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World Stockmarket Forecasts

Stockmarket	One-Year Forecast	Fundamental Indicators	Technical Indicators	Monetary Indicators	Economic Indicators	Historical Performance (in US\$)			Share Index
						3 mths	6 mths	12 mths	
Australia	59%	Neutral	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	+6.2%	-9.5%	-13.0%	3,302.20
Austria	63%	Bullish	Neutral	Bullish	Neutral	-4.5%	-1.6%	-2.5%	1,204.48
Belgium	55%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-5.4%	-15.4%	-13.5%	2,883.43
Canada	38%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	+4.4%	-14.1%	-28.9%	7,594.12
Denmark	46%	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	+1.3%	-13.4%	-8.5%	910.07
Finland	43%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-12.2%	-47.4%	-56.8%	7,647.46
France	39%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-8.6%	-22.4%	-29.6%	3,211.53
Germany	44%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-3.6%	-18.8%	-25.7%	5,862.11
Ireland	60%	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	Bearish	+7.0%	-1.6%	+12.7%	6,276.35
Italy	46%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	-11.8%	-23.0%	-29.0%	25,894.00
Japan	36%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-9.5%	-17.8%	-39.3%	12,306.08
Netherlands	48%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-4.2%	-20.2%	-24.5%	803.10
New Zealand	60%	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	Bearish	+7.9%	-7.8%	-17.4%	2,132.70
Norway	34%	Neutral	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	-2.5%	-12.5%	-11.7%	745.75
Spain	45%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-12.8%	-20.4%	-26.1%	829.04
Sweden	20%	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	-6.3%	-31.3%	-47.5%	232.62
Switzerland	37%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-5.5%	-22.1%	-20.0%	6,971.90
Un. Kingdom	37%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-4.1%	-17.0%	-21.4%	5,479.20
USA	48%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	+5.5%	-8.3%	-19.5%	1,190.59
Argentina	36%	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	-18.3%	-25.5%	-36.1%	12,931.89
Brazil	16%	Bullish	Bearish	Bearish	Bearish	-14.4%	-31.9%	-41.4%	13,906.76
Czech Rep.	45%	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	-5.0%	-21.6%	-25.4%	1,286.00
Chile	70%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	+2.8%	-3.4%	-8.2%	5,442.66
China	52%	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+18.2%	+12.9%	-14.5%	755.29
Greece	45%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-18.4%	-26.8%	-40.1%	2,651.18
Hong Kong	44%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	+4.9%	-15.9%	-22.8%	12,999.48
Hungary	37%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Neutral	+0.0%	-20.0%	-24.3%	6,689.09
India	34%	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-8.7%	-21.7%	-36.1%	3,305.78
Indonesia	41%	Bearish	Neutral	Bearish	Neutral	+13.2%	-13.4%	-30.1%	432.88
Korea	45%	Neutral	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	+18.7%	-2.6%	-40.5%	578.54
Malaysia	49%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	+8.5%	-6.5%	-23.6%	626.81
Mexico	76%	Neutral	Bullish	Bullish	Bullish	+21.3%	+21.2%	-5.0%	6,715.81
Philippines	45%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-10.1%	-8.4%	-25.1%	1,396.92
Poland	40%	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	-10.3%	-25.0%	-28.4%	13,579.66
Portugal	48%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Neutral	-19.9%	-28.9%	-35.7%	2,033.09
Russia	63%	Bullish	Bullish	Neutral	Neutral	+37.0%	+58.8%	+30.6%	2,529.84
Singapore	36%	Neutral	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	-1.3%	-20.4%	-24.5%	1,660.76
Sth Africa	47%	Bullish	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	+6.9%	-4.4%	-4.7%	8,832.44
Taiwan	51%	Bearish	Bearish	Bullish	Bullish	-18.4%	-15.5%	-48.6%	4,707.01
Thailand	47%	Bearish	Bullish	Bearish	Neutral	+16.0%	+8.0%	-11.9%	324.88
Turkey	36%	Bearish	Bearish	Neutral	Bullish	+15.1%	-48.1%	-63.5%	10,169.00
Venezuela	36%	Neutral	Neutral	Bearish	Bearish	-0.6%	+4.7%	-0.1%	7,426.33

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.

Stockmarket Outlook

In early 2000, believing world stockmarkets were near a peak, we sold many of our investments to build up a 30-40% cash reserve. While that proved correct, we did under-estimate the impact on already depressed Asian stockmarkets. In retrospect (with the benefit of hindsight) we should have sold more investments and built up a larger cash reserve.

We started 2001 with a cash reserve at 40-45% (owing to declines in the value of our funds and warrants), but with the US Federal Reserve beginning to aggressively cut interest rates we believed the end of the stockmarket decline was not *too* far away. Nevertheless, we remained concerned about short term risks. In January 2001 we wrote that the stockmarket could decline 20-30% over the next 3-6 months but recover to end the year relatively unchanged.

As interest rates fell, stockmarkets rallied off their March lows. In June we predicted stockmarkets would fall back to, or below, their lows. Most markets have since retraced 50-75% of their March/June advance. Of course, it gives us no pleasure to see our equity positions decline in value as stockmarkets head towards previous lows!

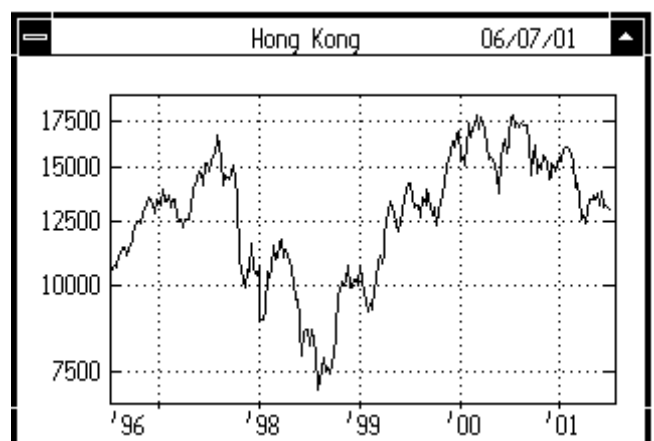
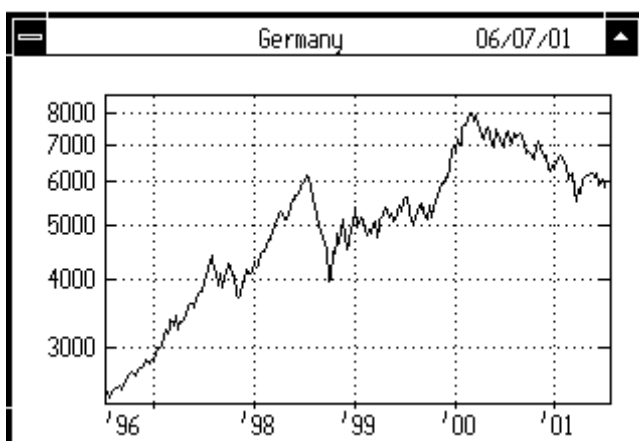
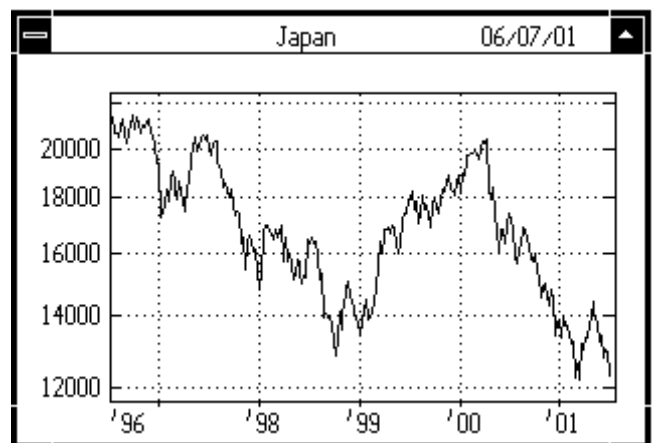
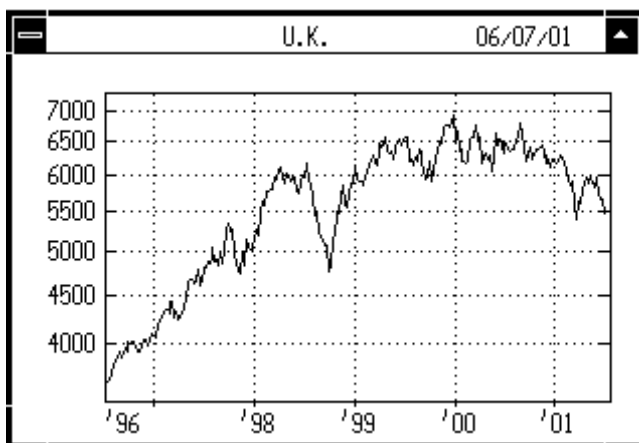
Hopefully our expectation that stockmarkets will bottom out during the second half of this year and

recover during 2002 will also prove correct. If so, our equity investments (many of which are *very volatile* warrants) will recover strongly in value!

As outlined in February 2001, our current investment strategy is to reduce our cash reserve from 30-45% to about 20-30% this year. Cash equal to 2½-5% of our total international portfolio is being invested in **Legg Mason International Utilities plc** ordinary shares, another 7½-15% is being used to add to existing warrant and fund investments. The remaining 20-30% will be invested in 3-5 new funds, probably next year, as stockmarkets recover.

Summary and Recommendation

We still expect stockmarkets to remain weak in the short term, but to start recovering in late 2001 or early 2002. Many of our existing equity positions are volatile warrants, but these have 3-5 years until their final exercise/expiry dates. That is plenty of time for stockmarkets to recover and to make these warrants valuable - but investors must hold through the short term pain! Reinvesting half of our cash reserve in shares and warrants at depressed prices during 2001 will also add significantly to our investment wealth when stockmarkets recover.



Recommended International Investment Funds

Fund News

Fidelity Asian Values plc have been trading at a discount to net asset value, so the company has started re-purchasing shares on-market. On June 12 it re-purchased 3,356,000 shares (at 62¾ pence) and on June 28 re-purchased 150,000 shares (at 57½ pence). This leaves an issued capital of 96,370,653 shares.

Fidelity Asian Values currently leverages its portfolio with a US\$32 million loan (at 7.03%) from Chase Manhattan. This is repayable on September 27, and has been re-financed with a \$32 million loan (at 6.28%) from HSBC Bank.

Templeton Emerging Markets plc will pay a

final dividend of 1.25 pence (ex-dividend August 15, payable September 21), although we own warrants. The Fund Manager's report states "*Despite short term volatility, we continue to find bargains in most emerging markets. Asia, Thailand and Indonesia have been pushed down to very low levels, providing good upside potential. Latin America, Brazil and Mexico recorded strong growth rates and continue to attract foreign interest. South Africa is highly regarded because of its sound judicial and regulatory structures, as well as the adherence of the companies to accepted codes of corporate governance.*

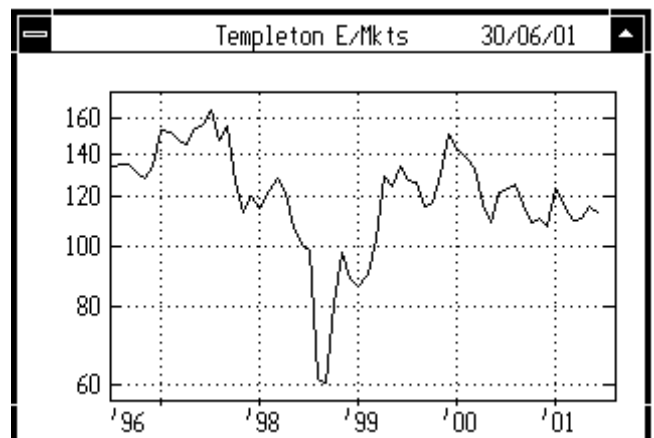
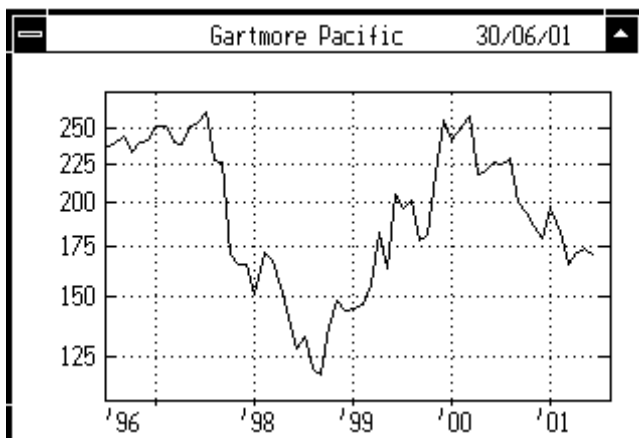
The key, of course, is good valuations"

Current Advice	Investment Fund	EPIC Code	Initial Recommendation		Prem/ Disc to Net Assets	Recent Price		Gain or Loss %	
			Date	Offer Price		Foreign	NZ		Bid-Offer or Last Sale
Asian Regional									
BUY	Fleming Asia WARRANTS	FAIW	07/03/00	43.8p	141.7		13.5p	46.8	-67
HOLD	Fidelity Asian Values WARRANTS	FASW	10/03/98	17.5p	49.7		8.5p	29.5	-41
BUY	Gartmore Pacific Growth Fund	*	29/10/85	41.4p	105.4		162.04-172.52p	580.0	+450
HOLD	HSBC Asian Fund	*	10/11/98	34.4p	106.3		39.0p	135.1	+27
HOLD	HSBC Hong Kong Growth Fund	*	07/04/98	159.4p	481.6		193.7p	671.6	+39
BUY	Henderson Pacific Capital	*	08/08/00	342.2p	1122.6		247.4p	857.8	-24
BUY	Schroder Asia Pacific WARRANTS	SDPW	13/07/99	25.5p	75.8		9.75p	33.8	-55
Japan									
HOLD	Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon plc	BGS	11/01/94	156.0p	440.3	-14%	147.5p	511.4	+16
HOLD	Invesco Japan Discovery Trust	IJD	13/07/99	95.5p	284.0	-16%	81.0p	280.9	-1
Korea									
HOLD	Baring Korea Trust	*	12/04/94	81.1p	209.4		65.62-70.24p	235.5	+13
Thailand									
BUY	Old Mutual Thailand Trust	*	08/12/98	49.0p	155.9		39.19-42.08p	140.9	-10
International									
HOLD	Aberdeen Prolific Emerging Markets	*	13/08/91	39.0p	116.1		58.93-62.35p	210.3	+81
BUY	Legg Mason Int'l Utilities	LIU	13/02/01	170.5p	565.5	-8%	145.0p	502.8	-11
BUY	Templeton E/Markets WARRANTS	TEMA	13/07/99	40.3p	119.7		14.0p	48.5	-59

* United Kingdom based Unit Trust

Other Shares and Warrants

Alternative investments in the UK listed investment trust shares and warrants recommended above include **Fidelity Asian Values** shares at 56¼ pence (-17%, i.e. 17% below net asset value), **Fleming Asian** shares at 77½ pence (-13%), **Schroder Asia Pacific** shares at 61 pence (-17%), **Templeton Emerging Markets** shares at 110¾ pence (-19%), **Baillie Gifford Shin Nippon** warrants at 39 pence and **Invesco Japan Discovery** warrants which trade at 29 pence.



Country Review: United States of America

The **United States** stockmarket accounts for 50% (by value) of the world's total equities and is therefore the focus of many investors attention. The US stockmarket has performed extremely well over the last 25 years - boosted in recent years by the boom in technology shares and over-spending (i.e. negative savings rates) by US consumers.

The US stockmarket finally peaked in early 2000 and has been trending down over the last year . . .



While the NASDAQ index is down 60% - reflecting boom valuations in technology shares - the broad US stockmarket is down only about 20%. Historically (i.e. prior to the recent 25-year advance) the US market would often decline 18-30 months, with prices falling 30-40%. So it would not be unreasonable for the current decline to last until sometime in 2002 and for the S&P 500 Index to decline to around 900-1050 (i.e. to fall 12-25% from current levels). Technically the US stockmarket is still in a decline.

The average Price/Earnings ratio of US stocks has declined from technology boom levels of 35-38 to around 25 at present . . .



. . . but will probably fall to below 20.

Falling stock prices have lifted Dividend Yields, but these remain low by historical standards. However, the US does not have a dividend imputation tax system, so dividend payments are often low and companies choose to distribute surplus cash through re-purchasing shares.

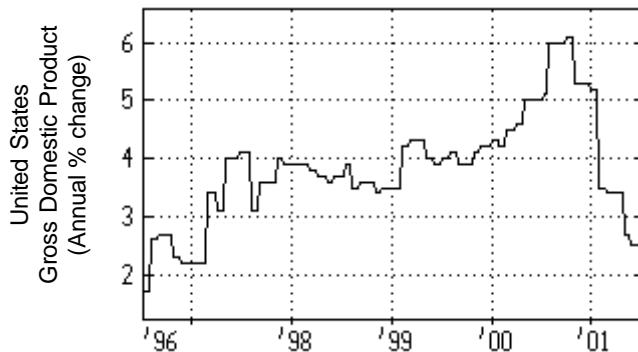
Fundamentally US stock prices still look expensive.

The relationship between economic indicators and future stockmarket performance is variable - owing to several factors. Firstly, economic statistics are usually reported after a significant delay (and these preliminary figures are subject to later revision). Secondly, stockmarkets *anticipate* future economic changes, which are themselves difficult to predict.

Nevertheless, as a general rule, by the time a recession shows up in the economic statistics the worst

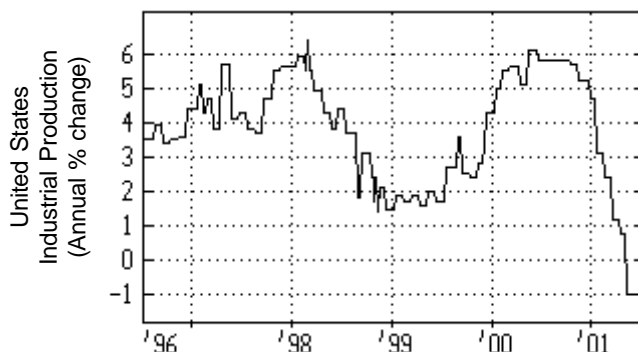
is probably over and the stockmarket will be *anticipating* the eventual recovery. So stockmarket recoveries *begin* when the economic news is at its worst!

In reaction to the boom in Gross Domestic Product during 2000 the stockmarket fell, correctly anticipating the coming economic recession . . .

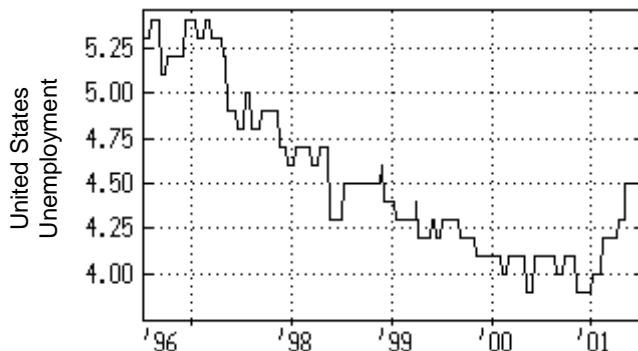


That recession is now clear in the GDP figures released during 2001, so the worst is probably over. However, it is unlikely that the US economy will recover strongly and will probably remained depressed for some time and then recover only slowly.

The boom and recession are also clear in statistics for Industrial Production . . .



. . . in Unemployment . . .



. . . and Retail Sales . . .



... where the unsustainable spending boom during 1999 and 2000 has come to an end.

It is impossible to accurately time the peaks and troughs of the stockmarket cycle from looking at economic statistics. Nevertheless, if the economy is booming, stock prices are probably near their peak and will eventually decline. Similarly, when the economy is clearly in a recession, stock prices are probably near their lows and will eventually recover. Therefore all of the economic statistics (which show a recession) are favourable for the longer term outlook for the US stockmarket.

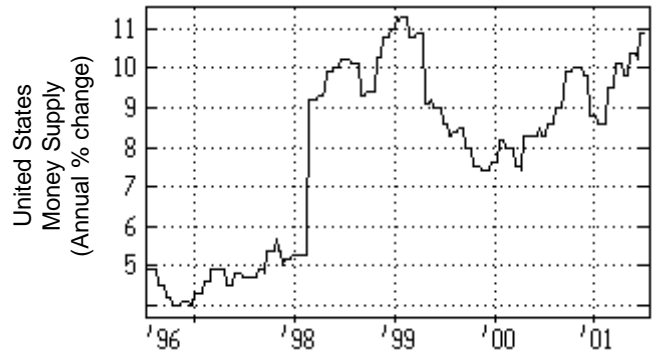
To boost economic activity and limit the depths of the current recession the Federal Reserve has been aggressively cutting interest rates ...



This is both favourable for the economy and favourable for the stockmarket.

The inflation rate, however, remains relatively high at 3.6% and long term interest rates on US bonds also remain high, partly in relation to unwarranted inflation fears. As the recession continues to reduce the pricing power of companies we would expect to see the inflation rate fall and, in turn, a decline in bond interest rates. This would further improve current favourable monetary conditions.

Money Supply growth also remains very high ...



... which is favourable for the stockmarket. It is now widely believed that the boost to US money supply in 1998/99 - in response to the Asian crisis and ahead of the anticipated Y2K crisis - actually led to the technology boom and retail spending boom.

Current rapid money supply growth will have the result of helping to boost stock prices and consumer spending. This will engineer a favourable outcome over the next few years preventing a collapse in stock prices and consumer spending, which could lead to an economic depression. However, it does perpetuate the structural imbalance in the US economy (i.e. inadequate savings) leading to lower growth rates and a lower US dollar.

Summary & Recommendation

The US stocks are still expensive and will likely continue to fall in the short to medium term. The economy has *already* fallen into recession - which is always followed by a recovery! The current economic cycle, however, may involve a longer than normal recession and a slower recovery. Low and declining interest rates support the stockmarket and the economy, limiting the risk of a collapse in stock prices or a depression.

All of this adds up to further moderate stockmarket weakness over the next 6-18 months, with a recovery starting at some stage during 2002.

Few investors may care what happens after the next recovery, but imbalances in will likely make US stockmarket being less attractive than other markets over the next 10-20 years.

Investment Fund Survey

Current Advice	Investment Fund	Risk Rating	Superiority Rating	Market Correlation	Performance 36 mth	12 mth	3 mth	Current Advice	Investment Fund	Risk Rating	Superiority Rating	Market Correlation	Performance 36 mth	12 mth	3 mth
INTERNATIONAL								NEW ZEALAND BASED UNIT TRUSTS							
AUSTRALIAN BASED UNIT TRUSTS															
	AMP Multi-Mgr Global	Medium	-6%	0.81	-5	-15	1	Avoid	AJ International Share	Medium	-6%	0.74	-1	-19	-4
Avoid	ANZ International Markets	Medium	-13%	0.66	-19	-15	2		AMP International Share	Low	-7%	0.76	8	-9	1
	Advance International	Low	-5%	0.43	3	3	6		AMP Passive Int'l Share	Medium	+1%	0.65	-15	-1	
Avoid	Advance Worldwide Share	Medium	-13%	0.61	-20	-20	4		ANZ World Equity Trust	Low	-4%	0.79	17	-8	0
Avoid	BT International	Very High	-7%	0.84	-15	-22	2		ASB World Shares	Medium	-4%	0.68	8	-20	1
Avoid	Citicorp Inv Port Global	High	-18%	0.47	-45	-32	0		BNZ International Equity	Low	-0%	0.70	28	6	1
	Commonwealth Int'l Share	High	-2%	0.65	4	-13	2	Avoid	BT Life Int'l Share	Medium	-3%	0.86	-14	-1	
	Dresdner Global	Low	-4%	0.45	4	-14	1		BTIS International Share	Medium	-7%	0.84	7	-14	1
	Dresdner International	Medium	+3%	0.61	23	-21	-1	Avoid	Col FS Global Property	Very Low	-9%	0.25	-	18	8
	Fidelity Perp. Int'l	Medium	-1%	0.80	12	-10	1		NZ Guardian Global	Low	-5%	0.62	8	-8	2
Avoid	HSBC Flexi-Trt Int'l Trt	Medium	-14%	0.49	-24	-28	4		NZFM Global Equity Gth	Low	-5%	0.77	10	-8	-1
Avoid	Invesco International	High	-16%	0.60	-37	-36	-4		NZFM Global Blue Chip	Very Low	-4%	0.39	18	12	2
Avoid	JB Were International	Medium	-7%	0.71	-8	-19	-1		NZFM Global Prop & Infra	Medium	-4%	0.53	8	-16	-6
Avoid	Lowell International	High	-11%	0.52	-25	-29	4		NZFM Global Small Coys	Medium	+0%	0.55	25	-14	4
	MLC Aust - Platinum Gbl	Medium	-2%	0.50	24	-1	2	Avoid	Nat Bank Int'l Equity	Very Low	-13%	0.51	-10	-25	-1
Avoid	NAFM Inv Trt - Global	Medium	-10%	0.59	-11	-20	4		Royal & Sun Int'l S/Mkt	Low	-5%	0.68	10	-11	0
	Perpetual ICSav - Int'l	Medium	-0%	0.79	12	-11	1		Tower Global Equity	Medium	-4%	0.75	14	-9	3
Avoid	Roth FA Int'l Share	Very High	-14%	0.37	-42	-38	-28		Tower Tortis Intern'l	Medium	+0%	0.74	28	-10	-0
	Tyndall Aust Int'l No 1	High	-2%	0.78	7	-8	11		Westpac International	Low	-5%	0.85	11	-9	1
Avoid	WealthLink World Link	Low	-18%	0.26	-43	-18	-3	NEW ZEALAND BASED INSURANCE BONDS							
Avoid	Westpac International	Medium	-14%	0.46	-30	-19	2		Royal Sun All Global Fd	Medium	-4%	0.77	16	-10	-1
								Avoid	Sov. Super Int'l Equity	Medium	-9%	0.56	-11	-4	-0

