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EQUITIES	Close	Change	% +/-	P/E '07	YTD	
ISEQ	9801	↑	0	0.00%	14.1	4.18%
FTSE 100	6604	↑	0	0.00%	13.2	6.16%
DAX 30	7526	↑	9	0.12%	14.2	14.08%
DOW	13313	↑	48	0.36%	15.2	6.82%
NASDAQ	2571	↑	-1	-0.05%	26.1	6.44%
S&P	1509	↑	4	0.26%	15.9	6.43%

CURRENCIES & RATES	Euro	Dollar	Stg	Yen
Euro	1.0000	1.3522	0.6797	162.0800
Dollar	1.3522	1.0000	1.9898	119.8400
Sterling	0.6797	1.9898	1.0000	238.4800
Interest Rates (%)	3.7500	5.2500	5.2500	0.4800
Oil (Nymex)	61.4700			

**This Week's Research**

**Today's Research**

**Breaking News**

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**Deutsche Bank announce pre tax profit of €3.163bn**

Deutsche Bank announced Q1 pretax profit rose to €3.163bn from €2.601bn, exceeding analysts' forecasts, on strong investment income. Net profit after minorities increased to €2.121bn from €1.636bn, as total revenues rose to €9.576bn from €8.013bn. Deutsche Bank said its pretax return on equity, excluding significant one-off gains, came to 41% for the quarter, clearly ahead of the bank's long-standing target of an annual pretax return on equity of 25%. Q1 loan loss provisions increased to €98m from an exceptionally low €9m in the same period last year. Deutsche Bank's corporate and investment banking division posted 18% higher net revenues of €6.7bn, while pretax profit rose 11% to €2.4bn. The group CEO said the US economy remains fundamentally resilient and growth momentum in Europe appears solid, as sustained strength and optimism in the German economy continues to contribute positively to the Eurozone.

**Adidas results come in ahead of expectations**

Adidas said Q1 net profit fell 11.1% to €128m as the company invested more in new marketing campaigns and product development at its troubled Reebok unit. The result beat a €123.08m average forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial News. Sales rose to €2.538bn in the quarter from €2.459bn a year earlier. Order backlog, a key indicator of future sales growth rose 7% at the Adidas brand and 3% at the Reebok brand, marking the first year-on-year increase at Reebok since Adidas bought the unit last year. Sales at Reebok jumped 15%, adjusted for exchange rate fluctuations, because the year-earlier period included only figures for February and March. Sales at the Adidas brand rose 2 pct on a currency-neutral basis, while revenue at the TaylorMade golf equipment unit fell 10% after the company last year sold its Greg Norman Collection apparel business. Adidas said it still expects full-year net profit to gain about 15%, with sales rising at a 'mid-single-digit' percentage rate.

**Standard life post a 40% increase in Q1 sales**

Standard Life reported a better-than-expected 40% increase in Q1 sales, buoyed by strong demand for pension products in the UK. Standard Life, the UK's fifth-biggest insurer, said sales in the three months to March 31 came in at £3.915bn on a present value of new business premiums basis, up from £2.802bn in the same period last year. Analysts had expected sales of £3.664bn. The improvement was driven by the core UK operation, where sales of life and pension products were up 52% on the year at £3.22bn, well ahead of the £2.889bn pencilled in by analysts. Standard Life, which demutualised and floated on the stock market in July last year, has been cutting costs and focusing on profitable individual pension products since transforming itself into a public company. The insurer said sales of self-invested personal pensions rose 117% to £1.233bn in the first quarter.

**EU commission extend investigation in Aer Lingus takeover**

The European Commission has extended its investigation into the hostile takeover bid made by Ryanair for Aer Lingus. The Commission moved the deadline for its ruling on the proposal until 4 July, saying that another 15 days were needed to evaluate an offer to make changes to the deal. The investigation was launched in December 2006. Less than 1% of Aer Lingus shareholders accepted Ryanair's offer. In related news Aer Lingus announced today that it carried 779,000 passengers in April, 2.4% more than a year earlier, but increased capacity meant its planes were not as full. The former state airline said its load factor was 78% last month compared with 82.8% in April 2006. On short-haul flights the load factor dipped to 75.7% from 80.3% while on long-haul the factor slipped to 81% of capacity from 85.7%.

**EasyJet traffic figures show decline in load factor**

EasyJet announced it carried 3,133,725 passengers in April 2007, compared with 2,848,065 in the same period last year. The airline reported a load factor of 83.1% for April 2007, from 86.4% last year. The airline said that for the rolling 12 months ending April 2007, it carried 34,831,219, compared with 31,331,115 passengers last year. Andy Harrison, Chief Executive said guidance for the full year to September 2007 remains unchanged, as it expects pretax profit growth of 40% to 50%.

**Business Press**

- ABN Amro rejects \$24.5bn offer for US banks (IT)
- Murdoch firm sells 7.5pc Fairfax stake (II)
- Puma running scared over decline in US orders and profit forecasts (IE)
- Cemex clears hurdle on Rinker (FT)

**Investment Press**

- Introducing Thomson-Reuters: The deal is not yet done. But what was described as a "preliminary approach" has rapidly turned into discussions of a 705p a share cash-and-stock offer for Reuters by Canada's Thomson.

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