

Custodian Property Income REIT

Q127 update

Positive, income-led returns in Q127

Custodian Property Income REIT (CREI) generated a 1.8p (1.8%) NAV total return in the three months to 30 June 2026 (Q127) comprising the 1.5p DPS paid and a 0.3p increase in NAV per share to 100p. Portfolio manager Richard Shepherd-Cross describes the occupier market as extremely resilient, reflected in the 1.0% growth in the portfolio rental value, following 3.3% in the year to March. Portfolio valuations increased modestly, despite higher long-term interest rates. The disconnect between the strong underlying fundamentals of UK real estate and investor sentiment for most of the UK-listed sector persists.

Year end	Net rental income (£m)	EPRA earnings (£m)	EPRA EPS (p)	NAV/share (£)	DPS (p)	Yield (%)	P/NAV (x)
3/25	39.5	26.8	6.1	0.96	6.00	7.4	0.85
3/26	42.0	29.0	6.3	1.00	6.00	7.4	0.81
3/27e	45.4	30.7	6.3	1.01	6.00	7.4	0.80
3/28e	46.0	31.2	6.4	1.03	6.00	7.4	0.79

EPRA earnings excludes revaluation gains/losses and other exceptional items. NAV is defined as EPRA net tangible assets (EPRA NTA) throughout this report.

NAV total return has been positive in every quarter since Q4 2024 and was around 10% in both FY25 and FY26. Returns have been driven primarily by dividends, reflecting CREI's higher-yielding, smaller-lot-size strategy, although capital growth has also contributed. The Q127 DPS of 1.5p, fully covered by EPRA earnings, was in line with CREI's target for the year of at least 6.0p in aggregate (FY26: 6.0p). With markets now pricing renewed interest-rate rises and bond yields increasing, further yield-driven valuation gains seem unlikely, at least in the near term. Income growth, delivered through active asset management and rental growth, will therefore be the principal driver of long-term real-estate returns, aligning strongly with CREI's income-focused strategy. In that respect, continuing market rental growth and significant reversionary potential in CREI's portfolio are very positive.

At the end of Q127, the externally assessed estimated rental value (ERV) for the portfolio was £56.1m compared with contracted passing rent of £49.0m. Even allowing for lease incentives (£3.8m at end-FY26), a normal feature of the commercial property market, this represents significant income upside potential to be captured in future leasing events. During Q127, positive leasing activity included one lease re-gear at a new rent that was 4% ahead of ERV; two new leases signed, adding £0.2m of new annual income that was in line with ERV; and two rent reviews at an average of 16% ahead of the previous passing rent and in line with ERV.

In a sector where scale is increasingly demanded, the acquisitions of three privately-held property companies completed in FY26 demonstrated CREI's ability to grow by leveraging its investment strategy and listed real estate investment trust (REIT) structure. These complementary portfolios added £66m of assets to the portfolio (Q127: £672m) and c £5.1m to annual rent roll at the time of acquisition, reflecting an immediately accretive c 7% net initial yield, with further value-creation opportunities through asset and portfolio management. We believe there are clear benefits to many investors in being able to access the commercial property market through a diversified, income-focused and conservatively managed REIT. CREI shares offer an attractive 7.4% dividend yield and, frustrating as the discount to NAV may be, the prospect of a narrowing is a potential source of enhanced shareholder return.

Real estate

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Price **81.20p**

Market cap **£397m**

Net (debt) at 30 June 2026
(excluding restricted cash) £(175.3)m

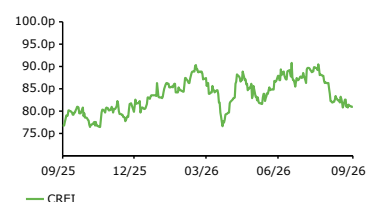
Shares in issue 488.8m

Code CREI

Primary exchange LSE

Secondary exchange N/A

Share price performance



Business description

Custodian Property Income REIT is a London Main Market-listed REIT focused on commercial property in the UK outside London. It is income-focused, with a commitment to pay a high but sustainable and covered dividend.

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