

DOLMEN WEEKLY TRADER



Weekly Market Commentary March 29th 2010

We expect equity markets to nudge higher this week as we enter the final trading week of the first quarter. Improving economic trends, this time seen in Europe last week, with positive IFO and PMI figures and stability among sovereign debt should lead to the risk trade remaining on in markets and therefore push equity markets slightly higher. Given the rally we have had in March, we are recommending a market neutral approach to equities with our preferred higher beta sectors continuing to be Technology and Energy in addition to adding positions to the more defensive Healthcare sector. Our conviction currency trade on the week is to go long \$/JPY as the improvements seen in the US economy and continued deflationary concerns in Japan should see the currency pair trade higher. We have become more neutral on the €/\$ as the bailout announcement for Greece last week will provide some support for the single currency. Crude oil remains our preferred commodity and we recommend getting long between the \$79-\$80 a barrel level. As for the week ahead from an Irish perspective the main focus will be on Irish banking results and the potential recapitalisation announcement. Internationally with Q1 results still a number of weeks away the main focus will be on economic data out of the US. We expect consumer confidence data for March to show a sharp rebound from the weak reading in February. The key event of the week however will be the nonfarm payrolls report on Friday which is expected to show job growth of close to 200,000 boosted by increase in temporary workers related to the annual census.

Trading Recommendations

Smurfit Kappa - Buy Previous close (€6.02) Target (€7.25) **Analyst:** Edward Keeling

Costs: Input costs have risen more sharply than expected since the New Year reflecting adverse weather conditions and stronger than expected Chinese demand.

Margins: This will lead to unavoidable margin pressure for Smurfit Kappa as there is an industry lag of c.6 months before full integrated box producers such as Smurfit can pass cost increases through.

Valuation: Smurfit Kappa is currently trading on a forward EV/EBITDA multiple of 5.4x (compared with historical sector multiples of 7x). Such a multiple more than incorporates the current risks to consensus estimates.

Balance Sheet: Net debt/EBITDA 4x at its full year results and set to move towards to 3x by year end. Debt maturity profile is favourable with no significant debt maturing until 2013.

Risks: Fails to pass through higher corrugated box prices.

Next Catalyst: Peer Stora Enso interim review: 22nd April.

Pfizer - Buy Previous close (\$17.14) Target (\$20.00) **Analyst:** Stephen Taylor

Description : Pfizer is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world developing and marketing medicines for humans and animals. The group offers products that range from cardiovascular to central nervous system disorders.

Valuation : Pfizer's valuation looks compelling trading at just under 8x 2010 earnings and an EV/EBITDA of 5x. The stock also pays an attractive dividend yield of c. 4%.

Risks : Increasing pressures from generic competition has the potential to weigh on earnings.

Synergies : Synergies from Wyeth acquisition should continue to feed through in 2010.

Next Catalyst : Pfizer are due to report earnings at the end of April 28th (est).

Irish Bank Results

Analyst: Oliver Gilvarry

This week the Irish banking system starts the process of recovery. A number of Irish banks report and the haircuts on the first loans moved to NAMA should be announced. Bank of Ireland will release results for the period to December 2009 on Wednesday. We expect an underlying loss of €1.507bn and operating profit before impairments of €900m. We still expect the impairment charge over the period to be €8.427bn. Of key focus in the results will be guidance on impairments over the next number of years and the capital alternatives for the bank. On the same day the Regulator is expected to announce the new capital levels required by Irish banks on Tuesday with the Minister for Finance due to make a speech on the Irish banking system in the Dáil around 5.00pm. Also next week Anglo Irish Bank will release results for the 15-month period to December 2009 on Wednesday, expected to report the largest ever loss in Irish corporate history. Overall, the detail given this week will provide more clarity on the Irish banking system and will be the beginning of the recovery in the system.

Result Presentations

Last week senior management from **Glanbia, Grafton Group, Kingspan and Independent News & Media** presented their recent results to our research and sales teams. A common takeaway from all four presentations was the continued weakness of the Irish economy. Furthermore, the respective firms gave quite a downbeat and pessimistic outlook for their Irish operations in 2010. Despite this, the updates did provide a valuable insight on the recovery in the UK with Grafton Group and Kingspan stating that they are seeing further signs of improvement in the UK housing market. Glanbia also provided us with an update on the progress of its negotiations with the Co-Op on a deal, which if completed, would provide the PLC with a greater ability to focus on its growing products and markets. Finally, Independent News & Media met with us only hours after selling its UK assets to Alexander Lebedev. They are now confident that they can look forward with greater confidence having restructured the company's debt.

This Week's Market Events

MONDAY

Corporate

Kenmare Resources PLC, Fiat SpA, Petrofac Ltd, Apollo Grp

Economics

M4 Money Supply UK, Business Climate Indicator EC, Euro-Zone Consumer Confidence EC, Personal Income US, PCE Deflator US, PCE Core US, Consumer Price Index GE, Dallas Fed Manf. Activity US

TUESDAY

Corporate

Wendel SA, McInerney Holdings PLC, Banco Popolare Sc, SAS AB, Swiss Life Holding AG, Babcock International Group PLC, Asterand Plc, Kazakhmys PLC, Zurich Financial Services AG

Economics

GDP UK, Current Account UK, S&P/CaseShiller Home Price Ind US, Consumer Confidence US, ABC Consumer Confidence US

WEDNESDAY

Corporate

Theolia SA, Aareal Bank AG, 3U Holding AG, Compass Group PLC, Enterprise Inns PLC, Northern Foods Plc, Xyratex Ltd, Finnair Oyj

Economics

Unemployment Rate GE, Euro-Zone Unemployment Rate EC, Euro-Zone CPI Estimate EC, MBA Mortgage Applications US, ADP Employment Change US, Chicago Purchasing Manager US, Factory Orders US

THURSDAY

Corporate

Mothercare PLC, MAN SE

Economics

PMI Manufacturing GE, PMI Manufacturing EC, PMI Manufacturing UK, Initial Jobless Claims US, ISM Manufacturing US, Construction Spending US

FRIDAY

Corporate

No Announcements

Economics

Change in Nonfarm Payrolls US, Unemployment Rate US

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