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Summary and Recommended Investment Strategy.

We currently hold a small (15-20%) cash reserve but plan to become 100% invested in equities as we re-invest this in under-valued, cyclical recovery shares and emerging growth companies over the next few months.

Investment Outlook.

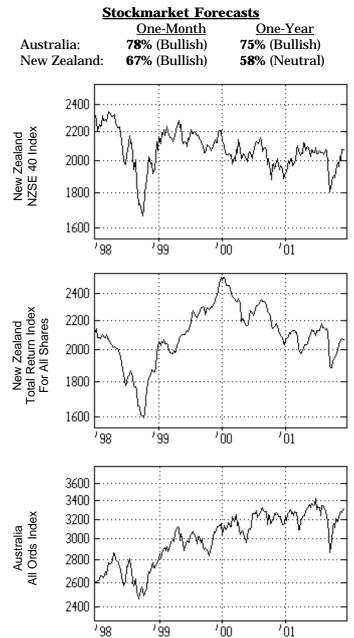
The Australian and New Zealand stockmarkets - like virtually every other world stockmarket - have recovered strongly from the September decline. Our International Investor newsletter has One-Year Forecasts for most stockmarkets turning Bullish. Internationally, investors are looking beyond the current recession to a recovery in mid to late 2002. As we have discussed over recent months, Monetary conditions are extremely favourable, with most central banks expanding Money Supply and sharply lowering interest rates.

Our Forecasts for the local stockmarkets (see above right) remain Bullish to Neutral. Local interest rates have fallen (although not as fast or as far as overseas) and Money Supply has been increased sharply in both countries.

Economic indicators are better in Australia which suffered a post-GST, post-Olympic slowdown starting in the second half of 2000. This depressed profits (and share prices) for a number of cyclical Australian companies - which is now producing a range of potential "Buy" situations. In contrast, the NZ economy has performed quite well over the last two years and is probably currently suffering a moderate slowdown that will continue into the first half of 2002.

Our Fundamental indicators are Neutral for Australia but Bearish (unfavourable) for the NZ stockmarket which is currently at its historical highest levels of valuation (i.e. P/Es are at their historical highs and Yields at their lows). Over one-third of NZ listed companies are trading unprofitably, and over one-half pay no dividend. Are these "emerging growth companies" or "speculative rubbish"?

Today's recommendation to buy Brazin (a cyclical recovery situation with growth potential) lifts our Recommended Portfolio to 31 shares, and over the next few months we anticipate expanding this to about 35 shares as we become 100% invested in equities. Of these, 21-23 (i.e. 60-65%) will probably be Australian shares and 12-14 (i.e. 35-40) NZ shares.



Performance Forecasts

"Performance Forecasts" are computer generated predictions of the relative future price performance of a company's shares over the next three to six months. Performance Forecasts are calculated for **every** listed NZ share (except Investment Trusts) on a rating scale using the letters "A" (Highest potential for capital appreciation over the next 3-6 months), "B" (Above Average), "C" (Average), "D" (Below Average) and "E" (Lowest). These predictions are NOT buy or sell recommendations, but can be useful to help time planned purchases or sales, or to identify shares worthy of further study and analysis.

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Recommended Investments

Cavalier Corporation has warned that first quarter carpet revenues were down about 7%. Margins are also lower, so profits for the first half of the year will probably be down about 25%. The company expects the second half (to June) to be stronger and, as that period last year was slow, the annual profit will likely be down only about 10%.

The Microbial Technologies research is "approaching a crucial phase" with field trials just commencing that "may well make or break the project". Success in these trials would lead to commercialisation. That would "require significant further investment" but be a "major business expansion" and an important source of new revenues and profits. A decision on *how* the company may proceed with funding commercialisation has not been made, but Cavalier Corporation has a strong balance sheet and the "capacity to debt fund quite aggressive expansion if the opportunity is right".

If the field tests are unsuccessful, the company could stop work and write off its investment in Research & Development. That would show an accounting loss, but that money is *already* spent out of cash flows over recent years, so there is no impact upon *current* cashflows, carpet profits or the company's ability to pay dividends in the future. In fact, without having to fund further research, Cavalier will have *more* cash!

The carpet business may lack any huge growth potential, but it is a profitable niche business. A Price/Sales ratio of 1.04, a Price/Earnings ratio of 16 and a Dividend Yield of 7.7% is a fair valuation for the carpet business - with the market placing little value on the Microbial Technologies *potential. (Continued on Page 4)*

Portfolio of Recommended Investments

CURRENT ADVICE	Company	Code	<u>Initial Recomn</u> - Date -	<u>nendation</u> Price	Perform- mance Forecast	lssued Shares (mil.)	Vola- tility Ratio	Price/ Sales Ratio	Price/ Earnings Ratio	Gross Dividend Yield	Recent Share Price	Cash Dividends Rec'd	Total Return %
	NZ Shares												
HOLD+	CDL Investments Ltd	CDI	12/01/99	25	Е	185.8	2.2	1.19	8	14.0	17	6.1	-8%
HOLD+	Cavalier Corporation	CAV	05/12/95	312	А	31.5	0.8	1.04	16	7.7	623	169.0	+154%
HOLD	Colonial Motor Company	СМО	10/11/92	150	В	27.9	0.7	0.22	15	7.7	270	210.8	+221%
HOLD+	Lyttelton Port Company	LPC	12/12/00	150	В	101.8	0.9	2.97	13	9.0	170	10.3	+20%
HOLD	Michael Hill Int'l Ltd	MHI	11/06/91	46*	А	38.6	0.7	1.02	19	4.5	500	83.0+	1167%
HOLD	Nuplex Industries Ltd	NPX	11/02/97	350	С	58.6	1.0	0.42	12	7.7	292	51.0	-2%
HOLD	Renaissance Corp	RNS	13/08/96	85*	D	36.7	2.4	0.09	10	8.1	37	7.4	-48%
BUY	Richina Pacific	RCH	03/11/95	119*	D	72.2	1.7	0.06	10	Nil	63	11.9	-37%
HOLD	South Port New Zealand	SPN	13/02/96	120	В	26.2	1.1	2.86	17	6.4	140	56.3	+64%
BUY	Steel & Tube Holdings	STU	08/08/00	146	Α	87.8	1.0	0.59	15	9.1	262	33.0	+102%
BUY	Taylors Group Ltd	TAY	09/11/99	102	В	24.3	1.1	0.81	12	7.0	150	13.0	+60%
BUY	Wrightson Limited	WRI	13/01/98	83	В	134.1	1.4	0.22	14	10.4	115	18.3	+61%
	Australian Shares (in Aust cents)												
BUY	Abigroup Limited	ABG	09/03/99	265	Α	47.7	0.8	0.15	6	5.0	240	29.0	+2%
BUY	Atlas Pacific Ltd	ATP	14/05/96	73	В	57.9	1.8	2.50	7	Nil	33	2.0	-52%
HOLD+	Auspine Limited	ANE	08/02/00	210	В	57.0	0.8	0.59	9	5.6	215	34.0	+19%
HOLD+	Austral Coal Ltd	AUO	16/01/01	19	С	82.7	1.6	0.39	8	Nil	39	Nil	+103%
HOLD	Biron Capital Ltd	BIC	12/04/94	178	С	22.4	1.7	1.99	39	Nil	41	11.0	-71%
BUY	Brazin Limited	BRZ	11/12/01	160	В	116.4	1.0	0.47	16	7.8	160	Nil	
BUY	Campbell Brothers Ltd	CPB	12/10/99	418*	Α	37.9	0.5	0.49	11	6.0	501	55.5	+33%
HOLD	Central Equity Ltd	CEQ	09/02/94	154	В	82.1	0.9	0.78	8	7.5	200	97.0	+93%
HOLD+	Commander Comm.	CDR	11/09/01	92	С	143.6	1.2	0.56	10	3.3	75	2.5	-16%
HOLD+	C.S.R. Limited	CSR	11/07/00	436	В	943.6	0.7	0.98	14	3.4	670	23.0	+59%
BUY	Julia Ross Recruitment	JRR	14/08/01	92	В	57.2	1.1	0.36	9	6.1	98	3.0	+10%
HOLD+	McPherson's Ltd	MCP	10/10/00	125	В	39.2	0.9	0.18	4	9.9	121	12.0	+6%
HOLD	Nufarm Limited	NUF	11/02/97	418*	В	154.6	0.8	0.34	9	5.9	306	81.3	-7%
HOLD+	OAMPS Limited	OMP	15/05/01	198	В	32.6	0.7	0.38	13	5.5	308	6.0	+59%
HOLD	Thakral Holdings	THG	10/11/98	65	С	592.3	1.3	1.03	9	12.3	51	18.3	+6%
HOLD-	Toll Holdings (1)	TOL	08/09/98	240	А	62.1	0.6	1.10	37	1.1	2946	76.0+	-1159%
HOLD	Utility Services Corp	USC	11/01/00	55*	С	99.9	1.8	1.13	0	6.6	61	9.0	+27%
HOLD	Vision Systems Ltd	VSL	10/11/98	69*	С	146.4	0.7	1.95	19	1.7	202	-	+216%
	Volante Group Ltd	VGL	13/03/01	132	С	68.0	1.1	0.22	11	6.7	120	5.0	-5%
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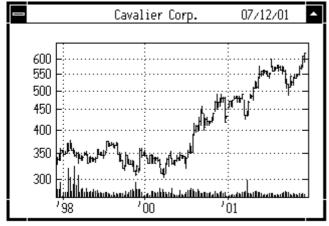
* Initial Recommendation Prices adjusted for Share Splits, Bonus and Cash Issues.

(1) Toll Holdings notes (TOLG) last traded at 2950 cents.

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Recommended Investments (Continued from Page 3)

So, <u>if Cavalier Corporation's new venture proves</u> <u>unsuccessful then we would not expect any significant</u> <u>decline in the share price. If it proves *successful* it could <u>add several dollars to the value of the shares over the</u> <u>next few years. "Hold+"</u>.</u>



<u>Colonial Motor Company</u> reports first quarter sales ahead of last year with profits "marginally higher". Rural and provincial demand is buoyant - and tractor sales are ahead of last year - but some rural economic slowdown is expected.

Renaissance Corporation is planning a major restructure that will almost halve its revenues but is aimed at increasing profits. In the current financial year (to December 31) there will, however, be a "significant negative impact" on profitability owing to the restructuring costs but Renaissance Corporation will start the 2003 year "in a strong financial position".

Renaissance Corporation plans to drop very low profit margin, non-exclusive, products from suppliers like **Hewlett Packard**, **Compaq**, **Microsoft** and **Toshiba**. Instead the company will focus upon its higher margin, higher growth products and services.

In the short term, the share price may remain weak but longer term this restructuring could be very good for the company. It is impossible to accurately predict the financial impact, but this restructuring could be similar to **Cavalier Corporation**'s exit from the low profit margin wool trading business. It is unlikely that Renaissance Corporation earns much profit from the products to be discontinued. On the other hand, the company has \$11-25 million tied up in working capital (i.e. stock and debtors, less creditors), so discontinuing these lines could release \$5-13 million that is currently invested in the business but earning little, if any, return. That money can be better used to repay debt (and save interest costs), re-invested in new ventures or used to fund an acquisition.

<u>As Renaissance Corporation shares are likely to</u> <u>remain depressed in the short term, we shall continue</u> <u>to rate them "Hold"</u>.

Taylors Group continues to sound bullish about its future prospects: "Forward prospects for the 2002 year are encouraging", with new revenue and earnings coming from its acquisition of **Laundry & Drycleaning Services** as well as "solid sales growth" from the existing businesses. As we have often reported, Taylors Group has low debt levels and a strong cashflow, so the directors are keen to find further suitable acquisitions or "other opportunities for development".

Australian Shares

(*This section is in Australian currency, unless stated.*) The **Q-Free Consortium** - a joint venture between **Abigroup** and **Q-Free Pty** which installed the electronic tolling system on the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Harbour Tunnel - has been awarded a \$2.7 million contract to install the same system on all lanes of the **M2 Hills Motorway**. This will replace the current **T-Pass** electronic tolling system and allows motorists to use one tag on all Sydney motorways. Another Abigroup joint venture, **Tollaust** (a 60% owned Abigroup subsidiary) is responsible for collecting tolls and maintaining the M2 motorway, while Abigroup's major asset is a 15.0 million unit holding in **Hills Motorway**.

<u>Atlas Pacific</u> has released its updated forecasts for the years through to December 2004. Revenues for the current year are expected to be up 52% to \$11.0 million with profits up 102% to \$4,995,000 (6.4 cents per share).

For the year to December 2002, revenues are forecast to rise 42% to \$15.7 million but, with the payment of full tax rates, profits will rise just 28% to \$6,372,000 (7.3 cents per share). Revenues are forecast to increase 32% in 2003, with profits growing 52% to \$9,692,000 (11.1 cents per share). For the final year of the predictions, 2004, revenues are projected to be 25% higher at \$25.9 million and profits 25% higher at \$12,151,000 (13.9 cents per share). Owing to annual changes in pearl quality, prices and exchange rates, gross revenues may fluctuate by 30% from the above estimates, with profits up or down 50% on these forecast levels.

Now that the company has finished development there is little need to retain cash within the business except to fund *new* expansions. Atlas Pacific *may* develop new pearl farms, which would not require *too much* capital investment and easily funded from cash flows. Another *possible* source of growth would be to enter joint ventures with other Indonesian operations which generally lack technical expertise and produce lower quality, lower priced pearls.

Most - about 80-90% - of the net profit will be available as *free cash flow* which Atlas Pacific can use to either (1) finance expansion, (2) distribute as dividends or (3) use to re-purchase shares. That suggests Atlas Pacific could pay dividends of 4.0-4.5 cents for this financial year (i.e. a 2.0-2.5 cents final dividend), 5.0-6.0 cents in 2002, 7.5-9.0 cents in 2003 and 9.5-11.0 cents in 2004.

If, in 2004-5, Atlas Pacific shares are conservatively valued at a Price/Earnings ratio of 7-8 and a Dividend Yield of 9-11%, then the share price will be around 95-110 cents. An investment in Atlas Pacific shares at the current price of 33 cents could therefore appreciate 63-78 cents (190-230%) over the next three years, plus yield a total income return of 24-29 cents (70-90%). That is a total return of 260-320% over the next three years. That potential suggests the shares are very under-valued.

The current year (i.e. 2001) forecast would also put the shares on a Price/Sales ratio of 2.40, a P/E ratio of just 5 and a Yield of 12.1-13.6%. A high P/S ratio is acceptable as this is a low cost, high quality *producer* with a high net profit margin (i.e. 40-50% of revenue), while the very low P/E and very high Yield scream under-valuation. <u>Expect the Atlas Pacific share price</u> to perform strongly in the short to medium term.

We therefore believe that *now* is a good time to buy into Atlas Pacific or to increase an existing investment in this company. "Buy".

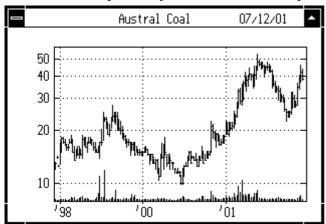
<u>Auspine</u> has warned that its half year profit to December 2001 will be "well below" last year's \$9.7 million. While there is "evidence of an upturn in home building" that has "not yet translated into a significant improvement in profitability". Unseasonable wet weather in Victoria and South Australia is also blamed for the lower profitability.

Despite this short term profit decline, the Managing Director and major shareholder, A de Bruin, has made a small on-market purchase of 19,742 shares, to now own 13,249,112 shares. This makes three *insider* buys, and no sells, over the last year.

The very strong rise in **<u>Austral Coal</u>**'s share price over the last month is probably a reaction to two *very favourable* broker reports which investors will be able to find republished on the company's website (www.austcoal.com.au). Our resident conspiracy theorist suggests that these "Research Reports" are just part of the process by which brokers seek to win the job of organising and underwriting a cash issue or share placement from a company that will probably want to raise some new equity to partially fund its current expansion process.

Whatever the reason for brokers publishing Research Reports we *do* agree that Austral Coal is an undervalued share, that the company has excellent growth potential and that this business generates strong free cash flows. These cash flows are currently being reinvested in the expansion, but will later be available to repay expansion debt and to pay high dividends to shareholders.

Our one concern is the very *short term* impact of widely distributed brokers reports on the share price. These two reports boosted the Austral Coal share price from 28 cents to a recent high of 46 cents, but they have already slipped back to 38-39 cents. <u>Austral Coal shares will possibly fall back to 32-36 cents over the next few weeks - at which price they are an attractive "Buy"</u>.



Biron Capital's directors continue to buy shares. G Snow's recent purchase of 40,000 shares (lifting his holding to 7,318,544 shares) is the 15th *insider* buy (and there have been no sells) over the last year!

Campbell Brothers has reported a slight fall in trading profits - down 2.6% to \$5,979,000 for the six

months to September 30. Earnings per share are down 19.9% to 15.7 cents, owing to the increased capital following the 1 for 5 cash issue. Revenues were up 5.5% at \$168.8 million and a steady 13.0 cents interim dividend will be paid.

The company has changed its divisional breakdowns. The <u>Consumer</u> division reports revenues up 6% to \$77.2 million and earnings (before interest and tax) virtually unchanged at \$4.9 million. The <u>Industrial</u> division's revenues were steady at \$48.4 million but earnings fell 8% to \$3 million. <u>Laboratory Services</u> lifted revenues 12% to \$38.5 million and earnings 23% to \$6.0 million.

Campbell Brothers has taken further steps to expand its Laboratory Services business with an agreement to acquire **Bondar Clegg** which is the second largest minerals laboratory group (after Campbell Brothers' **ALS Chemex**) in North and South America. The total cost of this acquisition - including "a significant provision" to rationalise it into the existing ALS Chemex business - will be about A\$8 million. Following the purchase of Bondar Clegg, ALS Chemex will be the "largest global provider" of services in the mining sector with a 30% market share. The Laboratory Services division earns half of its revenue from "environmental" services, where it is one of the ten largest companies

Laboratory services is a business with high fixed capital costs and low operating costs. In other words there are *economies of scale*-bigger operations that can better *utilise* their laboratory facilities will be able to provide customers with a lower cost service *and* earn significantly higher profit margins. The company announcement confirms this by noting that "the acquisition will significantly increase work volumes through its current laboratories and this will flow on to enhanced profit margins".

Campbell Brothers has failed to produce any meaningful growth since we first bought in to the company two years ago (although our investment has produced a reasonable 33% return). Nevertheless, the shares remain very attractive. The Consumer and Industrial divisions generate relatively stable revenues and profits, while the Laboratory Services division holds the *potential* to generate strong growth and earn very high profit margins. The shares trade at a low valuation, with the Price/Sales ratio at 0.50, the Price/ Earnings ratio 11 and the Dividend Yield 5.8%. Over the last year there have been eight *insider* buys (the last five buys in August) and one sell.

It was the expansion of the Laboratory Services business with the \$8-12 million purchase of **Chemex** in October 1999 that led us to initially recommend Campbell Brothers shares for investment. Since then the group has acquired **Analytical Services Laboratories** (a Canadian based environmental analysis company) for \$10 million and now Bondar Clegg. It may have taken longer than we expected, but this series of acquisitions should help realise the *growth potential, high margins* and *free cash flows* that we believe the Laboratory Services division can produce for Campbell Brothers.

The shares remain a strong "Buy" - offering a highincome yield and the potential for profit growth andcapital appreciation.(Continued on Page 6)

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Recommended Investments (Continued from Page 5)

Central Equity reports buoyant conditions. Off the plan, pre-sales for the September 2001 quarter and in October - are ahead of the corresponding periods in the two previous years. Total pre-sales currently stand at a very high \$490 million (compared with \$320 million in June 2001 and \$310 million in December 2000).

The company has extended its product range to include "luxury" *Deluxe Apartments*. The first apartment tower in this range, *Victoria Tower*, officially went on sale at the end of November - but was already 50% pre-sold at that stage!

Commander Communications has acquired **UniTel**, a company that provides network security, video conferencing, audio conferencing and telephone call management products to medium sized and larger companies. The company has not disclosed the cost of this acquisition, but it is believed to be about \$5 million in cash, subject to UniTel meeting performance targets. The business will add \$11 million in revenues and be "immediately earnings per share positive". So Unitel is being purchased on a Price/Sales ratio of about 0.45 which is reasonable.

Commander Communications is also believed to be negotiating with several data networking companies and close to making another acquisition.

Commander Communications is well placed to expand through acquisition. At its June balance date the company held \$9.4 million in cash and had an undrawn debt facility of \$50 million.

C.S.R. has lifted trading revenues by 9.3% to \$3,711.8 million for the six months to September 30. Profits rose 2.2% to \$277.0 million, but earnings per share rose 10.1% to 29.5 cents (as the company reduces its issued capital by buying back shares). A steady 11.0 cents interim dividend will be paid.

In November, CSR won a long running tax dispute with the **Australian Tax Office** that will see CSR receive a \$33 million refund of tax paid in 1995, plus interest of about \$11 million.

Despite the widely publicised downturn in the recruitment industry, **Julia Ross Recruitment** <u>expects both revenues and profits for the current</u> <u>financial year to be ahead of last year</u>! A strong performance by its temporary placement service is expected to offset weakness in the permanent recruitment business.

Julia Ross Recruitment's positive expectations contrast with other listed companies in this sector although these companies confirm that the weakness is in the *permanent* placement sector of the industry. Catalyst Recruitment reports revenues down 20% and earnings down 75%. Recruitment Solutions reports a strong July and August but a "material reduction in revenues" for September and October, while Integrated Workforce reports the opposite trend - a "cautious start" in July and August followed by "better levels of sales" in September and October! Skilled Engineering, which provide temporary labour hire and outsoucing services, reports steady revenues and good profit margins (after trading unprofitably in the June 2001 year) which confirms the strength in the temporary labour market sector.

Rationalisation is widely expected in the Recruitment industry which is fragmented with many small private businesses and small recruitment subsidiaries of other larger businesses. In the present depressed environment, many small recruitment businesses may not survive. Julia Ross Recruitment has already made two cash acquisitions over the last six months (i.e. MHP Recruitment and PWC Executive) and with a strong balance sheet and sound management could play a leading role (i.e. cheaply acquire a lot of financially weaker competitors) in this rationalisation.

Nufarm Chief Executive, DJ Rathbone, has purchased 8000 shares on-market - which is pretty insignificant for someone with an interest in 37,744,372 shares!

OAMPS has announced four acquisitions: The first is the business of Harts One to One Insurance Solutions (in liquidation), which generates brokerage commissions and fees of around \$500,000 per annum. The second, Kenyon Insurance Brokers, is a Melbourne based insurance broker and financial services company with annual premium revenues of \$9 million. OAMPS has issued 100,000 shares and will make further cash payments over the next two years based upon the performance of the business. The third and fourth are Blackbutt Insurance Brokers and Dunne & Associates, both independent general insurance businesses in Wollongong, NSW, generating combined premium income of \$9 million. The company has issued 60,000 shares and will again make cash payments based on business renewals.

OAMPS directors just keep on buying shares! HW Robertson has purchased 5,681 shares, raising his holding to 82,760 shares, while BM Austin bought 40,973 shares, building his holding to 2,200,971 shares. These are the *third* buys by both of these directors over the last twelve months, and in total there have been 12 *insider* buys and two sells.

Thakral Holdings Group continues to expand its property development business - to offset weakness in its hotel business. The company has formed a joint venture with **Belgravia Group** which has purchased an abandoned restaurant and car-park site at 74 Queens Road, Melbourne, adjacent to Albert Park. A \$60 million residential development, consisting of a 10 storey tower with 180 one and two bedroom apartments is planned. Construction is expected to begin in April.

Utility Services Corporation has acquired the Australian and NZ assets and business of **QSP** from the UK parent which was placed in receivership in October. These assets include exclusive rights to QSP WebFinance Suite (i.e. financial software for businesses with 10 to 10,000 employees) and all intellectual property.

This business is expected to generate "revenues in excess of \$12 million per annum and achieve profit margins of approximately 10% of revenues" (i.e. \$1.2 million per year) "over the medium term". Utility Services made an "opportunistic" offer of "less than \$1 million" which the receiver accepted! Unlike the parent company, QSP "has always traded profitably in Australia".

QSP's major customers include **Qantas**, **Telstra** and Federal Government departments.

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Utility Services is taking a very long time to reinvest its cash - but it is more important that it invests the money *wisely* that investing it *quickly*. QSP certainly <u>looks to be an outstanding value for money acquisition</u> and the company is hoping to announce the acquisition of three more businesses before Christmas.

Director F Swaab has purchased 100,000 Utility Services shares on-market at about 56 cents, lifting his holding to 574,361 shares. That makes five *insider* buys - no sells - for the last twelve months.

Vision Systems had *another* change of mind over its intentions for its **TTP Communications** shares. In mid November it sold 9 million shares, in a secondary offering of 24 million shares, at £1.33. <u>This realises</u> *another* A\$32 million in cash for Vision Systems and leaves the company with 9,376,700 TTP Communications shares.

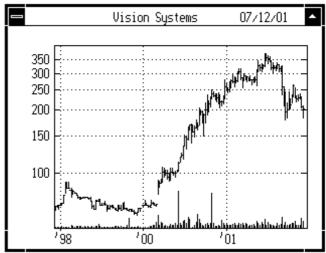
Vision Systems' Managing Director Dr JC Fox has increased his holding to 4,238,350 shares with the purchase of 200,000 shares on-market during November at prices around \$2.30. Dr Fox has also been issued 2,135,000 executive options (to buy shares at \$3.00 each until October 2006). A total of a further 3,818,861 options were issued to four other senior executives.

Another director, PA Murphy, seems more confused about the future prospects for Vision Systems. During November he first *bought* 40,000 shares (at about \$2.30) and two weeks later *sold* 250,000 shares (at a slightly lower price), reducing his holding to 1,693,240 shares.

Overall there have been three *insider* buys and three sells over the last year - which gives us little guidance to the immediate future performance of Vision

Systems. The shares appear to be out of favour with investors who are clearly not happy about the expected downturn in revenue and profits this year - nor that the company plans to invest much of its \$109 million (75 cents per share) cash hoard in Research & Development.

While the shares are not *cheap*, their valuation is quite modest (taking into account the large cash holding and TTP Communications shares). Vision Systems is a *quality* technology company that has been successful at turning Research & Development expenditure into Shareholder value. Therefore - despite any short term uncertainties - we are happy to continue holding our Vision Systems shares as a long term investment. We shall, however, rate the shares as a "Hold" and upgrade them when the prospects for recovery become more certain.



Share Recommendation: Buy Brazin

BUY Australian listed Brazin

The introduction of GST and restructuring resulted in a profit decline for retailer **Brazin** (Code BRZ) last year, but the company is now focused on its core businesses in Australia and has embarked upon a major expansion into the United Kingdom. The shares are under-valued, neglected by brokers and institutions, while management own most of the company *and* have been buying more. The share price is starting to recover. This is exactly the type of situation that our *Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria* are designed to identify as a "Buy" for our portfolio!

Company History

This business was started in 1980 to sell recorded music (i.e. records, tapes and, later, CDs) and incorporated in 1986 under the name **Dork Enterprises**. The name changed to Brazin ahead of the October 1997 share offer (at 200 cents) and December 1997 stockmarket listing. The \$85 million raised from the public went to repay shareholder loans and to acquire **CC Records**' business of 15 music stores.

Current Business

Since 1980, Brazin has built up a large retail business in Australia selling recorded music (through *Sanity Music, Dance Arena* and *IN2Music* stores plus online at *sanity.com*), lingerie, sleepwear and swimwear (through stores trading under the brands *Bras N Things* and *Viva Lingerie*). The businesses have grown mainly internally - but with a few acquisitions. For example, in March 1998 Brazin acquired 27 music stores from the receiver of **Brash's** and in the same month **Blockbuster Music** was purchased for \$2 million. A further 23 music stores, mainly in South Australia, were purchased from **CC Music** in August 2000 and converted to *Sanity Music* and *IN2Music* stores.

In April 1999, *Viva Lingerie* was launched as a separate division from the company's *Bras N Things* lingerie business to target the youth market.

Brazin also established the *Gosh Coffee* business in June 2000, with plans to eventually expand to 200-300 stores within Australia.

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The group took advantage of the internet boom by floating its online music business as a separate company, **Sanity.com**. The public float (at 100 cents) raised \$8.4 million in cash. \$5.9 million worth of shares (10% of Sanity.com) were issued to **EMI Music** in return for "expertise and services" including digital download technology, e-commerce functionality and EMI content for the website. The shares initially listed at \$2 - a 100% premium to their issue price - but fell to a low of 5 cents in June 2001. In September, Brazin acquired 100% ownership of Sanity.com after buying out the minority shareholders at 10 cents.

In March 2001, Brazins made a takeover offer of 14 cents per share for another listed online music business, **Chaos Music** - but this was withdrawn.

The group invested \$1.5 million in a joint venture to develop a new Sydney nightclub *City Live* (with an option to increase ownership from 55% to 80%) and has a 25% interest (with an option to increase this to 50%) in a profitable music recording business purchased in February 2001 at a cost of \$1.4 million.

Ian W Duffell was recruited as Managing Director in May to strengthen the management team and this led to a review of the company. As a result, <u>Brazin has</u> <u>announced a restructuring of its operations with all</u> <u>non-core businesses to be sold or closed down, and the</u> <u>company will then focus on music and lingerie</u>. Subsequently, Brazin has announced a significant expansion of its music business through an acquisition in the United Kingdom.

Recorded music generates approximately 70% of revenues (although this will rise to 80-85% in future with the UK expansion) and about 60% of earnings. Lingerie makes up 20-25% of revenues and 25-30% of earnings. Swimwear is the smallest business, accounting for only 5% of revenues but has the highest profit margins, generating around 10-12% of group earnings.

Future Growth Potential

In October 2001, Brazin acquired 77 under-performing music stores in the UK from **Virgin Group**, which will be re-branded as *Sanity Music*. Brazin will pay "a nominal sum plus inventory at cost" up to a maximum of £7.7 million (A\$23 million) for these 77 stores - while Virgin Group will then pay "£7.7 million for the restructuring of the 77 stores" back to Brazin. <u>So Virgin is effectively giving these stores and their £7.7 million in inventory to Brazin for nothing</u>! Virgin will also receive undisclosed "earn out" payments over the next five years, based upon profitability and 1,500,000 options to acquire Brazin shares at \$1.27.

<u>This expansion immediately *doubles* the group's</u> <u>revenues from music sales to A\$500 million</u> with little cash outlay - and with the vendor financing the restructuring and rebranding of the stores. The UK business is expected to be "profit neutral" in the first year and make a positive contribution to earnings from the second year. More importantly, this gives Brazin a very cheap entry into the UK and a base of operations from which to expand over the medium to long term.

Brazin will also rebrand its Australian *IN2Music* stores under the name *Virgin Music* and plans to expand this chain from 55 stores to 100. Brazin will pay Virgin a 1% royalty on sales from the Australian *Virgin*

Music stores.

We believe the restructuring of the Australian businesses and the expansion into the UK are potentially very significant for Brazin. The company is the largest music seller in Australia. While this business generates good cash flows and profits, it offers limited potential for expansion. Rather than seeking growth in new businesses, Brazin will "concentrate on improving the performance of core businesses" and "expand in core activities". Brazin will be a small operator in the UK, so this offers plenty of room to expand its share of the market - if Brazin is able to duplicate its successful Australian music business methods. Just as importantly, Brazin is investing very little in this expansion (i.e. \$23 million for stock) and is effectively being paid to take this business as the vendor will refund all of this money to pay for restructuring.

Recent Results

For the year to June 1999, revenues rose 50.6% to \$334.0 million, with profits up 45.0% to \$28,169,000 (25.1 cents per share). The dividend was raised 31.0% to 15.0 cents.

Revenues increased 18.3% to \$395.2 million for the year to June 2000, while profits slipped 5.4% to \$26,653,000 (24.2 cents per share). The dividend was raised 13.3% to 17.0 cents.

Revenues continued to grow in the year to June 2001 - up 4.9% to \$379.3 million - but net profits fell 57.4% to \$11,345,000 (9.7 cents per share). The annual dividend rate was cut 26.5% to 12.5 cents (although a special 10.0 cents dividend was paid prior to June to distribute franking credits ahead of the drop in the Australian company tax rate). The lower profit for the period resulted from "soft trading conditions" following the introduction of GST, "start up losses" at *Gosh Coffee, Viva Lingerie, City Live* and other non-core businesses, plus a \$5.4 million provision for rationalisation and closure costs following the decision to sell off all non-core operations.

Investment Criteria

At \$1.60, Brazin shares are trading on a Price/Sales ratio of 0.47, a Price/Earnings ratio of 16 and a Dividend Vield of 7.8%. Those statistics offer good value, but the shares look very under-valued when one remembers last year's profit glitch and the depressed dividend payout.

The market capitalisation is \$186 million, making Brazin a medium sized Australian company.

Brazin is *neglected*, with only four brokers following the company. Institutional investors also have *very* small holdings in the company. Neglected shares tend to be under-valued relative to widely followed and widely held shares.

We also like to see management having a stake in the company - and <u>the directors have a very big stake</u> <u>in Brazin</u>. Chief Executive, Brett Blundy, owns 77,578,884 shares or 66.7% of the company and nonexecutive director T Blundy is the second largest shareholder with 3,208,800 shares (2.76%). Managing Director IW Duffell owns 200,000 shares, while the other non-executive directors with shares are AP Ho with 120,400 shares, GH Bennett holds 113,050 shares and BR Martin owns 27,991 shares.

<u>There have been four insider buys</u> - and no sells -

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over the last year. AP Ho purchased 10,000 shares in February at about 156 cents per share. The major shareholder BBlundy further increased his investment, purchasing 1,858,266 shares on market (at about 146 cents) in March and another 5,922,050 shares (around 125 cents) also in March (but not reported until June). BR Martin purchased 15,000 shares (at about 125 cents) in July.

<u>Technically the shares are very attractive</u>. The shares suffered a significant decline in value during 2000 and early 2001, have bottomed out since April and now appear to be in the early stages of a recovery. The Relative Strength Rating has recently turned *positive* and is now +2.0% which ranks the shares at 24 (on a scale of 0-99).

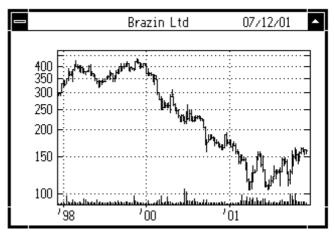
Summary and Recommendation

Brazin shares offer excellent value, having declined significantly last year when the company experienced a profit glitch. The company has since restructured to concentrate on its core businesses and expanded that core business into the UK which offers new opportunities to grow the business. In response to these developments the share price has now started to recover strongly.

Insiders have large shareholdings in Brazin and

have further increased those investments over the last year, while brokers and institutional investors have not yet *discovered* the company.

Brazin shares should appeal to a wide range of investors. The shares not only offer a high current income yield but, following last year's profit glitch, profits and dividends are likely to recover strongly over the next two years, while the share price could appreciate 100-200%. Longer term the new UK business offers the potential for further significant expansion and growth.



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Wrightsons Ltd	115	+17.0	-4.7	2	2	1.4	9	1.4	14	10.4	0.22	154		Steel & Tube	262	+17.5	+4.1	1	5	1.8	11	0.8	15	9.1	0.59	230
Mainfreight Grp	148	+5.3	+3.2	22	5	2.2	7	1.0	31	6.6	0.26	108		Lyttelton Port	170	-1.6	-0.1	56	4	4.0	32	0.6	13	9.0	2.97	173
Hellaby Hold.	223	+3.6	+0.1	27	1	1.5	17	1.0	9	10.0	0.29	111		Restaurant Brds	188	+9.6	+2.0	10	5	6.2	45	1.0	14	7.9	0.73	173
Williams Kettle	400		+0.7	16		1.4	16	0.6	8	7.5	0.32	59		Nuplex Indust	292	-6.1	-1.1	72	5	1.2	10	0.9	12	7.7	0.42	171
Fletcher Build.	282	+5.8	-0.1	20	6	1.2	4	1.3	29	6.4	0.43	972														
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Reid Farmers	121	+7.4	-3.2	17		1.6	18	1.2	9	8.6	0.63	68		Vending Tech.	230	-4.9	-4.1	68	-	6.7	40	0.6	17	Nil	4.06	68
Restaurant Brds	188	+9.6	+2.0	10	5	6.2	45	1.2	14	7.9	0.73	173		Lyttelton Port	170	-1.6	-0.1	56	4	4.0	32	0.6	13	9.0	2.97	173
Tranz Rail Hold	416	+4.7	-1.6	23	6	1.1	6	0.9	19	2.0	0.80	503		Ind Newspapers	362	-2.2	+1.0	59	6	1.3	2	0.7	56	3.5	2.84	1,559
Taylors Grp Ltd	150	+8.2	+3.2	13	1	1.7	14	1.1	12	7.0	0.81	36		Genesis Res.	299	-18.1	-0.6	89		1.3	1	0.9	105	Nil	2.64	76
Ebos Group Ltd	334	+7.3	+2.7	18		2.3	14	0.8	16	6.3	0.84	90		Nuhaka Forestry	845	-7.6	+1.1	77		0.7		0.4	NE	6.5	2.24	15
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Owens Group Lto	129	+14.9	+3.3	3	3	2.1	14	0.8	15	5.8	0.19	73		Force Corp.	9	-28.5	+2.6	94	2	3.2	-	2.1	NE	Nil	0.26	14
Pacific Retail	200	+12.4	+1.0	6	3	1.7	19	1.1	9	Nil	0.25	101		Advantage Group	56	-28.5	+3.9	94	2	6.4	14	1.4	44	Nil	0.50	37
Restaurant Brds	188	+9.6	+2.0	10	5	6.2	45	1.0	14	7.9	0.73	173		IT Capital Ltd	8	-27.4	-0.1	92	-	0.6		2.6	NE	Nil	1.02	14
Taylors Grp Ltd	150	+8.2	+3.2	13	1	1.7	14	0.9	12	7.0	0.81	36		Brierley Invest	30	-24.4	-5.1	90	2	0.3	-	1.1	NE	Nil	0.70	410
Williams Kettle	400	+7.5	+0.7	16		1.4	16	0.4	8	7.5	0.32	59		Strathmore Grp	4	-22.7	-1.4	89	-	1.1		3.1	NE	Nil	N/A	8
Reid Farmers	121	+7.4	-3.2	17	-	1.6	18	1.0	9	8.6	0.63	68		Genesis Res.	299	-18.1	-0.6	89	-	1.3	1	0.9	105	Nil	2.64	76
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Broadway Ind	40		-0.2		·	1.1	10	1.1	11	Nil	0.22	8		Waste Mgmt NZ	277	-14.7	-1.1	87		1.8	9	0.6	19		1.97	270
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														Blis Technology	75	-12.1	+1.5	81			-	1.1	NE	Nil	N/A	47
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NZ Refining Co	1690	+2.0	+1.3	34				0.3		22.1		406		Telecom Corp	509		+1.5	78	7			0.7			1.67	9,451
Sky City Ltd	650		+0.3								2.95			Nuhaka Forestry	845	-7.6	+1.1	77		0.7		0.3			2.24	15
Tourism Hold.	117	-13.1	-1.3			0.6	7	0.9	8	11.5	0.52	108		Scott Tech. Ltd	160	-7.4	+3.9	76	-	2.6		0.7	75	3.3	1.88	31
Wrightsons Ltd	115	+17.0	-4.7	2	2	1.4	9	1.1	14	10.4	0.22	154		Cue Energy Ltd	6		-4.1	74		0.6		2.3	3		1.31	18
								~			~ ~		_	CDL Hotel NZ	18	-5.6	-1.3	71	-	0.2	0	1.3	44	5.8	0.26	63

Page 10 Computer Selections of Australian Shares based upon our Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria

See "Market Analysis" issues 298-301 or the Reprint sent to all new subscribers for details These shares are not formal "buy" and "sell" recommendations, but the "Under-Valued", "Best Performing", "Income" and "Insider Buying" shares should be considered for purchase, while the "Over-valued", "Worst Performing" and "Insider Selling" shares can be sold to release money for re-investment in more attractive shares.

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Readers Ask . .

Question: Powerlan has moved up 40% since your review, with some large buys breaking the downtrend. How close is this to a missed opportunity?

Answer: *Maybeit* is a missed opportunity, but *probably* it is not. In fact, the recent bounce in the share price does <u>not</u> break the long term downtrend that began in March 2000 when the shares peaked at 315 cents.

If you carefully examine Powerlan's share price history you will see that the share price has started to recover on several occasions: (1) Soaring 103% from 95 cents to 193 cents in May to June 2000, (2) recovering 54% from 87 cents to 134 cents in December 2000 to February 2001, (3) gaining 47% from 66 cents to 97 cents in April 2001 and (4) rising 64% from 33 cents to 54 cents from September to November.

To help prevent us from making the mistake of buying into a *recovery* situation *too early* and paying *too much* we use a long term <u>Relative Strength Rating</u>. Our *Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria* requires a <u>positive</u> Relative Strength rating - preventing us from buying a share that is in a long term downtrend and making us wait until the share price has started to recover. Yes, that does guarantees missing the first 20-80% of every recovery but it is impossible to accurately pick the bottom of a *(Continued on Page 11)*

Constraint Page 11 Page 11 "Neglect" Ratings of Australian Shares

"Neglected" Shares = 1-4 Brokers, "Moderately Followed" Shares = 5-10 Brokers, "Widely Followed" Shares = 11 or more

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Company		(A\$ Mill.)	Company		(A\$ Mill.)	Company	Company		Company		(A\$ Mill.)
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A.P. Eagers	1	62	Challenger Int.	4	907	Keycorpltd	3	156	Ridley Corp.	3	257
AMP Ind Prop Tr	6	376	CloughLimited	1	344	Lang Corporatio	6	1,788	Rio Tinto Ltd	14	18,312
AMPLtd	11	20,809	Coal & Allied	2	2,078	Leighton Hold	8	2,885	Rock Build Soc.	1	42
AMP Office Trt	7	912	CoatesHire	6	139	Lend Lease Corp	11	4,983	Rural Press Ltd	8	538
ANZ Bank	14	25,270	CocaCola Amatil	11	3,656	Leyshon Res.	4	10	Santos Ltd	11	3,863
APN News Media	7	934	Cochlear Ltd	10	2,437	Lihir Gold	10	1,302	Scientific Serv	1	50
ARBCorporation	2	136	ColesMyer	13	7,576	M.I.M. Holdings	14	2,051	Sea World PT	1	175
Adelaide Bright	4	365	Com'wealth Bank	14	35,209	Macquarie Off.	5	857	Seven Network	9	1,810
Adelaide Bank	9	589	Computer Share	9	3,015	Macquarie Bank	6	7,066	Simeon Wines	8	174
Adsteam Marine	7	449	Cons Rutile	1	151	Macquarie CWde	6	567	Simsmetal Ltd	7	482
Adtrans Group	1	42	Corp Express	8	927	Macquarie Infra	4	4,509	Singleton Group	5	529
Alesco Corp Ltd	3	100	Crane Group	5	397	Mayne Nickless	11	3,058	Skilled Eng.	6	64
Amalgamated Hld	1	283	Cranswick Wines	5	57	McGuigan Wines	5	192	Smorgon Steel	4	801
Amcor Ltd	10	4,431	DCA Group Ltd	3	174	Micromedical	1	90	Solution 6	5	139
Amrad Corp.	1	116	Data 3 Ltd	1	7	Millers Retail	7	361	Sonic Health	8	1,820
Anaconda Nickel	3	318	David Jones	10	469	NamoiCotton	1	25	Sons of Gwalia	8	914
Aristocrat	10	2,862	Delta Gold NL	9	611	Nat'l Aust Bank	14	47,854	Soul Pattinson	2	1,039
Asia Pac Spec	1	40	E.R.G.	11	457	Nat'l Foods	6	772	Southcorp Ltd	12	5,461
Aurora Gold	1	25	ETRADE Aust.	2	36	Nautronix Ltd	3	44	Spotless Group	6	1,023
Ausdoc Group	5	163	Emperor Mines	1	29	Newcrest Mining	11	974	St George Bank	12	8,259
AuspineLtd	2	122	Energy Develop.	10	770	News Corporatio	10	34,201	Sthn Cross Brd.	7	583
Aust Gth Prop.	1	166	EnergyResource	1	281	Normandy Mining	12	3,768	Stockland Trust	7	3,334
Aust Oil & Gas	1	69	Envestra	7	555	NormandyNFM	6	838	Straits Res.	1	26
Aust Infra.	4	228	Fairfax (John)	9	2,836	NovogenLtd	3	174	Strathfield Grp	1	48
Aust Stock Exch	6	1,183	Fleetwood Corp	1	55	NovusPetroleum	6	306	Sydney Aquarium	1	74
Aust Pharm. Ind	4	626	Flight Centre	3	1,902	OPSMGroupLtd	6	534	TABLtd	11	1,350
Australand Hold	4	873	Foodland Assoc	8	1,161	Oil Search Ltd	8	710	Tabcorp Holding	11	3,638
Austrim Nylex	2	88	Forrester Kurts	2	112	Orbital Engine	1	220	TapOil	4	185
Avatar Indust.	1	93	Freedom Group	8	173	OricaLtd	7	1,764	Telemedia Serv.	6	0
BHP Billiton	14	38,426	Futuris Corp.	9	1,102	Orogen Minerals	4	369	Telstra	15	35,570
BRLHardyLtd	10	1,655	G.U.D. Holdings	2	119	PMP Limited	7	198	Tempo Services	6	252
BTOffice	7	0	GWA Internat'l	5	664	Pacific Hydro	4	524	TenNetwork	10	796
Bank of W.Aust	8	2,175	Gandel Retail T	8	1,514	Pacifica Group	8	490	Thakral Holding	4	302
Bendigo Bank	5	795	General Prop Tr	8	5,143	Pacific Dunlop	7	949	Ticor Ltd	6	285
Biota Holdings	4	60	Goldfields	6	463	PerpTrustAust	8	1,580	Toll Holdings	7	1,829
Brambles Ind.	5	9,369	Goodman Fielder	10	1,705	Peter Lehman W.	5	123	Tourism Assets	1	174
Brandrill	4	65	Graincorp	2	441	PetrozNL	1	157	United Energy	8	1,053
Brazin Limited	4	186	Grand Hotel	4	147	Polartechnics	2	152	Village Road.	5	446
BreakwaterIs.	1	41	Gunns Ltd	4	354	Portman Limited	3	228	Villa World	1	64
Brickworks Ltd	3	804	Gympie Gold	1	111	PowerTelLtd	3	190	W.M.C. Limited	13	10,406
BristileLtd	4	390	HarveyNorman	10	3,645	PracomLtd	4	21	Watpac Ltd	1	25
Burns Philp	3	407	Healthscope	2	163	PrimeTV	4	207	WattyLtd	4	171
BurswoodLtd	7	294	Hill 50 Gold	3	152	Prime Retail	2	104	WesfarmersLtd	9	10,964
C.S.R.Ltd	8	6,324	Hills Motorway	9	897	ProgenIndust.	1	31	WestAustNews	9	1,042
CITechnologies	5	108	Hills Indust.	3	351	Prophecy Int'l	1	13	West'nMetals	5	23
CPIGroup	4	33	Homemaker Prop.	3	206	Publishing & Br	10	6,646	Westfield Trust	8	6,221
CSLLimited	12	7,862	lluka Resources	9	848	Q.B.E. Insur.	10	4,108	Westfield Hold.	9	9,408
CaltexAustrlia	4	337	Ipoh Limited	1	241	QantasAirways	13	5,221	Westfield Amer.	5	2,867
Campbell Bros	1	190	James Hardie	6	2,344	Queens'd Cotton	4	87	Westpac Banking	14	26,425
Candle Aust.	5	31	Jupiters	10	1,122	RamsayHealth	11	587	Wide Bay Cap'n	14	101
Capral Alum.	2	163	Just Jeans Grp	1	1,122	RangerMinerals	4	78	WoodsidePetrol	12	8,671
Centro Prop.	5	1,121	K&SCorporation	2	90	Rebel Sport	1	93	WoolworthsLtd	12	11,580
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Readers Ask (Powerlan) (Continued from Page 10) decline (or ever to get anywhere close) and attempts to do so usually involve holding a share for a couple of years while the price slips 50-75% to its ultimate low!

Our criteria gives away that first, impossible to capture, 20-80% recovery from that ultimate low in return for *better prospects that a share will continue to recover and appreciate in value after we buy it.* It won't work every time but it does *improve our chances* of buying winners and avoiding losers, thereby lifting the overall rate of return from our portfolio.

Even if Powerlan's share price moved straight up from here the Relative Strength criteria has successfully kept us out of Powerlan during the first three false recoveries at prices *far in excess of the current share price*. In fact, Powerlan's Relative Strength rating is still unfavourable at -25.4% (ranking the shares 87), so technically the shares are still unattractive.

While we don't attach much importance to "trendlines" drawn on charts, it is easy to place a line showing the downtrend in Powerlan's share price remains unbroken by the recent rally.



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Page 12 (A summary of buying and selling by major shareholders)

Company	Shareholder	Buy/ Sell	Shares (Mill)	% of Coy Held Before After
16/11/2001				
Affco Holdings	UBS Nominess	Sell	-12.952	6.45% 0.01%
ElderCare NŽ	AXA Asia Pacific	Buy	+14.793	0.0% 8.26%
Hellaby Holdings	Castle Investments	Sell	-1.000	32.05% 30.96%
Newmarket Property	St Laurence Proper	tyBuy	+3.433	0.0% 5.07%
Otter Gold Mines	Normandy NFM	Buy	+7.798	0.0% 9.35%
Pyne Gould	PGG Reid Farmers	Sell	-13.000	68.49% 55.49%
Sky City Entertainment	CBA	Sell	-18.355	18.92% 17.91%
23/11/2001				
Baycorp Holdings	CBA	Sell	-9.884	12.79% 11.74%
Dorchester Pacific	PR & PA Briggs	Sell	-0.192	8.03% 7.03%
30/11/2001				
Certified Organics	Ambergate	Sell	-163.154	19.02% 11.60%
F & P Appliances	CBA	Sell	-0.960	7.30% 5.82%
Infratil Ltd	Hettinger Nominees	Buy	+2.073	6.23% 7.34%
Lyttelton Prt Company	AMP Henderson	Sell	-0.960	13.65% 12.53%
Rubicon Ltd	Tower Asset Mgmt	Buy	+14.311	0.0% 5.13%
Waste Management NZ	NZ Guardian Trust	Sell	-0.225	5.21% 4.98%
07/12/2001				
Advantage Group	Soros Fund	Sell	-4.064	7.18% 0.0%
F&P Appliances	AMP Henderson	Buy	+0.719	6.54% 7.65%
Genesis Research	AMP Henderson	Sell	-0.491	6.38% 4.47%
Utilico International	AMP Henderson	Sell	-1.860	5.04% 1.89%
Wakefield Hospital	AMP Henderson	Buy	+0.154	5.06% 6.75%

Total Ret	urn Index f	for All Lis	ted Shares
Oct 12	2038.04	Oct 19	2053.32
Oct 13	2048.06	Oct 20	2064.49
Oct 14	2053.59	Oct 21	2054.42
Oct 15	2053.00	Oct 22	2049.94
Oct 16	2058.32	Oct 23	2055.39
Oct 26	2058.81	Nov 3	2065.72
Oct 27	2075.78	Nov 4	2058.63
Oct 28	2077.20	Nov 5	2065.69
Oct 29	2069.81	Nov 6	2071.41
Oct 30	2071.72	Nov 7	2065.00

Dividend\$

Company	Cents per Share	Ex- Date	Pay- Tax able Credit
Baycorp Holdings	20.00	03-12	04-12 Full
Capital Properties	2.175	03-12	12-12 0.20
Cavalier Corporation	7.00	03-12	07-12 Full
CFS Property	2.15	10-12	21-12 0.4887
Dorchester Pacific	3.00	03-12	14-12 Full
Hallenstein Glasson	9.50	10-12	17-12 Full
Infratil	2.75	03-12	07-12 Full
Infratil (special)	1.25	03-12	07-12 Full
Kirkcaldie & Stains	20.50	03-12	10-12 Full
Kiwi Income Properties	5.46	03-12	14-12 Nil
Mainfreight	3.00	10-12	14-12 Full
Mr Chips Holdings	2.00	14-12	21-12 Full
National Property Trust	2.00	26-11	07-12 0.25
Owens Group	2.00	28-01	30-01 Nil
Ryman Healthcare	2.00	17-12	21-12 Nil
Telecom New Zealand	5.00	03-12	14-12 Full
Trustpower	6.00	10-12	19-12 Full
Power Co	5.90	03-12	14-12 Full
Wakefield Hospital	2.00	03-12	14-12 Full
	<u>istralian Share</u>		
Campbell Brothers	13.00	19-11	14-12
Central Equity	3.00	03-12	14-12
C.S.R.	11.00	26-11	17-12
Lion Nathan	8.00	26-11	13-12
OAMPS	6.00	25-10	16-11

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Company	5	(NZ\$ Mill.)	Company	5	(NZ\$ Mill.)
AMP Limited	4	24,869	Mainfreight Grp	5	108
AMP NZ Office	5	440	Michael Hill	4	193
AXA Asia Pac. Advantage Group Air New Zealand Akd Int Airport	4 2 6 7	5,939 37 250 1.654	NZ Refining Co Natural Gas Northland Port	1 6 2	406 585 93
Baycorp Hold	6	977	Nuplex Indust	5	171
Bendon Limited	1	54	Owens Group Ltd	3	73
Brierley Invest	2	410	Pacific Retail	3	101
Cap Properties		111	Port Tauranga	6	565
Carter Holt Cavalier Corp	7 2	3,061 196	Ports Auckland Powerco Limited Property F Ind.	6 1 6	729 0 154
Col FS Property	1	158	Restaurant Brds	5	173
Contact Energy	6	2,428	Ryman Health.	1	175
DB Group	4	285	Sanford Limited	4	598
F & P Appliance	7	627	Sky City Ltd		1.303
F & P Health. FC - Forests	7 7	0 667	Sky Network TV South Port NZ	6 2	1,303 1,479 37
Fletcher Build. Force Corp.	6 2	972 14	Steel & Tube	5	230 36
Frucor Bev. Guiness Peat	5 1	297 903	Taylors Grp Ltd Telecom Corp Tourism Hold.	7 4	9,451 108
Hallenstein G.	5	173	Tower Limited	5	901
Hellaby Hold.	1	111	Trans-Tasman	3	117
Horizon Energy	1	65	Tranz Rail Hold	6	503
Ind Newspapers	6	1,559	Trust Power Ltd	4	623
	1	321	United Networks	5	1,238
Kiwi Property	5	296	Warehouse Group	6	2,009
Lion Nathan Ltd	5	3,045	Waste Mgmt NZ	5	270
Lyttelton Port	4	173	Wrightsons Ltd	2	154

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NZ Oil & Gas (1)

(1) Distribution of 1 Pan Pacific share for every NZOG share held.

CASH ISSUES

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	Ratio	Price	Ex-Date	Date
Affco Holdings	1:5	25	19-11	14-12
Force Corporation (1)	1:5	100	17-12	18-12
Mooring Systems (1) Convertible notes.	3:2	50	19-11	14-12

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