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EQUITIES	Close	Change	% +/-	P/E '07	YTD
ISEQ	8694	↓ -43	-0.49%	11.0	18.07%
FTSE 100	6049	↓ -36	-0.59%	12.4	7.65%
DAX 30	6309	↓ -55	-0.86%	15.0	16.66%
DOW	12222	↓ -5	-0.04%	19.5	13.34%
NASDAQ	2432	↑ 0	-0.02%	15.6	10.27%
S&P	1401	↑ 1	0.08%	21.0	12.50%

CURRENCIES & RATES	Euro	Dollar	Stg	Yen
Euro	1.0000	1.3240	0.6723	153.8200
Dollar	1.3240	1.0000	1.9689	116.1500
Sterling	0.6723	1.9689	1.0000	228.7000
Interest Rates (%)	3.2500	5.2500	4.7500	0.4800
Oil (Nymex)	63.1300			

This Week's Research

BP
UK Coal
McInerney
AIB

Today's Research

Augean

Breaking News

Augean (£1.47) UK leader in hazardous waste Stuart Draper

- Recent investment : Two weeks ago, on 17th November, One Fifty One Ltd, acting through its wholly owned subsidiary, Plunkett Holdings UK Ltd, acquired 13.5m Augean plc shares (20.61% of total in issue), bringing its total Augean shareholding to 23.3%. Augean is the largest hazardous waste management business in the UK, with three major landfill sites, at King's Cliffe, Thornhaugh and Port Clarence.
- Market dominance : Both King's Cliffe and Port Clarence are wide-range hazardous waste landfill sites, and the fact that there are only 6 such sites in the whole of the UK, shows the strength of Augean's position within this market. King's Cliffe is also the nearest major hazardous landfill site to London.
- Shipping expansion : King's Cliffe is a highly engineered site constructed on former agricultural land with a clay base. Its key activities include the disposing of chemicals and asbestos. Thornhaugh is 5 miles away, and was originally a limestone quarry. The key focus of this site is the hazardous waste of the construction industry, including asbestos and gypsum. In contrast, the Port Clarence landfill site is adjacent to Middlesbrough in the North of England. In addition to chemicals and asbestos, its proximity to wharfage facilities on the nearby Tees presents the opportunity to ship in waste at half the cost of haulage from the South of England.
- Void space : Waste management businesses involved in landfill are valued on the basis of the size of their landfill voids, at a rate per cubic metre of landfill void depending on whether the landfill is fully permitted for non-hazardous waste (£5 per cubic metre), fully permitted for hazardous waste (£15 per cubic metre), or an in between state where the landfill has a planning consent for hazardous waste, but is still waiting the necessary full permits (£10 per cubic metre). Augean has landfill voids of 1.8m, 3.2m and 5m cubic metres respectively in each of these 3 different categories, giving total combined landfill value of £107m.
- Attractive upside : Valuing the group's treatment business at 10x current year operating profit (EBITA) of £1.7m, and at an effective forward pe of 15x gives a further £17m of value, which even after deducting the group's net debt of £13m as at 30/06/06, gives total group net asset value of £111m, or £1.71 per each of the 65m shares currently in issue. Therefore, we initiate coverage of Augean with a BUY recommendation and a 12 month price target of £1.70 (16% further upside) : **BUY**.

Breaking News

Glanbia invests €27.1m in Africa and Asia

Glanbia has announced that it is investing a total of €27.1m in its joint venture consumer foods business in Nigeria and in a new nutritional facility near Shanghai in China. The group is investing €22.5m over the next two years in its 50:50 joint venture with PZ Cussons, which supplies evaporated milk and milk powder to the Nigerian market. The investment will be put towards doubling capacity of the evaporated milk facility and developing a second facility to produce a further range of beverages. Glanbia is also investing €4.6m in its first nutritional facility in the Asia Pacific region. The group is currently supplying dairy and non-dairy derived nutritional solutions to the Asian market, particularly aimed at the rapidly growing infant formula sector.

Siteserv acquires Holgate fencing

Yesterday Siteserv bought infrastructure operator Holgate Fencing, a supplier and installer of road crash barriers in Ireland, for €13.25m plus up to €5.75m, based upon financial performance over the next two years. Siteserv said €11.75m of the initial price will be paid in cash, with the remainder coming from the issue of 2,727,273 Siteserv shares at €0.55 each. The additional amounts will be payable based on the financial performance and levels of growth in profitability of Holgate over the next two financial years. The Siteserv ordinary shares being issued as part of the consideration are subject to an eight-month lock-up.

UK house prices up 1.4% in November

UK house price growth accelerated strongly during November, suggesting that the housing market remains very buoyant despite two recent interest rate rises by the Bank of England. Nationwide said house prices rose by 1.4% in November from October for a 9.6% annual increase, the highest annual rise since February 2005. This brings the average UK house price up to £172,185, up from £169,623 in October. In October, house prices rose by 0.7% from September and by 8% from a year earlier.

Business Press

- Oglesby warns of tough conditions (IT)
- African Diamonds wins new licence (IT)
- Dollar in trouble after rush on gold (IT)
- Irish fund pays £400m for famous London landmark (II)

Investment Press

- Airline alliances: Is Iberia wearying of being always a bridesmaid and never a bride? Its chief financial officer said the Spanish flag carrier did not feel tied to British Airways, its 10 per cent shareholder and alliance partner, and did not rule out a tie-up with Air France or Lufthansa



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