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Asian investors flock to London residential properties market

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A growing number of investors from Asia are choosing London's residential real estate and buy-to-let markets as the safest and most lucrative way to invest their money. According to Trevor Abrahmsohn of Glentree Estates Agents, property prices fell by an average of 10 percent to 15 percent over the course of the financial crisis and many Asian investors are attracted by the lower prices—compared to pre-2008 levels—and the drop in the value of the pound.

Some of the largest players in Britain's residential properties sector are making extra efforts to reach out to investors from Asia. For example, Albany Homes and Glentree Estates both decided to hold presentations in Singapore, in order to market one of their newest residential projects.

London is seen as a stable location for investing, thanks in large part to statistics that show a rising GDP. For example, when the capital is examined on its own, analysts point out that over the next year and a half, the GDP will likely rise by approximately 3.8 percent. This is higher than previous predictions and greater than the expected increases of only around 3% for the United Kingdom overall.

Now also seems like an ideal time to invest in London-area residential properties, particularly for those looking to enter the buy-to-let sector, as analysts predict price increases of over 5 percent next year. Flats for rent saw monthly rental rates rise by 9 percent compared to the fall of 2009, while houses for rent increased by 6 percent.

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