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EQUITIES	Close	Change	% +/-	P/E '07	YTD
ISEQ	9470	↑ 0	0.00%	14.1	0.66%
FTSE 100	6449	↑ 31	0.48%	13.2	3.67%
DAX 30	7409	↑ 31	0.42%	14.2	12.31%
DOW	13063	↓ -58	-0.44%	15.2	4.81%
NASDAQ	2525	↓ -32	-1.26%	26.1	4.55%
S&P	1482	↓ -12	-0.78%	15.9	4.52%

CURRENCIES & RATES	Euro	Dollar	Stg	Yen
Euro	1.0000	1.3638	0.6814	163.2200
Dollar	1.3638	1.0000	1.9999	119.6000
Sterling	0.6814	1.9999	1.0000	239.0300
Interest Rates (%)	3.7500	5.2500	5.2500	0.4800
Oil (Nymex)	65.7100			

This Week's Research
Bank of Ireland

Today's Research
Burren Energy

Today's Recommendation

Breaking News

Liberty international reports a 3.7% increase in NAV

British Land peer Liberty International reported a 3.7% increase in NAV for Q1, driven by continued rental growth in regional shopping centers. NAV per share rose to 1376 pence for Q1, from 1,327 pence at the end of 2006, and adjusted diluted earnings per share increased 56% from the year-earlier first quarter to 9.8p. Liberty specializes predominantly in retail property with some office exposure. Liberty's UK regional shopping centers saw a 1.9% valuation increase for the quarter, 25% of which came from underlying rental growth and the remainder from lower investment yields. Non-shopping center properties in the U.K. rose in value by 1.6% and the company's US portfolio saw a revaluation gain of 1.5%.

Waterford Wedgwood release details of open offer

Waterford Wedgwood announced details on their proposed open offer on Friday. The company will hold an EGM on the 24th of May to seek shareholder approval to raise €100m by way of an open offer and placing. The preference shares will be priced at €10 and share and holders will be able to subscribe for 1 new preference share for every 353 ordinary shares held. For the first five years shareholders will receive a quarterly dividend by way of a bonus issue of 0.02125 new preference shares, with a cash payment of €0.2125 been paid every quarter after this.

Irish credit growth slows due to fall off in mortgage lending

Irish private sector credit grew 23.2% in March on the year, down from 24.8% growth in February, and the lowest rate of growth in three years due to a falloff in mortgage lending, the Central Bank of Ireland announced yesterday. Growth in non-mortgage credit has remained above 30% since June 2006: the adjusted annual growth rate of 30.7% in March was virtually unchanged from February's 30.8%. The annual increase in outstanding indebtedness of credit cards reached nearly 20% in March, its highest rate since April 2003, versus 18.6% in February. The pace of increase in outstanding residential mortgages eased again in March by nearly 1%. Adjusted residential mortgage growth was 22% in March, the lowest rate since February 2002, down from a revised 22.9% in February.

Burren Energy (£8.06) Corporate activity potential Stuart Draper

- Debt free : Burren Energy's cash balance was \$202m as at 31/12/06. Since then, in a deal with ENI, it has increased its stake in its Congo fields by 5.5%, implying a current net cash balance of c.\$30m. Even allowing for expected 2007 capital expenditure of \$230m, this net cash balance is forecast to increase to c.\$80m as at 31/12/07 as a result of 2007 operating cashflow after dividends of c.\$280m.
- Corporate potential : Such a strong operating cashflow, which is forecast to be equally strong in 2008, would facilitate an acquisition spend of up to \$500m to boost the group's earnings and reserves growth prospects. There is also the potential that if Burren itself does not utilise this gearing capacity that one of the major oil companies makes a takeover approach, particularly given the majors' current large cash balances.
- Proven reserves : This is because Burren's current proven and probable (2P) reserves are 210.8m bbls, split c.50:50 between its Turkmenistan and Congo production bases. These reserves increase to c.262.8m bbls, once the recovery on the M'Boundi (Congo) field increases from 23% to 30% as a result of the successful implementation of a water injection programme.
- Reserve value : Currently Burren's fully diluted number of shares in issue is 144m, which at a share price of £8.06 and a EUR/GBP FX rate of 2, gives enterprise value (EV) of \$2,291m, when the current net cash of \$30m is deducted, implying EV per barrel of oil equivalent (boe) of \$8.72.
- Peer discount : This valuation is c.13% lower than the peer sector average EV/boe of c.\$10, with peers such as JKN Oil & Gas and Melrose Resources trading at an EV/boe of c.\$15 and Cairn Energy trading at an EV/boe of c.\$20. A 12 month share price target for Burren of £9 (12% upside) would value the group's 2P reserves at a conservative \$9.75 per boe.
- Earnings value : Such a share price target also appears achievable by reference to the standard earnings based valuations, as it would value Burren Energy at 9.2x consensus 2007 eps of 98p, and at a EV/EBITDA multiple of 6.8x consensus 2007 EBITDA of \$379m.
- Upcoming catalysts : Burren is also expected to pay a current year dividend of c.13p per share, representing a yield of c.2% on the current share price. Potential catalysts for the Burren share price over the next 3 months include its AGM statement on 23/05/07 and its H1 trading statement on 16/07/07 : BUY.

Business Press

- Online poker boom helps 888 boost yearly profits 34% (FT)
- Oil falls below \$68 on profit taking (II)
- Finavera gets US go ahead (II)

Investment Press

- Gaming stocks' revival: Until recently, the share price charts of internet gaming stocks were among the ugliest the London market has produced for a while. But since March they have begun tentatively to recover.

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