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Market View

Analyst: Brian Gallagher

European equity markets are marginally lower this morning as investors digest news that Germany continues to favour IMF assistance for Greece over unilateral intervention by the EU. Michael Meister, the chief finance spokesperson for Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic Party stated that attempting a Greek bailout without the IMF "would be a very daring experiment". The news has caused the euro to trade weaker against its main currency pairs. In the UK, it emerged yesterday that the FSA is seeking new powers and funding in order to increase its oversight of the UK banking and financial services sector. This will put further pressure on UK banks who are already facing regulatory headwinds from the introduction of higher capital ratios as a result of the review of the Basel Accord. In the commodities space, oil has given back some of yesterday's gains which were a result of positive comments from OPEC who meet in Vienna to decide on its production quotas. The cartel which controls approximately 40% of the world's oil supply, decided to keep its output unchanged stating that oil prices are well balanced at current levels. On the economic front today, we are expecting more inflation data from the US in the form of CPI. This will follow yesterday's softer than anticipated PPI data which supported the Federal Reserve's view that it is still too early to move on interest rates. Finally the market will be watching Philadelphia Fed's Manufacturing Index and Initial Jobless Claims for a further insight on the strength of the US recovery.

CRH: Buy **Previous Close** €18.76 **Target** €20.50 **Analyst** Stephen Taylor

HeidelbergCement reported full year 2009 results. Operating profit declined to €1.32bn from €2.15bn last year and broadly in line with analyst expectations. Revenue declined to €11.1bn from €14.2bn. The company reduced net debt by €3.2bn and gearing now stands at 76.5%. In relation to its outlook, the group expects the global economy to recover slowly. The company anticipates US and European volumes to be down in the first half of the year with the US market recovering in the second half of the year. Heidelberg expects cement prices to remain stable.

Separately, building materials companies got a boost yesterday after the US congress approved a jobs bill that would increase highway spending and the American Road & Transport Builders Association said that contract awards for transportation increased 30% in January and February. The jobs bill that was passed by the Senate yesterday will transfer about \$20bn in tax revenue into the government's highway trust fund while expanding subsidies for bonds financing school construction and energy-related projects.

Kingspan: Neutral **Previous Close** €6.28 **Analyst** Stephen Taylor

SIG, the insulation group and peer of Kingspan, has reported full year sales of £2.7bn, down 10% on last year. The composition of such was a modest sales increase of 2% in its mainland Europe division, while it's UK and Ireland operations posted a 21% decline. Underlying profit before tax fell 56% to £61m, in line with market expectations. The group's net debt has fallen to £254m from £697m in 2008, primarily driven by the raising of £325m via a share placing and continued intense focus on cash generation. In terms of outlook, management have guided that the extreme cold weather conditions in January and February have resulted in a particularly slow start to 2010. It is now management's view that the shape of the year will be weighted towards the second half of the year and pre tax profit for the first six months will be below the result for the equivalent period last year.



International Equity Markets

Index	Value	1-Day	YTD
ISEQ	3,123	2.6%	4.8%
FTSE	5,645	0.4%	4.1%
Dow Jones	10,734	0.4%	2.9%
S&P	1,166	0.6%	4.6%
Nikkei	10,847	1.2%	1.9%
Stoxx 50	2,931	0.9%	-1.5%

Sector Performances

Sector	Index	1-Day	YTD
Construction	279	2.0%	0.9%
Technology	211	1.3%	13.8%
Oil & Gas	335	1.3%	0.8%
Financials	224	1.6%	0.5%
Retail	259	0.9%	6.1%
Food & Drink	322	0.2%	5.6%

Commodity Prices

Commodity	Index	1-Day	YTD
Crude Oil	82.9	1.5%	1.8%
Copper	341.8	1.6%	1.0%
Gold	1,120.4	-0.7%	2.2%
Silver	17.5	1.0%	3.2%
Wheat	496.0	1.8%	-11.7%
Cattle	94.0	0.4%	7.2%

Currency Exchange Rates

Currency	Index	1-Day	YTD
€/\$	1.374	-0.2%	4.8%
€/£	0.896	-0.8%	-1.1%
£/\$	1.533	0.5%	6.1%
\$/JPY	90.300	0.0%	3.2%
€/JPY	124.060	-0.2%	8.2%
€/SFR	1.448	-0.3%	2.6%

5Yr Credit Spreads

Product	Index	1-Day	YTD
Invest Grade	71.1	-2.6%	3.0%
High Yield	413.1	-2.3%	-1.5%
Financials	76.1	-3.0%	8.2%
BoI	200.7	-0.9%	-17.6%
AIB	211.1	-0.6%	-23.2%
RBS	136.6	-2.1%	-1.1%

Money Market Rates

Rate	EUR	UK	US
Overnight	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%
3-Month	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%
1-Year	1.1%	0.8%	0.5%
2-Year	1.5%	1.6%	1.1%
5-Year	2.4%	2.9%	2.6%
10-Year	3.3%	3.9%	3.7%

Date	Company	Region	Event
18/03/2010	HeidelbergCement AG	DE	FINAL
18/03/2010	National Bank of Greece SA	GR	Q4
18/03/2010	Titan Cement Company S.A.	GR	Q4
18/03/2010	Benetton Group SpA	IT	Q4
18/03/2010	Collins Stewart Plc	GB	PRELIM
18/03/2010	Greggs PLC	GB	PRELIM
18/03/2010	Savills Plc	GB	PRELIM
19/03/2010	Allianz SE	DE	FINAL
19/03/2010	Headlam Group PLC	GB	PRELIM
19/03/2010	T Clarke PLC	GB	PRELIM
19/03/2010	Theolia SA	FR	S/HOLDERS
22/03/2010	Dyckerhoff AG	DE	FINAL
22/03/2010	A.G. Barr PLC	GB	PRELIM
22/03/2010	Zenergy Power Plc	GB	PRELIM
22/03/2010	Wolseley plc	GB	Q2
22/03/2010	Tiffany & Co.	US	Q4
23/03/2010	Metro AG	DE	FINAL
23/03/2010	WestLB AG	DE	Q4
23/03/2010	Irish Continantal Group	IE	PRELIM
23/03/2010	Imperial Tobacco Group PLC	GB	TRADE
23/03/2010	Cairn Energy PLC	GB	PRELIM
23/03/2010	CBG Group Plc	GB	PRELIM

Date	Event	Region	Estimate
18/03/2010	ECB Euro-Zone Current Account	EC	--
18/03/2010	Public Sector Net Borrowing	UK	--
18/03/2010	M4 Money Supply (MoM)	UK	--
18/03/2010	Euro-Zone Trade Balance	EC	--
18/03/2010	Consumer Price Index (MoM)	US	--
18/03/2010	Initial Jobless Claims	US	--
19/03/2010	Producer Prices (MoM)	GE	--
19/03/2010	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	US	--
19/03/2010	Euro-Zone Consumer Confidence	EC	--
22/03/2010	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	US	--
22/03/2010	Euro-Zone Consumer Confidence	EC	--
23/03/2010	CPI (MoM)	UK	--
23/03/2010	RPI (MoM)	UK	--
23/03/2010	House Price Index MoM	US	--
23/03/2010	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	US	--
23/03/2010	Existing Home Sales MoM	US	--
23/03/2010	ABC Consumer Confidence	US	--
24/03/2010	PMI Manufacturing	GE	--
24/03/2010	PMI Services	GE	--
24/03/2010	IFO - Business Climate	GE	--
24/03/2010	PMI Services	EC	--
24/03/2010	PMI Manufacturing	EC	--

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