

DOLMEN STOCKBROKERS **WEEKLY OUTLOOK**

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Equity markets encountered significant resistance last week as they attempted to break above their recent highs. While corporate news flow was in-line with expectations e.g. Microsoft. Northern Rock, stronger than expected US data and a firmer oil price acted as resistance points for the markets. The economic data releases out of the US, particularly the housing numbers, came in stronger than expected with the result that the bond market endured a torrid week as expectations of a rate cut by the Fed totally evaporated. This bond weakness fed into equities and after a strong start to the week equity markets finished at there lows for the week. The main focus for markets this week will be the Fed which is expected to announce no change in rates on Wednesday after its two day meeting, however once again the wording of the statement will be analysed closely for any future policy direction, particularly in the area of inflation targeting. Equity markets are in need of some direction after a rather range-bound first month of the year but whether the Fed will give this direction remains to be seen.

The Week Ahead

Economic Calendar

Date	Region	Event	Period	Consensus	Prior
30/01/2007	UK	GfK Consumer Confidence Survey	JAN	-9	-8
30/01/2007	US	GDP Annualized	4Q A	3.00%	2.00%
31/01/2007	US	Fed's Open Market Committee Meets on Interest Rates, Economy			
31/01/2007	US	FOMC Rate Decision Expected	Jan-31	5.25%	5.25%
01/02/2007	US	PCE Deflator (YoY)	DEC	2.20%	1.90%
01/02/2007	US	PCE Core (MoM)	DEC	0.20%	0.00%
01/02/2007	US	PCE Core (YoY)	DEC	2.30%	2.20%
01/02/2007	US	Pending Home Sales MoM	DEC	0.80%	-0.50%
01/02/2007	US	ISM Manufacturing	JAN	51.8	51.4
01/02/2007	US	ISM Prices Paid	JAN	47	47.5
01/02/2007	US	EIA Natural Gas Storage Change	Jan-26	--	-179
02/02/2007	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	JAN	145k	167k
02/02/2007	US	Unemployment Rate	JAN	4.50%	4.50%
02/02/2007	US	Factory Orders	DEC	1.80%	0.90%
02/02/2007	US	U. of Michigan Confidence	JAN F	97.7	98

Corporate Calendar

Date	Region	Company	Event
30/01/2007	GB	Prudential	Final new business figures
31/01/2007	GB	BSkyB	H1 earnings
31/01/2007	GB	Friends Provident	Final new business figures
31/01/2007	IRE	Tullow Oil	Final trading update
31/01/2007	GB	Vodafone	Q3 key performance indicators
01/02/2007	GB	AstraZeneca	Final earnings results
01/02/2007	GB	Rio Tinto	Final earnings results
01/02/2007	GB	Royal Dutch Shell	Q4 earning results
02/02/2007	GB	British Airways	Q3 earnings

Current Trading Ideas

Trading ideas	
<p>Aviva Last rec @ £8.32 Current: £8.36 Target: £9.00 Stop-loss: £8.05</p>	<p>Tomorrow week, 6th February, Aviva will announce its sales results for the 3 months ended 31/12/06. We are forecasting total life and pension sales, on an annual premium equivalent (APE) basis of £780m, representing overall year on year growth of 4.4%. This growth will have been driven by particularly strong growth in sales of single premium products in the UK (10%), Italy (48%) and Ireland (101%). The Q4 2006 sales result compares with a very strong prior year comparative for Q4 2005 of £747m, and would still mean that overall group sales growth of 15% was generated for full year 2006. Aviva is guiding further strong sales growth of between 15% and 20% for 2007, which should be boosted by the group's August 2006 acquisition of US life insurer, AmerUs Group, for \$2.9 bn in cash. Given that Aviva's forecast 2006 return on embedded value of 16.8% is 21% stronger than the UK sector average of 13.9%, its price to embedded value (EV) should trade at a similar premium. Therefore, our current 12-month price target of £9 is based on 1.7x 2006 EV per share of £5.30: BUY.</p>
<p>AIB Last rec @ €21.41 Current: €22.10 Target: €24.00 Stop-loss: €21.00</p>	<p>AIB will announce its results for the year ended 31/12/06 on Tuesday 6th March. The current consensus forecast is for 2006 eps growth of 22% to €1.78, driven by particularly strong growth from the group's Capital Markets and Polish divisions. Even though the group's year-end trading statement in December only gave an "in line" update, it did so the same time last year, only for the guidance to be beaten 3 months later when the full year results were announced. Our current 12 month price target of €24 is based on a sum of the parts analysis which takes account of the current market values of the group's publicly quoted US and Polish businesses: BUY.</p>
<p>British Land Last rec @ £16.21 Current: £16.07 Target: £17.50 Stop-loss: £15.00</p>	<p>Tomorrow fortnight, British Land will announce its results for the 3 months ended 31/12/06. We are forecasting group NAV per share to have grown by 4% over the period to £16.90 as at 31/12/06, primarily driven by the 35% exposure to the London office market. Last week's Bank of England MPC meeting minutes showed that the vote to raise UK interest rates to 5.25% earlier this month was passed by the narrowest of margins, 5-4. The closeness of the vote has been interpreted to mean that UK rates are now at or very close to their peak, which provides a positive medium term outlook for the UK property sector. With c.2.4 msf of office development projects delivering over the next 2 years, the vast majority of which is located in the fast-improving London City area, we are currently forecasting further 9% NAV per share growth over the next 12 months to £18.42 as at 31/12/07. Our current 12 month target price of £17.50 is based on a sector average 5% discount to 2007 year end NAV per share: BUY.</p>
<p>Vodafone Last rec @ £1.48 Current: £1.49 Target: £1.60 Stop-loss: £1.42</p>	<p>This Wednesday, Vodafone will announce its key performance indicators (KPI's) for the 3 months ended 31/12/06. Net new customers and organic revenue growth of 4.5m and 6% respectively are forecast, as well as the re-iteration of the group's previous full year EBITDA margin erosion forecast of 1%. Vodafone's results for the 6 months ended 30/09/06 showed revenue and EBITDA growth 7.2% of 5.7% respectively, as the subscriber growth of the group's emerging market businesses offset the margin pressure of the German and Italian operations. Our current EBITDA and eps forecasts for the year ending 31/03/07, post the 2006 share consolidation, are £12.046 bn and 10.8p respectively. Our view is that Vodafone remains on course to generate average earnings growth of 9% per annum over the next 2 years, stronger than the average of the incumbent telecom sector. As a result, at least the sector average rating of 13.5x forward eps is deserved, and so our 12 month price target of £1.60 is based on 13.5x forward eps of 11.9p: BUY.</p>
<p>United Drug Last rec @ €4.10 Current: €4.15 Target: €4.40 Stop-loss: €3.65</p>	<p>The uncertainty with regard to the ultimate agreement that will be reached with the Irish government in relation to the pricing of off-patent drugs should be removed by mid 2007, enabling United Drug investors to re-focus on the group's continued acquisition led growth prospects. Current consensus forecasts have already factored in a c.3% hit to forward eps from the setting of ex-factory prices with the manufacturers, which was concluded in July 2006. The remaining elements of the Irish drug pricing review, the setting of wholesale margins and the level of mark up allowed to pharmacists on medical card holder drugs, will only impact the group's Irish wholesale division, which contributes c.30% of overall group profits. Once the group's regulatory risk is removed this year, our view is that the share price can return to its historical average rating of c.18x forward eps. Our forecasts are for current year and forward eps of 22c and 24.5c respectively, and so we recently raised our 12 month price target from €4 to €4.40, which is based on 18x eps of 24.5c for the year ending 30/09/08: BUY.</p>
<p>CRH Last rec @ €31.55 Current: €30.75 Target: €34.00 Stop-loss: €29.50</p>	<p>CRH's US products division, which has an exposure to US housing representing c.13% of total group operating profit, should receive a boost from the recovery in the US housing market which appears to be currently taking hold. Earlier this month, the group released a very strong year end trading statement. Its European businesses, Materials, Products and Distribution, all showed stronger H2 underlying trading, as well as some operating margin expansion. In the US, the group's 3 divisions all generated strong profit growth, with the passing on of higher input costs helping to achieve operating margin improvement at the US Materials and Products divisions. Helped by c€1.4bn of acquisitions during H2 2006, CRH is now guiding 2006 PBT growth of 23% to €1.58bn, c4% stronger than the previous consensus forecast of €1.52bn. This enabled us to upgrade our 2007 and 2008 earnings per share forecasts by c.2% to €2.40 and €2.62 respectively, and our current 12 month price target of €34 is based on 13x 2008 eps of €2.62: BUY.</p>
<p>Ryanair Last rec @ €10.25 Current: €10.90 Target: €11.50 Stop-loss: €9.85</p>	<p>This day week, Ryanair will announce its results for the 3 months ended 31/12/06, which should keep the airline on course to report net profit and earnings per share for the year ending 31/03/07 of €350m and 45c respectively, both representing year on year growth of 16%. A 2 for 1 stock split is expected to be implemented in Q1 2007, to improve liquidity, particularly of the ADR, which is to retain its existing ratio of 5 ordinary shares to 1 ADR. Helped by lower fuel costs, the consensus forecast is for further strong earnings per share growth over the 12 months ending 31/03/08 to 58c, and our current 12 month price target of €11.50 is based on 20x forward eps of 58c: BUY.</p>

Other live trading ideas

Date of Rec	Company	Price (at time of Rec)	Last Close	Source	Analyst	Target Price
11-Dec	Lloyds	£5.56	£5.93	Daily	SD	£6.10
15-Dec	Irish Life & Permanent	€ 20.80	€ 21.20	Daily	SD	€ 23.00
20-Dec	Greencore	€4.45	€ 4.55	Daily	SD	€4.80
04-Jan	Fyffes	€1.06	€ 1.14	Daily	SD	€1.15
08-Jan	Tullow Oil	£3.70	£3.76	Daily	SD	£4.20
15-Jan	GSK	£13.71	£14.18	Weekly	SD	£15.00
15-Jan	C&C	€ 12.20	€ 12.35	Daily	SD	€ 13.00
22-Jan	BP	£5.44	£5.40	Weekly	SD	£6.60
22-Jan	Sterling Energy	£0.1675	£0.1725	Daily	SD	£0.28
22-Jan	Prudential	£7.18	£7.03	Daily	SD	£8.20
23-Jan	UK Coal	£4.06	£4.12	Daily	SD	£4.50

Sunday Papers

Paper	Company	Comment
Sunday Times	Eircom	Eircom in firing line on expansion
Sunday Times	ICG	Buoyant times for ferry firm -Buy
Sunday Times	Paddy Power	Paddy Power a good bet- Buy
Sunday Times	Alliance Boots	Alliance Boots- Sell
SBP	Bol & AIB	Bank of Ireland and AIB to sell off more branches
SBP	Smart Telecom	Smart Creditors to get first payments
SBP	Independent News & Media	O'Reilly takes second bite at Australian paper group
Sunday Independent	Chadwick	Chadwick eyes third-largest UK DIY chain
Sunday Tribune	Tullow Oil	Confirm interest in African assets of US Oil firm
Sunday Tribune	United Drug	Expansion into the US?
Sunday Tribune	Grafton	Unlikely to bid for DIY chain Focus

Dolmen Dozen Weekly Update

Company	Change on week	Relevant news
AIB	-1.12%	Further upbeat 2007 economic growth forecasts released for the Irish economy.
Aviva	-0.36%	Strong 2006 sales results from UK peer Legal & General last week.
BHP Billiton	2.51%	Last week's trading statement showed growth in iron ore, nickel and diamond output.
BP	-0.55%	Helped by a significant bounce in the oil price last week.
British Land	2.70%	Release of MPC minutes indicated UK interest rates near peak.
CRH	0.33%	More indications that the US housing market is starting to recover.
Greencore	-1.14%	Recent results from UK peers indicating increased competition for Greencore.
GSK	-1.28%	Ahead of 2006 results due to be announced on 8th February.
INWS	0.00%	After a new increased takeover offer for APN of Australia.
RBS	-1.45%	After Northern Banks 2006 results got the UK banks reporting season off to a good start
Ryanair	-1.80%	Ahead of Q3 results due to be announced on 5th February.
Vodafone	0.00%	Ahead of key performance indicators for the 3 months ended 31/12/06 due to released this Wednesday.

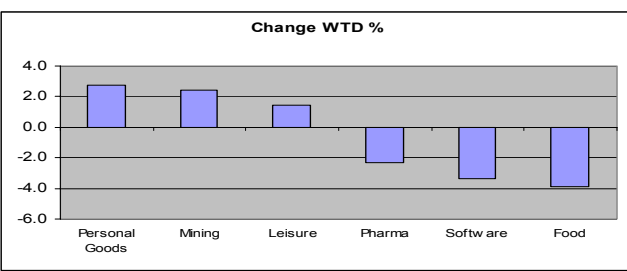
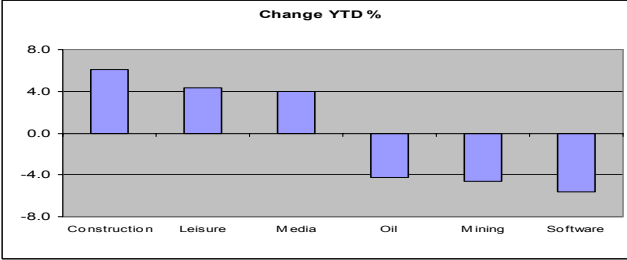
Chart View

Chart	Trend	Comment	Key Support	Second Support	Key Resist	Second Resist	Current Position	Recent Position
Iseq	Up	Sideways move unwinding overbought position- don't expect too much of a correction	9120	9250	9410		No position	tion
Ftse100	Up	Cover shorts and continue to trade defined ranges.	6160	6030	6310		Buy @ 6160, 6135, stop @ 6030	No position
Nasdaq	Up	Looking at important support-trade with a tight stop	1770		1875		Long 1 lot @ 1807 stop @1740	No position
Dax	Up	Remains positive – but sideways near term trading ranges	6830	6770	6575	6620	Short 1 lot @ 6715 stop, 1@ 6770 6770	No position
Dow	Up	Still in uptrend- good level to get long- but tight stop	12450	12390	12700		Buy @12450, stop @ 12250	No position
Euro/USD	Sideways	Trading sideways with lower bias- reasonable support	1.2750	1.2880	1.2990	1.3220	Buy @ 1.29, @1.28, stop @ 1.2750	Short @ 1.3020 closed out at 1.2968
Euro/GBP	Down	Euro/USD allowed bounce- still bias to sell	0.6520		0.6620	0.6720	No position	No position
Bunds	Down	Expect to consolidate here	114.50		115.35	115.79	Long at 114.97- stop 114.25	No position
Oil	Down	Could trade close to 60 but downtrend intact	49.50	53.90	60	56	Short 2 lots at 55 with 60 stop	No position
Vodafone	Up	Continues to trade well but needs to take out 1.54	1.45		1.54		Long @148.50 stop @ 1.42	No position
Lloyds	Up	Heading toward overbought territory	5.40	5.80	6.10		Short @ 5.98:6.20 stop,take profit 5.75	No position
BHP	Down	Similar to other oil charts- wait for further strength to get short	8.90		9.90		Sell @ 9.90 with 10.20 stop	No position
Tullow	Sideways	Tough chart to call – previous failure and oil view suggests wait for strength and sell	365		420		Sell @ 410, 420 with 435 stop	No position
Anglo	Up	Trading fine but quite overbought- trade the extremes of the range	15.60		16.60		Buy @ 15.60 with stop @ 14.90	No position
C&C	Sideways	Trade the ranges- long positions on new lows looking for bounce- real levels to get long 10.60-11.20	10.60	11.25	11.75	12.40	No position	Long @ 11.56, closed @ 11.69
Ryanair	Up	Consolidating and very overbought weekly chart	10.45		11.00	11.40	Buy @ 10.40, with 9.85 stop	No position
AIB	Up	Not a great entry level but inclined to buy weakness	21.45		22.70		Buy @ 22, 21.50 with 21.00 stop	No position
BOI	Up	On balance would be short near term	17.10		18.40	18.00	Sell @ 17.95 with 18.50 stop	No position
CRH	Up	Good entry level longer term prognosis good	30.40	29.40	31.50		Long @ 30.45 with stop at 29.60 take profit@ 31.50	No position
Prudential	Up	Buy on weakness	6.95	7.10	7.20		Buy @ 6.95 with 6.85 stop	No position
BP	Down	Chart outlook suggests selling move up	5.35		5.60		Sell @ 5.60 with 5.95 stop	No position
Aviva	Up	Buy on weakness	8.20	8.30	8.65		Long @ 8.435 stop 8.15	No position

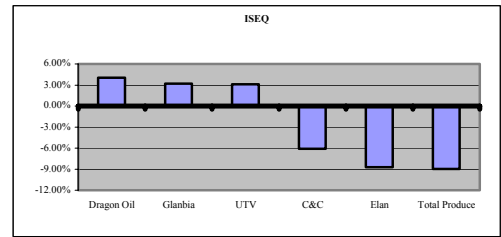
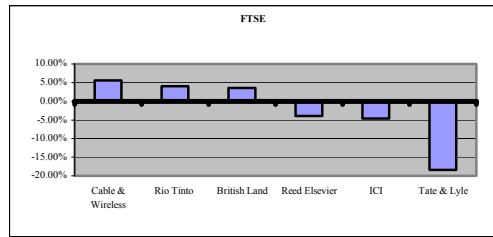
Last Week's Moves

	Levels	Last week's moves	YTD Move
Equities			
DJ INDUS. AVG	12469.47	-0.98%	-0.17%
S&P 500	1422.06	-0.83%	0.03%
NASDAQ	2437.47	-0.90%	0.58%
DJ	3759.19	-0.59%	1.68%
FTSE 100	6228	-0.15%	0.12%
DAX	6690.34	-0.75%	1.52%
ISEQ	9300.43	-0.80%	-1.07%

	Div Yield-2007	EPS Growth 2007	P/E-2006	P/E-2007
ISEQ	2.4%	11.0%	13.3	11.8
UK	2.45%	2.71%	12.55	12.27
US	1.96%	9.49%	17.75	16.46
Euro	4.75%	6.24%	13.58	12.72

Sector*	Weekly Move %	YTD Move %	*Perf based on capital price moves only
Construction	1.25	6.05	 <p>Change WTD %</p>
Leisure Goods	1.43	4.31	
Media	-1.89	3.95	
Autos	-0.16	3.72	
Tobacco	0.89	3.35	
Industrials	-0.46	2.76	
Pharmaceuticals	-2.29	1.87	 <p>Change YTD %</p>
Personal Goods	2.73	1.81	
Chemicals	-2.28	1.67	
Telecoms	-0.78	1.20	
Banks	-0.11	1.17	
Insurance	-1.33	0.87	
Technology	-1.69	-0.40	
Beverages	0.35	-0.57	
Retailers	0.79	-1.52	
Utilities	0.51	-1.53	
Food Producers	-3.89	-4.23	
Oil & Gas	0.24	-4.26	
Mining	2.39	-4.64	
Software	-3.38	-5.58	

Best/Worst Performers 22/1/07 – 29/1/07

ISEQ	FTSE
	

The ISEQ mirrored most European markets this week as a poor start to the week was interrupted on Wednesday when the ISEQ soared by 124.84 points. The banks were the main drivers as AIB, Bol, Anglo and IL&P gained 26c, 50c, 29c and 8c respectively. The market finished down on Thursday despite a good day for the recruitment sector when CPL resources reported strong interim results. However gains made by the banks on Wednesday were trimmed

Commodity producers and interest-rate sensitive stocks lifted the top London index to its best one-day performance of the year on Wednesday, buoyed by broker comments and by a softening of rate-hike expectations. However, the FTSE backed away on Thursday afternoon as power company Drax Group, airline British Airways and drug stocks weighed on the FTSE.

Section

3 Commodity, Currency & Credit Markets

	Current			YTD Change		
	EURO	GBP	USD	EUR	GBP	USD
Base Rate	3.50%	5.25%	5.25%	0.00%	0.25%	0.00%
3 Month	3.77%	5.59%	5.27%	0.04%	0.37%	0.12%
12 Month	4.09%	5.90%	5.18%	0.09%	0.33%	0.24%
5 Year	4.03%	5.35%	4.86%	0.12%	0.22%	0.15%
10 Year	4.09%	4.99%	4.87%	0.14%	0.25%	0.16%
CRUDE OIL FUTR	54.23			-13.07%		
NAT GAS FUTR	6.905			9.62%		
GOLD SPOT \$/OZ	645.15			1.24%		
SILVER SPOT \$/OZ	13.3363			3.26%		
LME ALUMINUM	2792			-0.39%		
LME COPPER	5860			-7.43%		

Exchange Rates

	Current	YTD change	Year End Forecasts
EUR-USD X-RATE	1.2917	-2.25%	1.350
EUR-GBP X-RATE	0.658881	-2.31%	0.665

Forecast 2007

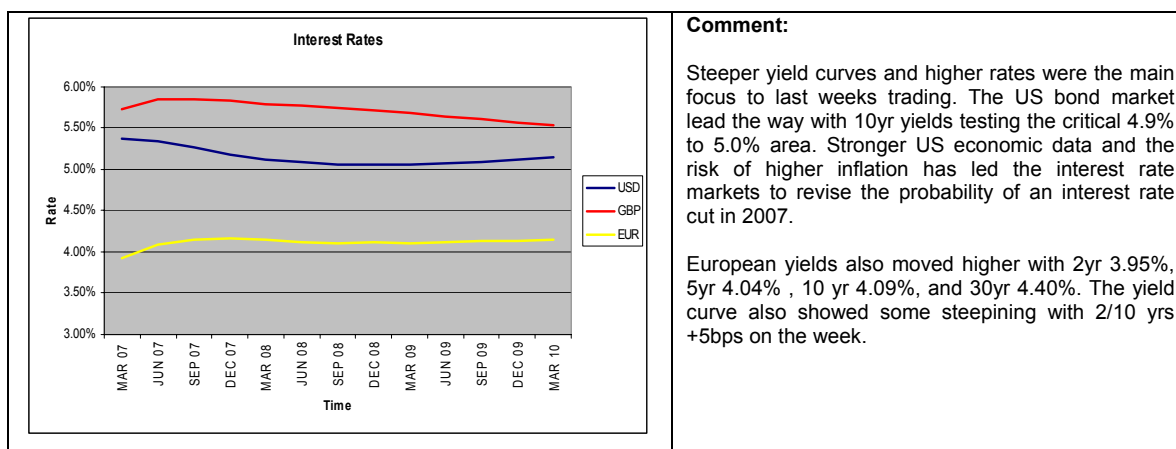
GDP	Current	2007(e)
Ireland	7.70%	6.00%
Euro Zone	2.70%	2.50%
UK	2.90%	3.00%
US	3.00%	2.00%

Central Bank Interest Rates	Current	2007(e)
Ireland	3.50%	3.75%
Euro Zone	3.50%	3.75%
UK	5.00%	5.25%
US	5.25%	4.75%

Inflation	Current	2007(e)
Ireland	4.40%	5.50%
Euro Zone	1.90%	2.10%
UK	2.70%	2.90%
US	2.00%	1.20%

10 Year Bond Yields	Current	2007(e)
Ireland	4.01%	3.65%
Euro Zone	4.01%	3.65%
UK	4.81%	4.50%
US	4.69%	4.35%

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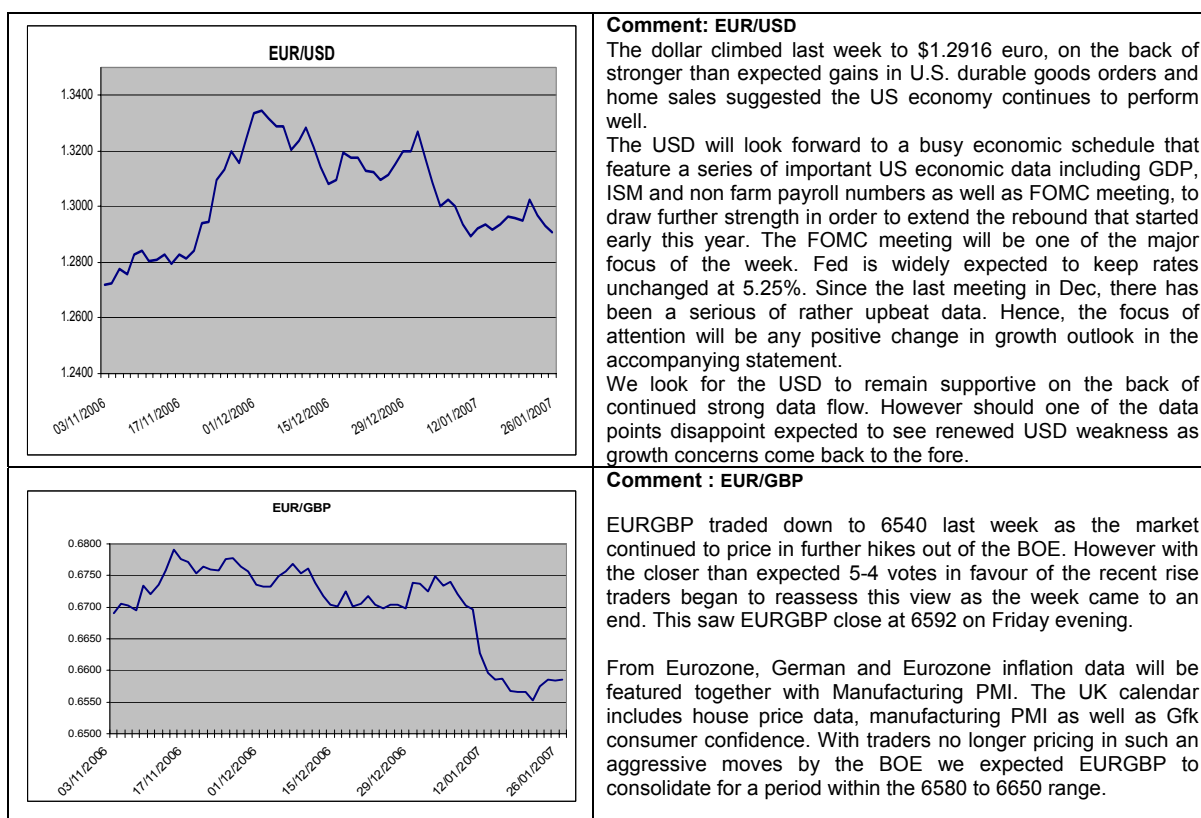


Comment:

Steeper yield curves and higher rates were the main focus to last weeks trading. The US bond market lead the way with 10yr yields testing the critical 4.9% to 5.0% area. Stronger US economic data and the risk of higher inflation has led the interest rate markets to revise the probability of an interest rate cut in 2007.

European yields also moved higher with 2yr 3.95%, 5yr 4.04% , 10 yr 4.09%, and 30yr 4.40%. The yield curve also showed some steepening with 2/10 yrs +5bps on the week.

Currency Comment



Comment: EUR/USD

The dollar climbed last week to \$1.2916 euro, on the back of stronger than expected gains in U.S. durable goods orders and home sales suggested the US economy continues to perform well.

The USD will look forward to a busy economic schedule that feature a series of important US economic data including GDP, ISM and non farm payroll numbers as well as FOMC meeting, to draw further strength in order to extend the rebound that started early this year. The FOMC meeting will be one of the major focus of the week. Fed is widely expected to keep rates unchanged at 5.25%. Since the last meeting in Dec, there has been a serious of rather upbeat data. Hence, the focus of attention will be any positive change in growth outlook in the accompanying statement.

We look for the USD to remain supportive on the back of continued strong data flow. However should one of the data points disappoint expected to see renewed USD weakness as growth concerns come back to the fore.

Comment : EUR/GBP

EURGBP traded down to 6540 last week as the market continued to price in further hikes out of the BOE. However with the closer than expected 5-4 votes in favour of the recent rise traders began to reassess this view as the week came to an end. This saw EURGBP close at 6592 on Friday evening.

From Eurozone, German and Eurozone inflation data will be featured together with Manufacturing PMI. The UK calendar includes house price data, manufacturing PMI as well as Gfk consumer confidence. With traders no longer pricing in such an aggressive moves by the BOE we expected EURGBP to consolidate for a period within the 6580 to 6650 range.

Corporate Credit Markets

Rating-5 Yr Bonds	Sample Names	Dec 2005 Yield	Current Yield	
AAA	Rabobank	3.65%	4.19%	Unchanged in the ITRAXX after a fairly subdued week in the investment grade credit markets. However the High Yield index (Crossover) continues to demonstrate the ongoing decline in risk aversion among HY investors. The index closed the week at 195bps compared to 200bps last week. Investors appear to be satisfied with the Q4 earnings season and the recent housing market data in the US. *ITRAXX is an index of the 125 most liquid investment grade corporate names in the European market
AA	Deutsche Bank	3.95%	4.32%	
A	Tesco	3.83%	4.30%	
BBB	MKS	5.30%	5.94%	
BB	Royal Caribbean Cruise lines	5.73%	6.12%	

Sector Movements in week ended 26/01/2007:

Automotive: Quiet in the sector, the only movement amongst European automakers was DCX which tightened 1bps after the State of Delaware gave the company tax breaks as an incentive to keep an SUV manufacturing facility operating in the state. In the US Ford was the big earnings news on Thursday after the company reported a \$5.8b loss in Q4 2006, however spreads tightened on the news that the company had managed to burn through less cash than had been anticipated, ending the year with cash balances of \$46b. Ford credit spreads are currently 18bps tighter in the 5yr at 237bps while GM tightened 5bps over the week to 93bps.

Building materials: Tighter across the board, with each Lafarge; Pilkington; Heidelberg and Saint Gobain 1bps tighter over the week. The sector was buoyed by reports of strong full-year results from Saint Gobain, which reported strong organic growth and reduced leverage.

Chemicals: Quiet in the sector – Bayer and BASF were unchanged however Linde tightened 2bps following reports that KKR, the private equity firm, are raising \$3.3b to purchase Kion Group, the fork-lift arm of Linde.

Airlines: Mixed in the sector – Deutsche Lufthansa continue to tighten despite reports during the week that the airline will not see an increase of yields (measure of fares) due to a 5% increase in seating capacity in the industry. On the flip side British Airways widened 1bps this week following reports of a strike next week, estimated to cost BA anywhere from £100m to £400m. The only other mover in the sector was BAE Systems which tightened 1bps this week after the company won 2 US army contracts valued at \$412m.

Food/Beverages: Quiet in the sector with Compass unchanged The only mover was Cadbury which tightened 1bps this week This move follows a 3bps widening over the Christmas period followed by a 2bps tightening in the past 2 weeks indicating volatility on the back of possible private equity rumours.

Telecoms: Quiet in the sector, BT tightened 1bps over the week after the CEO projected that sales growth will be spurred primarily by emerging markets, where the CEO expects to see double digit growth. Elsewhere Deutsche Telecom and Vodafone were unchanged.

Retail: Quiet in the sector – supermarket names were unchanged over the week. MKS and Kingfisher were also unchanged however both Dixons and GUS tightened 1bps this week. Dixons tightened slightly following a 6bps widening over the Christmas period. Where the electronics retailer goes from here will depend on market sentiment regarding a possible buyout. Gus also tightened this week, also taking the spreads back to pre-Christmas levels.

Media: Active in the sector this week. BSKyB tightened 3bps this week, leaving the company 9bps tighter over 3 weeks, following confirmation that CEO James Murdoch has no plans to join his father at NewsCorp. EMI tightened 2bps after the company announced plans to merge the Capitol Records and Virgin records units in the US. Elsewhere Reuters and WPP both tightened 1bps this week.

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