

## Real Estate Strategic Outlook: Germany

### Constructive Economic Outlook

#### Fiscal turnaround to support recovery

The Middle East-related energy shock is expected to exert a temporary drag on the economy; however, supportive fiscal policy should sustain overall activity, with GDP growth projected to reaccelerate to 1.1% by 2027.<sup>1</sup> While industrial production has not yet fully stabilised, recent indicators point to a recovery. Furthermore, the anticipated reform agenda ahead of the summer period and upcoming regional elections may contribute to a revival in economic sentiment.

### Sector Outlook: what and where?

#### Opportunities despite weak sentiment

On the real estate side, transaction liquidity may pause due to geopolitical uncertainty and higher interest rates, but we believe this is only temporary. Fundamentals remain supportive, translating into robust rent growth and international capital continues to see attractive opportunities – a view we fully support.

#### Residential - prime, regional and subsegments

Housing shortages continue to create investment opportunities beyond the traditional multifamily segment. We anticipate sustained rental growth across prime urban markets, albeit increasingly concentrated in optimally configured products, particularly smaller, space-efficient units. In this context, modular construction is expected to gain further prominence.

Beyond core metropolitan areas and their commuter belts, we favour regional cities with strong growth trajectories, such as Leipzig and Münster. At the sub-segment level, opportunities emerge in single family housing as well as alternative living formats, including student housing, co-living, and micro-living. In addition, refurbishment and conversion strategies remain highly attractive.

#### Focus on multi-let logistics

Logistics fundamentals remain healthy across cities, supported by robust occupier demand and low vacancy levels, despite elevated supply in recent years. Additional tailwinds are emerging from increased defence and infrastructure spending as well as the ongoing data centre boom. We expect rental growth to reaccelerate and are increasingly targeting multi-let assets and urban locations.

Key outperformers are likely to be Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich. Our strategy is shifting further towards multi-let logistics, allowing us to capture higher yields and unlock rental growth through active asset management.

#### Office repositioning remains attractive

Office refurbishment could be attractive given the widening spread between prime and average-quality assets. We expect to see more forced sells where banks or owner must exit. This could offer opportunities in light refurb, partly vacant or strong underrented assets in central locations.

Fundamentals remain supportive with falling development pipelines. AI and remote working could further accelerate market polarisation and the ongoing flight to quality, as corporates remain active in upgrading space to attract and retain talent, supporting our mid-term refurbishment strategy. Selective focus on Hamburg, Frankfurt and Munich.

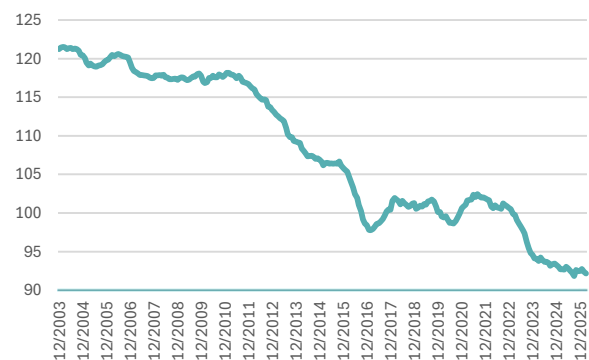
#### Retail parks and hotels with positive fundamentals

Food-anchored retail parks and neighbourhood centres continue to attract strong investor interest, underpinned by resilient income profiles, stable occupier demand and lower operating costs. However, pricing remains elevated for prime, modern assets, resulting in a highly selective investment approach with a clear focus on core locations.

In the hotel sector, fundamentals remain supportive, positively influenced by a temporary shift in travel pattern from outbound Middle East demand. Investment activity is increasingly directed towards leisure-driven destinations and supply-constrained markets, where pricing power and occupancy resilience are robust.

### “Shrinkflation”: Residential Permits

Average unit size, rolling annual (sqm)



Source: Destatis, May 2026

<sup>1</sup> DWS CIO View, May 2026

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