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### World Stockmarket Forecasts

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Stockmarket	One-Year	Fundamental	Technical	Monetary	Economic	Historical	Performance	(in US\$)_	Share
	Forecast	Indicators	Indicators	Indicators	Indicators	3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	Index
Australia	67%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-10.2%	-50.3%	-60.0%	3,111.70
Austria	63%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-14.9%	-62.5%	-68.5%	1,419.03
Belgium	64%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-15.5%	-54.9%	-65.6%	1,527.27
Canada	66%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-7.6%	-51.1%	-55.9%	7,591.47
Denmark	59%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-13.8%	-51.9%	-58.6%	213.11
Canada Denmark Finland	73%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-20.3%	-52.3%	-66.6%	4,110.31
France	65%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-14.9%	-46.7%	-55.2%	1,790.89
Germany		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-16.6%	-47.0%	-53.9%	3,666.41
Ireland	63%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-21.7%	-59.7%	-74.1%	1,949.63
Italy	64%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-24.2%	-55.2%	-64.3%	10,740.00
Japan	61%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-14.4%	-35.6%	-41.3%	7,173.10
Netherlands	67%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-13.3%	-54.6%	-62.4%	199.50
New Zealand_		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-16.1%	-47.3%	-63.0%	1,203.24
Norway		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+12.5%	-56.0%	-63.2%	179.63
Spain		Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-19.9%	-46.0%	-56.5%	730.14
Sweden	80%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-8.5%	-49.4%	-59.7%	186.64
Switzerland		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-17.8%	-40.3%	-46.8%	4,311.61
Un. Kingdom	63%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-15.8%	-46.3%	-56.6%	3,530.73
USA		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-22.0%	-45.0%	-47.2%	683.38
Argentina		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-12.4%	-53.8%	-62.6%	3,405.31
Brazil	49%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	+15.3%	-48.5%	-57.9%	37,105.09
Czech Rep	56%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-27.3%	-62.6%	-67.3%	643.40
Chile	67%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+13.5%	-26.1%	-35.1%	11,439.57
China	74%	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	+19.8%	-4.1%	-52.7%	140.91
Greece		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-17.8%	-58.5%	-69.2%	1,474.35
Egypt	46%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-13.5%	-59.4%	-69.5%	3,575.93
Hong Kong		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-13.9%	-39.8%	-46.8%	11,921.52
Hungary	41%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-33.0%	-65.7%	-69.2%	9,880.37
India	66%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-10.9%	-50.2%	-59.0%	8,325.82
Indonesia		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.9%	-50.9%	-63.8%	1,286.69
Israel		Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-6.7%	-45.6%	-50.8%	577.91
Korea	65%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-2.8%	-46.0%	-61.0%	1,055.03
Malaysia	81%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-0.3%	-26.0%	-43.8%	858.22
Mexico	58%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-24.4%	-54.9%	-57.7%	17,043.44
Philippines	/0%	Bullish				+1.9%			1,920.16
Poland	61%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-15.3%	-62.7%	-68.8%	22,948.51
Portugal		Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-1.9%	-38.1%	-53.2%	1,941.19
Russia	40%	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-22.1%	-68.9%	-78.3%	938.99
Singapore		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-10.1%	-45.4%	-52.6%	1,513.12
Sth Africa Taiwan	36% 70%	Bullish Bullish	Bearish Bearish	Bullish Bullish	Bullish Bullish	-5.5% +6.5%	-44.3% 32.4%	-53.8% 51.8%	18,640.81
Thailand		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+6.3% +6.7%	-32.4% -37.6%	-51.8% -55.3%	4,653.63 419.51
Turkey		Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+0.7% -13.6%	-57.6% -58.9%	-33.3% -60.9%	23,220.02
Venezuela		Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	-13.0% +8.4%	-38.9% -7.6%	-00.9% +9.1%	37,493.83
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One Year Forecasts predict the probability that a stock-market will rise over the next year. Investors should seek to invest in markets with forecasts of 60-100%, while avoiding markets with forecasts of 0-40%. Bullish = Favourable. Bearish = Unfavourable.

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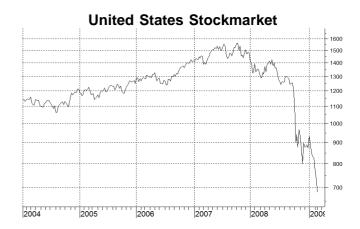
### World Stockmarket Outlook

World stockmarkets fell sharply over the last month - but the world's total stockmarket capitalisation is now down over two-thirds from its value in late 2007 (see Page 8).

In some sectors (e.g. international banks and investment banks) there is a real and permanent loss of shareholder value. In many other sectors there is just a significant change in *market values* as a result of the deterioration in the financial and economic environment. Most companies remain sound - but with concerns over *short term* revenues and profits and/or the availability of bank lending to roll over long term debt at maturity.

Generally share prices now offer excellent *value* (see Page 6). Interest rates are low, although banks are still restricting lending. World economies are in recession - so will eventually recover and the only question is "When?"

Most expectations are for the world economy to start its recovery in late 2009 or early 2010 (but, of course, that won't show in official statistics for another 3-9 months following the event). Stockmarkets, however, should *anticipate* the actual economic recovery by 6-9 months, so stockmarkets should be around their ultimate lows between now through to September 2009.



Therefore we shall continue to hold on to our diversified portfolio of international investment funds... with some growth in capital values likely before the end of 2009.

## Recommended Funds Geographic Portfolio Spread

Fund Name	Size	Leverage	Top 10	Portfo	olio inve	ested in	(%):-								
	(Mil)	(% debt)	Hldgs (%)	Cash	HK /	Australia	aMalay	/Taiwa	anKore	a Sing.	Thail'd	Phil.	China	India	
Aberdeen Asian Sm Coys	£98	14	33.0	1.6	18.3		18.8		1.6	15.9	9.1	5.9		13.2	Indo 8.5%, Sri Lanka 3.69
Baring Korea	£99	Nil	38.8	2.8					97.2						
Gartmore China Opps	£400	Nil	43.4	0.3									99.7		
Gartmore Pacific Opps	£64	Nil	29.2	5.7	16.0	24.1	3.9	12.2	17.8	3.9	1.8	1.7	10.5		Indonesia 2.2%
HSBC Asian Fund	£30	Nil	32.0	2.4	28.3		2.6	20.0	18.6	7.9	2.1	0.3	16.2		Indonesia 1.5%
Hend Asia Pacific Cap	£91	Nil	46.1		8.9		3.2	13.8	10.9	8.0	3.9		38.0	8.7	Indonesia 2.6%
Scottish Oriental Sm Coys	£71	Nil	18.2	4.5	10.5		10.2	10.2	10.1	13.5	10.8	7.4	9.4	2.8	Indonesia 5.8%
,				Cash	USA	UK	Euro	pe J	apan	Other					
Aberforth Small Cos Trust	£411	11	26.7			100.0									
Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon	£40	33	29.1	6.9					93.1						
Fidelity European Values	£589	27	29.7	6.0		94.0									
Fidelity Japan Values plc	£62	59	18.7	13.6					86.4						
Herald Investment Trust	£251	25	22.5	18.7	22.4	51.0	2	2.5	5.4						
JPM Fleming Euro Fledgling	£241	Nil	26.0	12.1			87	'.9							
Invesco English & Int'l	£39	4	24.5			100.0				2.0					
Invesco Perp Japan Smal	£48	Nil	41.6	3.9					96.1						
Private Equity Investor plc	£83	Nil	25.9	36.8	63.2										
				Cash		Asia	Lá	atin Ar	ner	Africa	Europ	e&M	iddle Ea	ast	
Aberdeen E/Markets	£437	Nil	34.2	2.8		48.5		26.6		5.9		16			

**Fidelity European Values plc** continues to have its largest investments in France (22.8% of the portfolio), followed by Germany (17.3%) and Switzerland (15.2%). It has smaller holdings in the Netherlands (8.6%), Ireland (8.6%), Italy (6.2%), Sweden (4.0%), Spain (3.1%) and Belgium (2.2%).

**JPMorgan Fleming European Fledgling** has its largest investments in France (17.1% of the portfolio), Sweden (12.4%), Italy (11.8%), Switzerland (10.3%), Spain (9.4%), Netherlands (6.5%), Belgium (5.8%), Denmark (5.0%), Finland (4.3%), Austria (2.8%) and Germany (2.5%).

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# Recommended International Investment Funds

#### **Fund Reports**

**Fidelity European Values plc** recorded a 17.5% decline in net assets over its financial year to 31 December, but significantly outperformed its benchmark index which was down 24.6%!

The company will pay a dividend of 23.26 pence (up from 13.75 cents the previous year) to distribute its investment income. It will also pay a special 13.24 pence dividend to distribute the refund of £7.5 million VAT (plus interest) charged in previous years. The total of 36.5 pence will be paid on 29 May, with the shares trading ex-dividend from 21 March.

While "the outlook for the European economy looks challenging" the Fund Manager believes "a lot of the bad news has already been absorbed by the market". "Company valuations are looking extremely attractive" with "some good stock picking opportunities to be found where company's shares have been indiscriminately sold without considering the longer term fundamentals".

<u>Herald Investment Trust plc</u> experienced a 36.1% decline in net assets over the year to 31 December 2008, outperforming its benchmark index which declined 40.6%.

A dividend of 5.0 pence will be paid, consisting of an ordinary dividend of 1.55 pence (*Continued on Page 4*)

Currer Advice		EPIC Code	Initial Re Date			Prem/ Disc to Net Assets	Recent F Bid-Offer or Last Sale	Price NZ Cents	Gain or Loss %
	Europe								
HOLD	Fidelity European Values plc	FEV	13/05/03	463.5p	1291.1	-10%	780.0p	2196.6	+70
BUY	JFM Fleming Euro Fledgeling IT plc	JFF	15/01/02	226.5p	765.8	-17%	419.0p	1179.9	+54
	United Kingdom								
BUY	Aberforth Smaller Cos Trt plc	ASL	15/07/03	375.5p	1042.0	-9%	348.0p	980.0	-6
HOLD	Invesco English & Int'l Trust	ΙΕΙ	10/01/06	273.5p	700.6	-14%	132.5p	373.1	-47
	Asian Regional								
BUY	Aberdeen Asian Sm Co WARRANTS	SAASW	09/09/03	75.3p	209.1		114.5p	322.4	+54
BUY	Gartmore China Opportunities	*	09/07/07	548.9p	1410.4		382.12p	1076.1	-24
HOLD	Gartmore Pacific Growth Fund	*	29/10/85	41.4p	105.4		219.16p	617.2	+486
HOLD	HSBC Asian Fund	*	10/11/98	34.4p	106.3		51.76p	145.8	+37
BUY	Henderson Asia Pac Capital	*	08/08/00	342.2p	1122.6		310.7p	875.0	-22
BUY	Scot Oriental Smaller Coy	SST	11/11/03	121.9p	330.5	-14%	204.5p	575.9	+74
	Japan								
BUY	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	156.0p	440.3	-25%	73.0p	205.6	-53
BUY	Fidelity Japan Values plc	FJV	10/01/06	126.0p	322.7	-27%	29.75p	83.8	-74
HOLD	Invesco Perp Japan Small Coys	*	13/07/99	61.3p	182.3		40.07p	112.8	-38
	Korea								
HOLD	Baring Korea Trust	*	12/04/94	81.1p	209.4		108.0-114.1p	312.7	+49
	International								
HOLD	Aberdeen Emerging Markets	*	13/08/91	61.7p	184.0	0.407	221.01p	622.4	+238
BUY	Herald Investment Trust	HRI	12/10/04	310.8p	820.1	-24%	184.75p	520.3	-37
HOLD	Private Equity Investor plc	PEQ	11/12/01	122.5p	420.2	-49%	117.0p	329.5	-22
" United	* United Kingdom based Unit Trust								

The average Gains/Losses of all current investments from initial recommendation is +43.6%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +5.0%, based upon the length of time each position has been held. The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 17 current and 46 closed out) is +9.0%.

### Other Shares and Warrants

Alternative investments in the UK listed investment trust warrants recommended above include **Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies** shares at 212½ pence (trading at a 17% discount to net asset value).

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#### **Recommended Funds**

(Continued from Page 3) to distribute its net investment income, plus a special dividend of 3.45 pence to distribute the VAT refund previously charged on annual management fees.

The Manager reports "disappointing trading reports from investee companies were few and far between and insignificant overall", with share prices re-rated sharply lower in *anticipation* of a more difficult future economic environment. The portfolio of smaller growth and technology shares trade on an average Price/Earnings ratio of just 9.7. The companies in its portfolio "essentially remain sound and profits continue to grow, albeit at a slower rate".

The company believes that "patient investors will benefit in the long run" from the fund's ability to use leverage "to buy stocks at distressed valuations". The Manager is "fearful" of "the bleak macro environment" but "this is offset by excitement that the Trust is in a strong position to exploit the break down in liquidity and funding in the smaller company world".

#### **Share Buy-Backs**

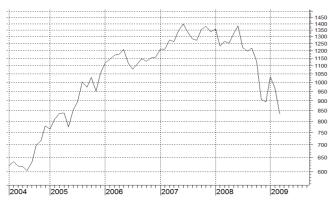
**Fidelity European Values plc** continues to buy-back its shares at a discount to net asset values. Over the last four weeks it repurchased 373,550 shares in ten transactions, returning £3.3 million to investors.

JP Morgan European Fledgeling Investment Trust plc repurchased 220,678 shares on-market for just over £1.0 million.

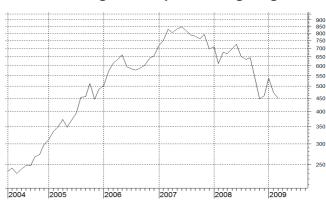
**Invesco English & International Trust plc** repurchased 33,250 shares on-market on 6 February at 14234 pence each.

Herald Investment Trust plc repurchased 700,000 shares on-market at around a 25% discount to net asset values. This returned £1,326,920 to investors but also *increases* the net asset value of the remaining shares by £442,300 (or about 0.5 pence per share)

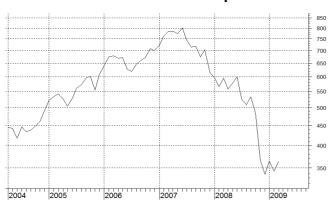
### Fidelity European Values



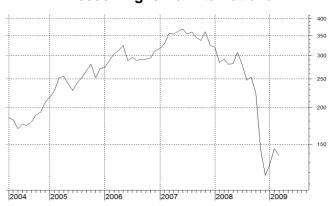
#### JPMorgan European Fledgeling



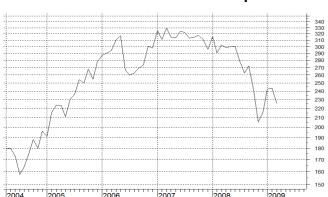
#### **Aberforth Smaller Companies**



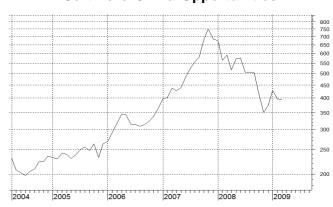
**Invesco English & International** 



#### **Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies**



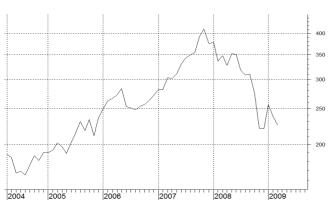
**Gartmore China Opportunities** 



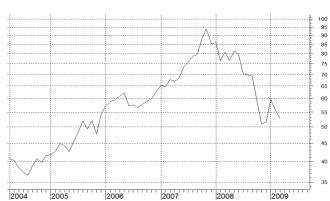
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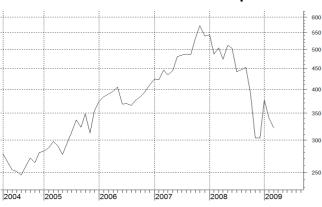




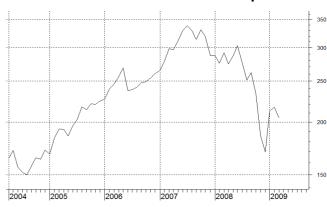
#### **HSBC** Asian



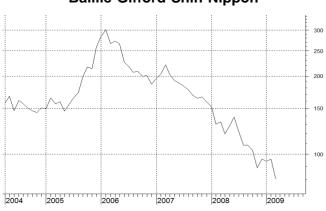
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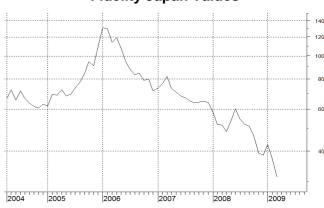
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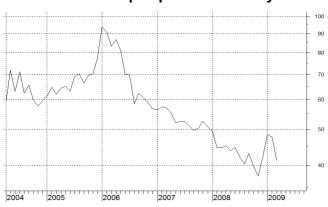
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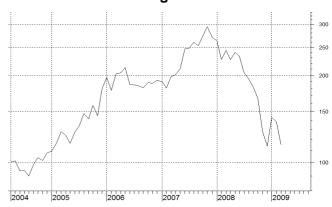
**Fidelity Japan Values** 



#### **Invesco Perp Japan Smaller Coys**

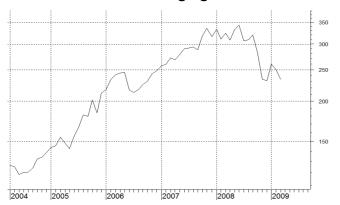


**Baring Korea** 

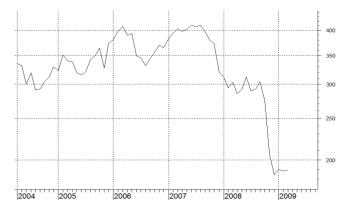


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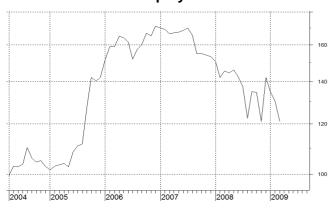
### **Aberdeen Emerging Markets**



#### **Herald Investment Trust**



#### **Private Equity Investor**



### World Stockmarket Valuations

Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio	Country	Dividend Yield	Price/Earn. Ratio
Australia	7.8	7.8	Chile	5.0	11.2
Austria	7.4	3.9	China	2.3	13.5
Belgium	12.1	3.1	Greece	8.7	4.7
Canada	4.3	10.3	Egypt	20.6	2.9
Denmark	3.7	6.9	Hong Kong	6.4	4.7
Finland	10.8	5.3	Hungary		
France	6.9	6.0	India	2.2	7.5
Germany	7.0	5.9	Indonesia	4.4	6.8
Ireland			Israel	1.7	26.0
Italy	13.8	4.7	Korea	3.4	6.1
Japan			Malaysia	5.5	4.2
Netherlands	9.4	4.3	Mexico	3.1	5.1
New Zealand	7.9	4.4	Philippines	5.6	7.2
Norway	10.8	4.4	Poland	8.6	5.3
Spain			Portugal	6.6	7.0
Sweden	10.2	5.2	Russia	2.4	3.2
Switzerland	5.0	9.5	Singapore	7.2	5.3
Un. Kingdom	8.1	5.3	Sth Africa		
USA			Taiwan	7.8	7.7
Argentina	3.9	3.1	Thailand	7.9	6.9
Brazil			Turkey	6.0	2.2
Czech Rep	10.1	7.7	Venezuela	10.8	4.3

# Listed Investment Trust Warrant Analysis

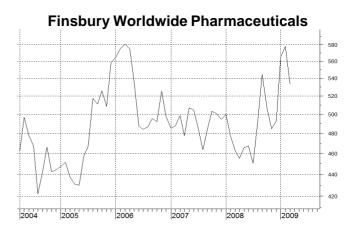
#### **Review of Speculative Warrants**

Despite all of the weakness on world stockmarkets, **Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceuticals** shares actually rose 21½ pence or 4.4% over the last quarter to 515½ pence. The warrants fell 5¼ pence or 12.2% to 37¾ pence.

The warrants are, however, under-valued at that price. On 31 July this year the warrants reach their final exercise/expiry date when investors can buy a new share from the company for 464 pence. If the market price of Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceuticals is still 515½ pence, then the warrant will be worth 51½ pence. This is its current *instrinsic value* (which, of course, changes as the market price of the shares fluctuates).

The *fair value* for the warrant should be slightly higher than its *intrinsic value* - which we calculate at 57.4 pence.

The warrants still remain very volatile. Just a 10% fall in the share price (to below 464 pence) and the warrants would expire worthless in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months. Alternatively, a 10% rise (i.e. to 567 pence) would see the warrant value more than double to 103 pence.



Warrant	Current Share Price	Warrant Exercise Price	Years & Months to Expiry	Current Warrant Price	Black- Scholes Value	Warrant Over/Under Valued (%)	Share Vola- tility	Warrant Leverage	Share I	ot Return (9 Price appre 10%pa		
GOLD & MINING City Natural Resources	91.5p	85.0p	0-7	13.00p	13.40p	-3	0.344	5.0	-45.3	-16.1	+54.7	+12%
UNITED KINGDOM	<u>1</u>											
Blue Planet Growth & Income	'	1000.0p	1-4	380.00p	28.17p	+1249	0.636		-100.0	-100.0		+144%
Henderson Opportunities	181.5p	93.0p	4-11	10.50p	108.84p	-90	0.408	1.5	+69.4	+82.2	+105.1	-11%
Midas Income & Growth	82.3p	100.0p	1-5	12.00p	3.03p	+295	0.200	9.6	-100.0	-100.0	-35.2	+24%
FAR EASTERN												
Aberdeen Asian Income	92.0p	120.0p	4-2	9.00p	9.08p	-1	0.204	4.6	-100.0	+16.2	+67.2	+8%
Aberdeen Asian Smaller Coy	s 212.5p	100.0p	1-8	114.50p	115.89p	-1	0.219	1.8	+8.2	+17.2	+34.6	+1%
INDIA												
Aberdeen New India	100.3p	100.0p	1-4	16.00p	14.05p	+14	0.276	4.7	-46.3	-10.3	+51.5	+12%
JP Morgan India	208.0p	227.0p	0-9	25.00p	17.51p	+43	0.330	6.2	-100.0	-100.0	-64.6	+29%
INTERNATIONAL												
Finsbury W/Wide Pharm	515.0p	464.0p	0-4	37.75p	57.42p	-34	0.173	8.5	+290.4	+474.8	+973.1	-8%
Impax Environmental	72.8p	96.0p	1-3	16.50p	2.19p	+654	0.250	9.1	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	+43%
Jupiter Green	68.0p	100.0p	2-4	6.83p	1.41p	+386	0.190	9.6	-100.0	-100.0	-20.0	+21%
TECHNOLOGY												
RCMTechnology	169.3p	267.0p	3-0	13.00p	6.40p	+103	0.222	6.4	-100.0	-100.0	+28.2	+18%

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# World Stockmarket Capitalisations

The world's total stockmarket capitalisation fell a further 40% - or US\$12,268 billion - over the last four months to the end of February 2009 to US\$17,446 billion.

From a peak in excess of US\$54,000 billion in late 2007, world stockmarkets have lost over two-thirds of their value! Only part of this is a permanent loss of wealth (e.g. in the financial sector), while most is just a change in current market values in response to the cyclical downturn in economic activity, tight liquidity and negative investor sentiment.

Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total	Country	Market Capitalisation (US\$ Billions)	Percentage of Total
United States	7,583	43.47	Denmark	72	0.41
Japan	1,879	10.77	Israel	66	0.38
United Kingdom	1,447	8.30	Norway	62	0.35
France	719	4.11	Malaysia	58	0.33
Canada	664	3.80	Chile	42	0.24
Switzerland	610	3.49	Greece	37	0.21
Germany	538	3.08	Portugal	34	0.20
Australia	448	2.57	Ireland	28	0.16
China	328	1.88	Austria	28	0.16
Spain	326	1.87	Luxembourg	27	0.15
Taiwan	261	1.49	Thailand	26	0.15
Brazil	257	1.47	Turkey	26	0.15
South Korea	244	1.40	Indonesia	24	0.14
Italy	244	1.40	Poland	21	0.12
Hong Kong	192	1.10	Morocco	20	0.12
Netherlands	184	1.05	Philippines	13	0.07
Sweden	161	0.93	Egypt	13	0.07
India	137	0.79	Peru	12	0.07
South Africa	131	0.75	New Zealand	10	0.06
Russia	116	0.67	Czech Republic	9	0.05
Singapore	94	0.54	Argentina	8	0.05
Finland	90	0.51	Hungary	6	0.04
Mexico	79	0.45	-		
Belgium	73	0.42	TOTAL	\$29,714	100.00%

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