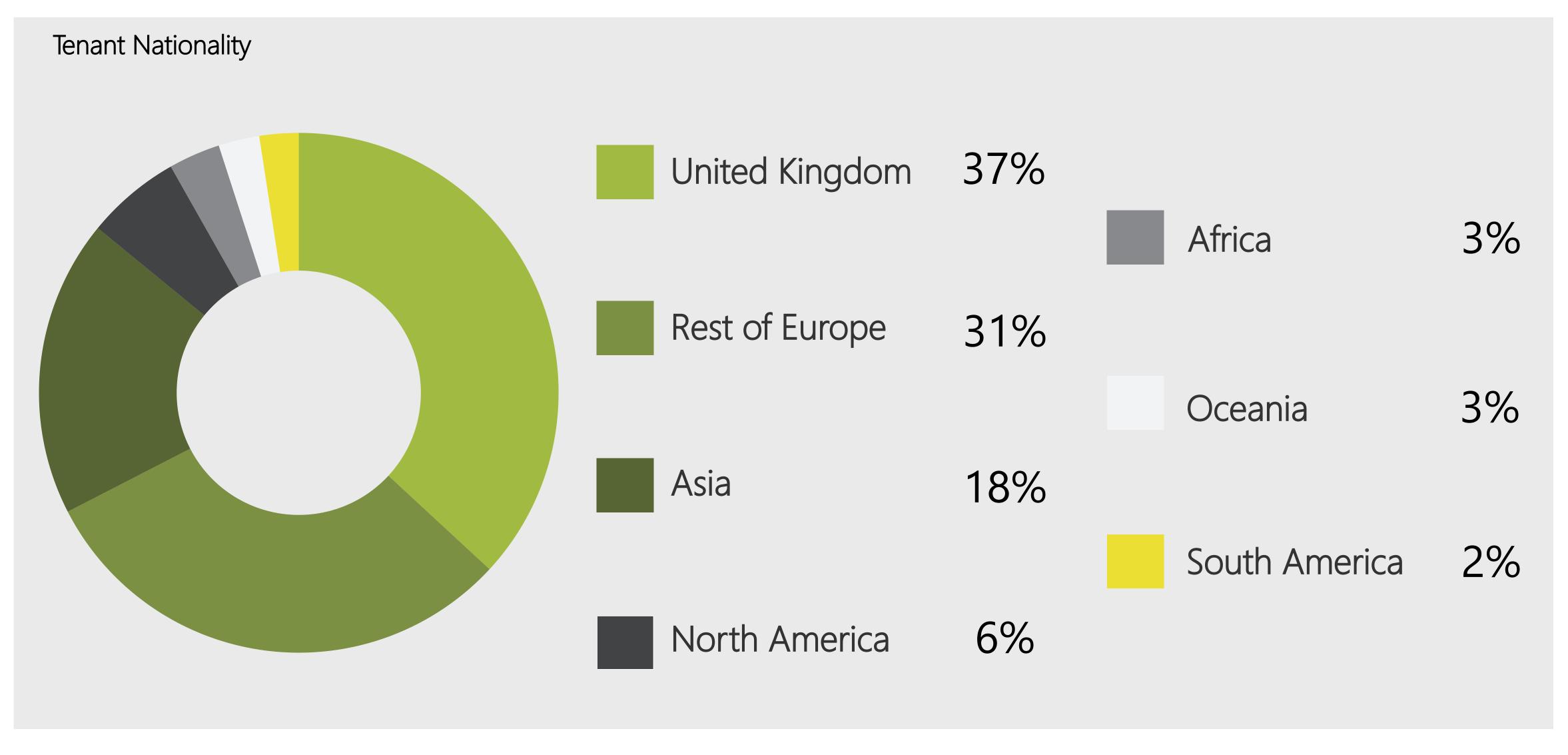


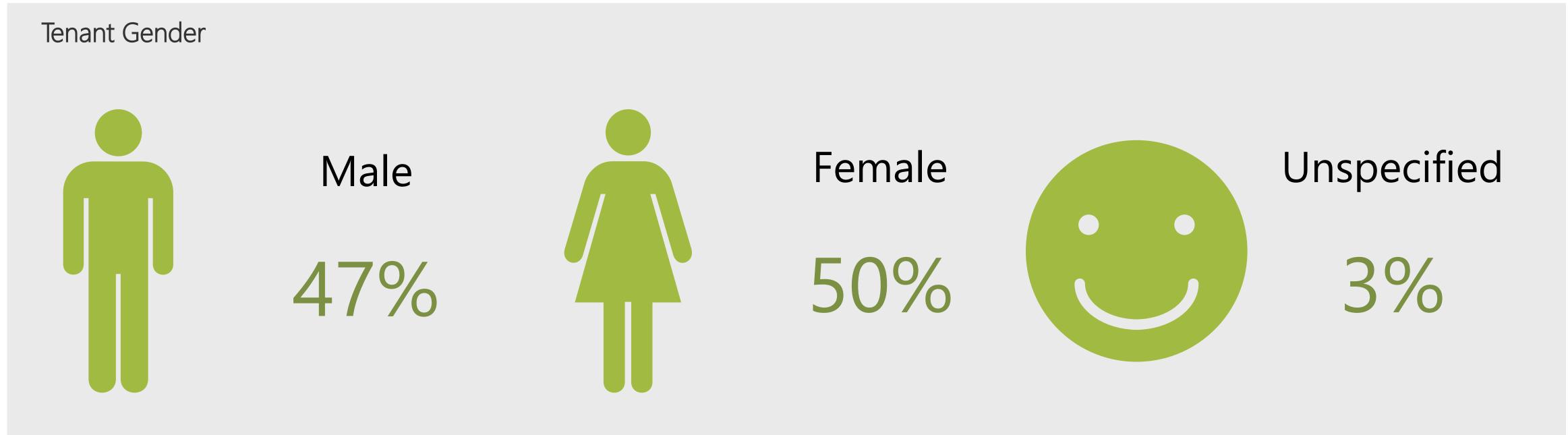


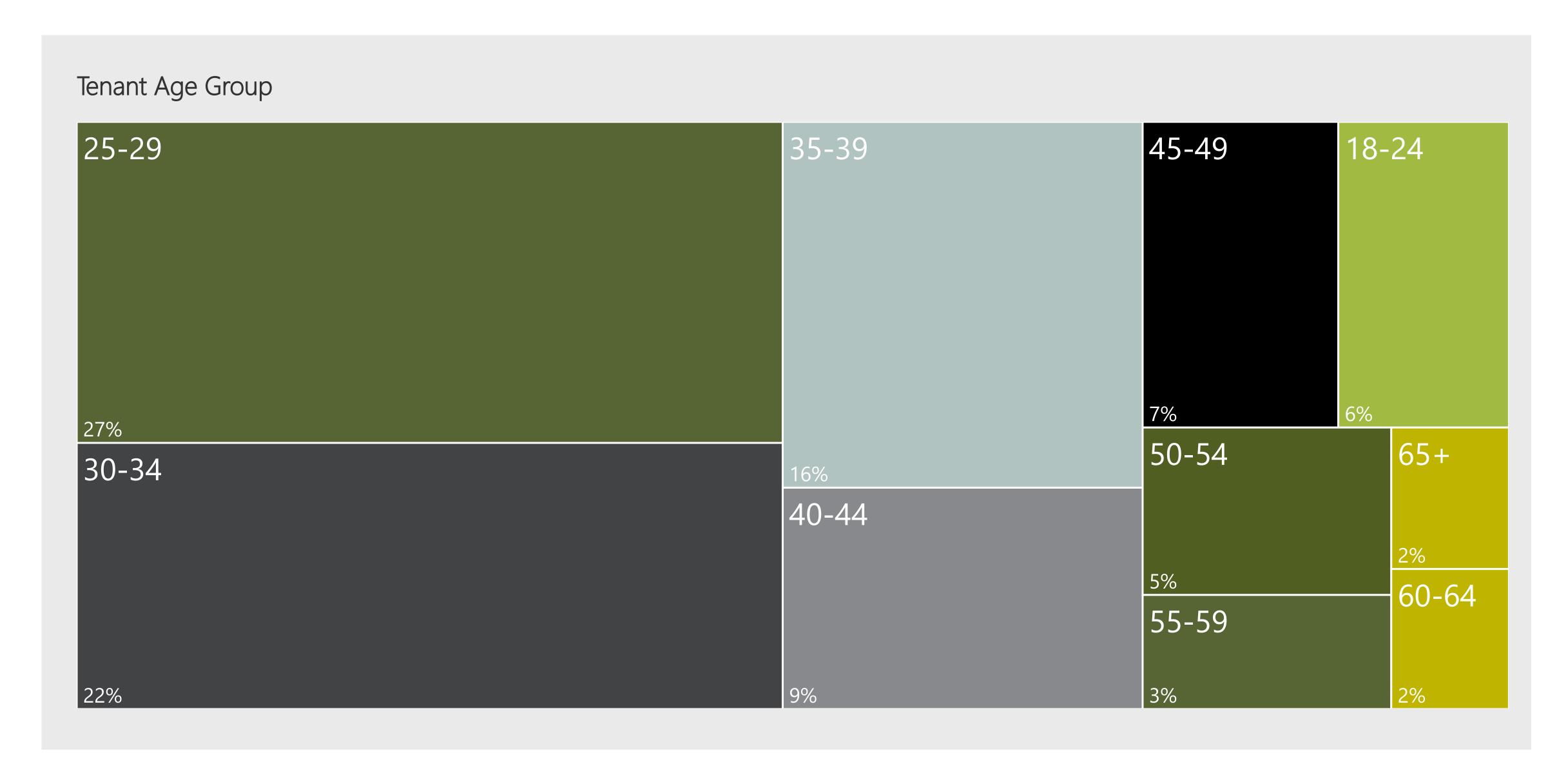




### Tenant Demographics







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### Appendix

Areas defined by Foxtons office groups:

#### **CENTRAL**

Camden

Earls Court

Elephant & Castle

Fulham Broadway

London Bridge

Maida Vale

Marylebone & Mayfair

Notting HIII

Pimlico & Westminster

Sloane Square

South Kensington

St John's Wood

Vauxhall & Oval

West End

#### **EAST**

Blackheath

Bow

Canary Wharf

Clerkenwell

Greenwich

Hackney

Shoreditch

Stratford

Walthamstow

Wapping

Woolwich

#### **NORTH**

Crouch End

Hampstead

Islington

North Finchley

Stoke Newington

Temple Fortune

Willesden Green

Wood Green

Stanmore

#### SOUTH

Balham

Battersea

Brixton

Bromley

Croydon

Crystal Palace

Dulwich

New Malden

Norbury

Peckham

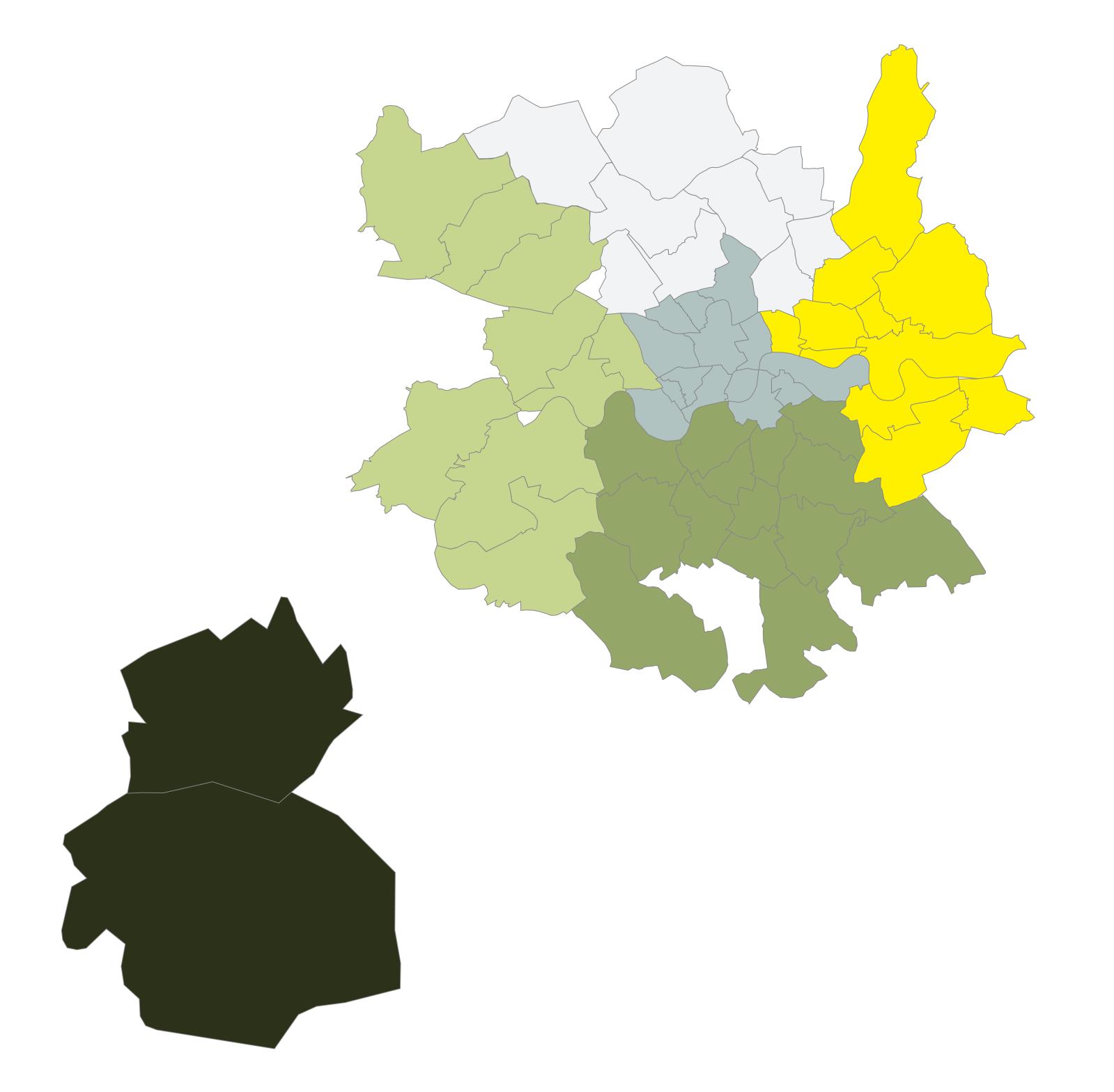
Putney

Streatham

Tooting

Wimbledon





#### **SURREY**

Guildford Woking

#### **WEST**

Chiswick

Ealing

Harrow

Hounslow

Kingston

Pinner

Richmond & Twickenham

Shepherds Bush & Brook Green

Wembley





### Foxtons Specialist Departments

#### **LETTINGS**

Foxtons remains London's leading lettings agent. Over 50,000 tenants register monthly, and our teams work to expand their searches, resulting in thousands of properties successfully let every month.

#### **SALES**

The Foxtons Sales teams are committed to guiding and assisting buyers and sellers across London and the Home Counties, playing a key role in the sale of more than £1 billion worth of property each year.

#### **BUILD TO RENT**

Working alongside developers, our Build to Rent team utilises its years of experience to devise and deliver successful end-to-end lettings strategies, which is why we are the number one London agent for Build to Rent.

#### **NEW HOMES AND INVESTMENTS**

We work directly with prominent developers to assist in the selling of new build properties, and offer expert guidance and consultancy around sourcing land and securing investment.

#### INTERNATIONAL

Our experienced, knowledgeable and diverse in-house International team works with overseas clientele to achieve their property aspirations within one of the world's leading real estate markets.

#### **FOXTONS PRIVATE OFFICE**

Our specialist prime sales and lettings department is made up of our most experienced Managers and Directors, offering a bespoke and personalised service for some of the most desirable properties across London.

#### **SPECIALIST FINANCE**

Working closely with award winning mortgage broker Alexander Hall, our specialist team works with banks, capital markets, debt funds and family offices to secure both debt and equity for real estate projects. https://www.alexanderhall.co.uk/

#### **CONSULTANCY**

By harnessing our unique repository of data, research and industry knowledge, we assist our clients, from developers to investors, so they can extract the most value from their real estate projects.

#### **RESEARCH AND INSIGHTS**

The combination of our unmatched database of people and property, in conjunction with our expert staff, allows us to analyse, understand and predict the inner workings of the London property market.

#### PREMIER CLIENTS

The Premier Clients team consists of expert relationship managers who are dedicated to providing the most comprehensive asset management service to landlords with investment porfolios across London and the Home Counties.

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We let over 17,000 tenancies and manage a further 10,000 Build to Rent and Private Rental Sector properties across London, collecting more than £450 million in rent for our landlords annually. Our professional teams conduct the leasing, maintenance and compliance to protect our landlords' assets.