

# Price optimisation and the differential of new and re-sale pricing

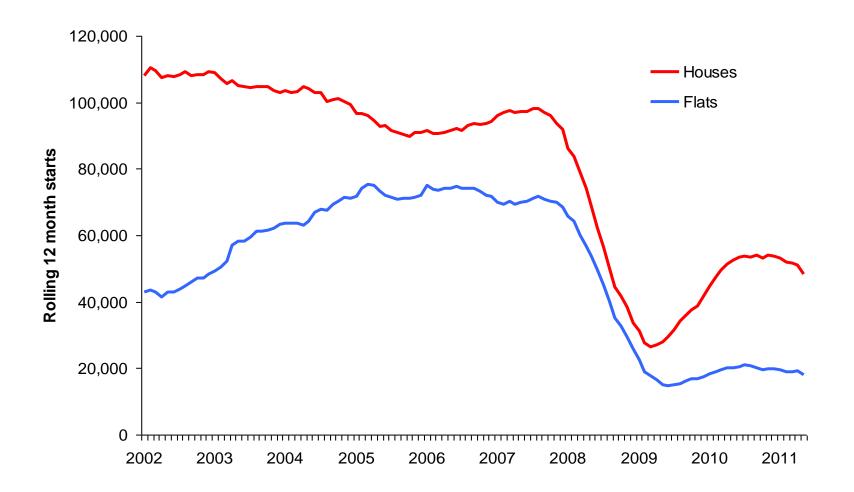
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#### Outline

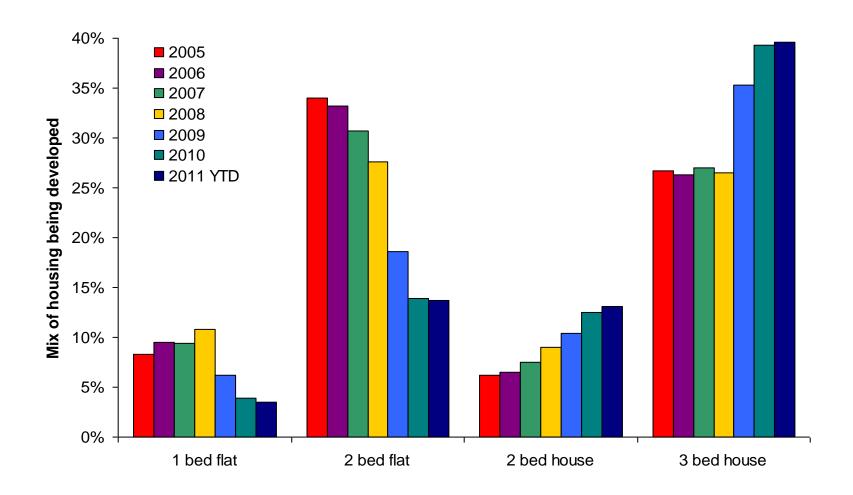
- > National and regional trends in new and re-sale pricing
- > Analysis of new and re-sale differential on £psf basis
- > Implications and outlook

## National and regional trends

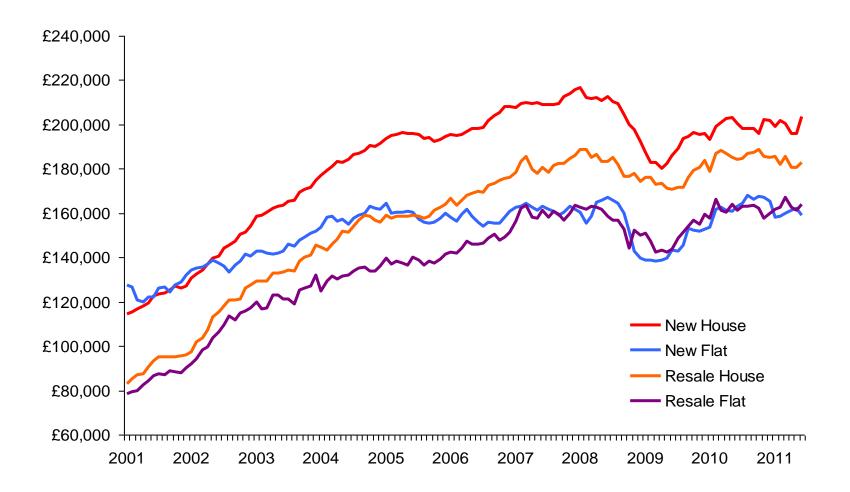
#### Housing starts by type – rolling 12 months total



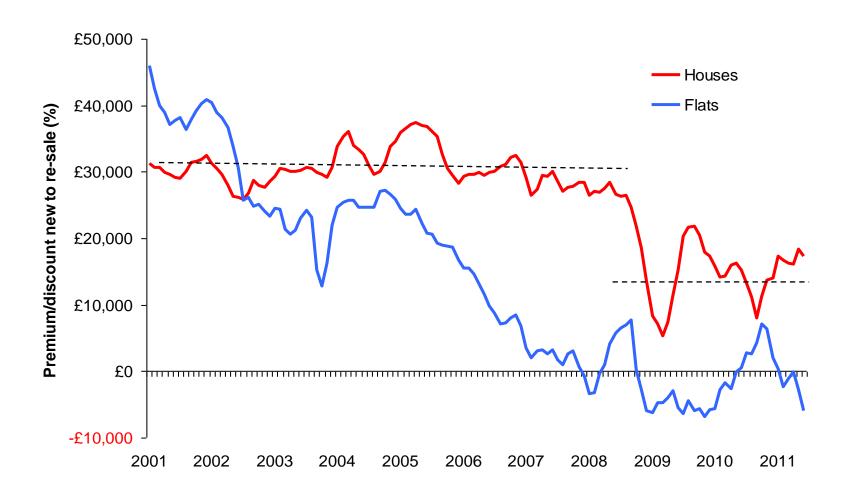
### Mix of private housing starts



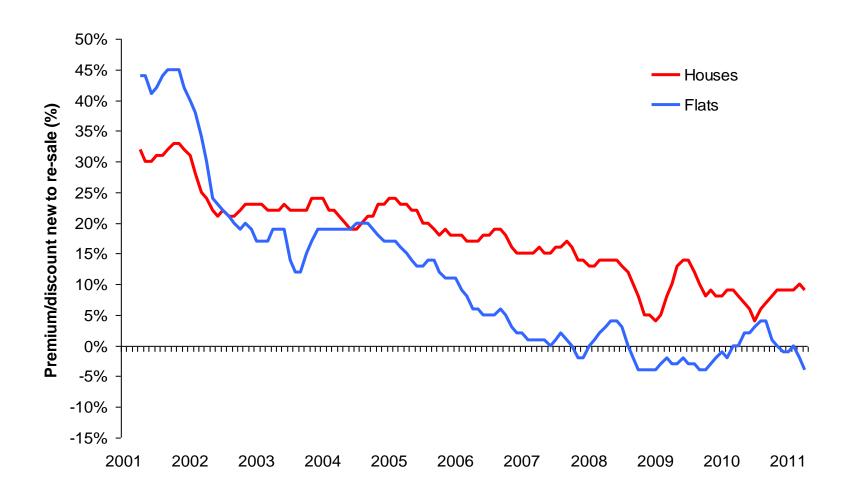
#### New build and re-sale prices – UK



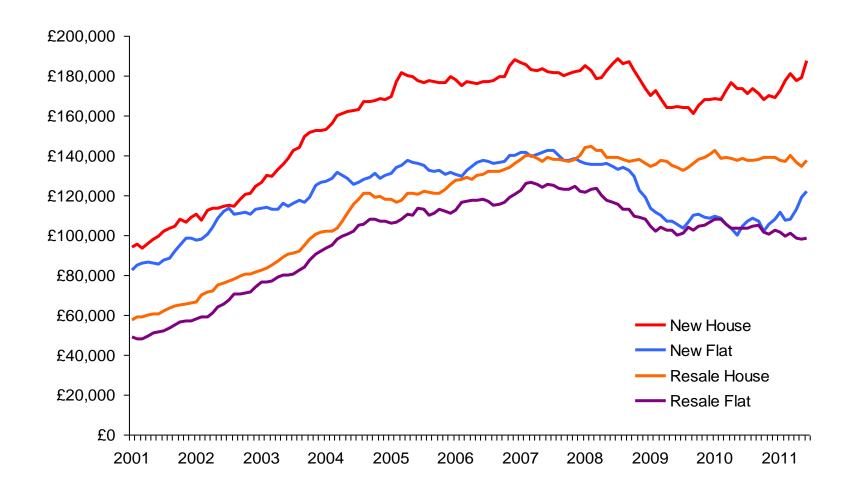
#### Pricing differential re-sale to new build (UK, £ actual)



#### New build differential (%)



#### New build and re-sale prices – North West

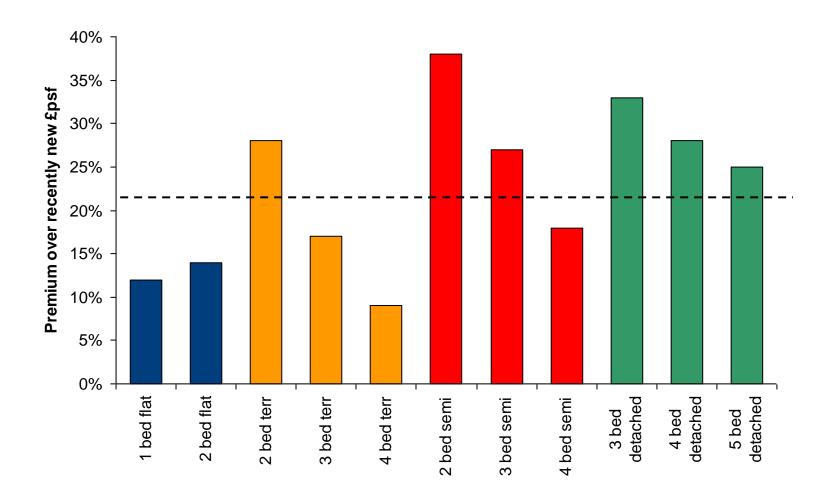


New and re-sale £psf pricing levels

#### Localised £psf pricing analysis

- > Analysis of pricing on schemes currently assessed for land purchase
  - > 375 Developer Pricing Analytics Reports
  - > Supportable values for over 2,500 tranches of property
  - > Enables analysis of new build differential on a £psf basis
  - > Comparison against
    - > all re-sale
    - > 'recently new' up to 5 years old
- > An analysis of inactive or dormant sites is likely to paint a different picture

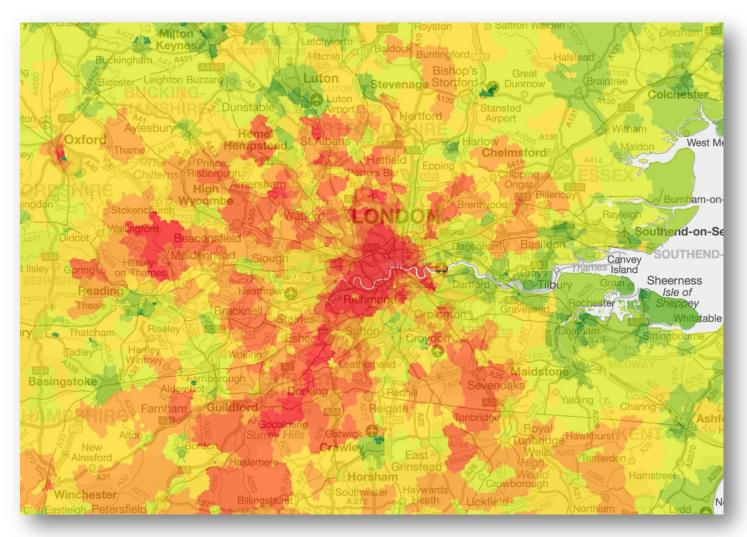
#### £psf % differential by type and size



#### New build premium – new versus re-sale £psf



#### Hometrack target £psf new build pricing model



## Implications and outlook

#### **Observations**

- Demand is prepared to pay a higher price for new build property
- Drivers of the pricing differential
  - > Location
  - > Quality, lower running costs and warranty
  - Scarcity and low turnover
  - Marketing & incentives
- > Lenders focused on 'what premium at brand new' versus in 6 months time
  - > Adjust through valuation process
  - > ... or the maximum LTV
- Differential highly localised and product/type specific

#### Summary

- > Price optimisation strategy working
- Low turnover market to maintain the opportunity
- > How deep is the pool of latent demand for new 2/3 homes?
- > Greater focus on optimising pricing on affordable housing



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