Market Analysis

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Summary and Recommended Investment Strategy.

Our outlook is Neutral for the New Zealand stockmarket and slightly Bullish for Australia - but that should not prevent us finding attractive shares for investment. We are holding a small cash reserve, but recommend remaining close to fully invested in the recommended shares.

Investment Outlook.

Interest rates have been raised further in New Zealand - but left steady in Australia. Rising interest rates are not favourable for the stockmarket, but no one factor can turn the stockmarket outlook negative. Unfortunately, Economic indicators are also Bearish (i.e. unfavourable) in NZ, but Neutral in Australia. So our One-Year Forecast is Neutral at 55% for the NZ stockmarket but slightly Bullish (i.e. favourable) at 63% in Australia.

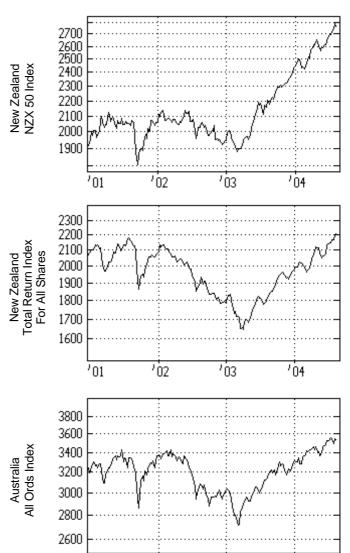
We are currently holding a small 2-5% cash reserve from the sale of **Wrightson** (which *doubled* in our *Recommended Portfolio* but were up about 5-fold on their 1998/99 lows where many subscribers bought shares). We shall add to this with the sale of **McPhersons** (a *quadruple* gain over four years) and the sale of **Nufarm** (a long term holding showing a small gain). After re-investing some of this in **Metlifecare** and **Keycorp**, we should be left with about a 5% cash holding that we may use to add another couple of holdings to our *Recommended Portfolio* over the next few months.

While the stockmarket outlook is just Neutral to moderately Bullish it is not impossible for investors to make significant investment gains in this environment. In a raging Bull Market one can buy anything and watch it double in a year (and then probably crash!). In today's market it is necessary to focus on shares trading at low valuations in companies that have strong businesses with growth potential. If you can find some of these companies then your portfolio may *double* in value over the next 3-4 years.

Is that rate of growth *too slow?* By just doubling your money every 3-4 years it will increase 50-fold over just two decades. That will turn \$20,000 into \$1,000,000.

Stockmarket Forecasts

Australia: One-Month 66% (Bullish) 63% (Bullish)
New Zealand: 70% (Bullish) 55% (Neutral)



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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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	Performa	nce	Price/Sales	P/Ê	Gross	anned purchases	Performan	ice	Price/Sales	P/E	Gross	y of further study	Performance	Price/Sales		Gross
A2 Corporation	C C	st Price 10	Ratio N/A	Ratio NE	Yield Nil	Heritage Gold *	Forecas N/R	10	Ratio N/A	Ratio NE	Nil	Restaurant Brds	Forecast Price C 133		10 1	Yield I 1.2
AMP Limited AMP NZ Office	C D	726 83	1.10 6.93	NE 7	2.4 8.1	Hirequip NZ Ltd Horizon Energy	C C	124 390	3.77 3.93	24 15	1.8 8.4	RetailX Limited Richina Pacific	D 30 D 45		NE 17	Nil Nil
AXA Asia Pac.	В	420	1.50	20 23	2.8	ING Property	č	106	N/A	23	10.5	Richmond Hold.	B 312	0.10	10	3.6
Abano Health. Affco Holdings	D C	13 40	0.43 0.24	23 13	Nil Nil	Ind Newspapers Infratil NZ	C	468 307	2.12 4.61	25 28	3.0 5.8	Rocom Wireless Rubicon Limited	C 28		NE NE	Nil Nil
Air New Zealand Akd Int Airport	D B	40 710	0.32 9.48	7 28	Nil 4.6	Just Water Int. KidiCorp	CCCCC	74 22	N/A 1.58	18 NE	Nil Nil	Ryman Health. Sanford Limited	B 289 C 465	2.64	16 11	3.1 6.2
Allied Farmers	В	175	0.40	12	6.3	Kingfish Ltd *	N/R	93	N/A	NE	Nil	Savoy Equities	D 1.1	N/A	NE	Nil
Apple Fields Beauty Direct	C	2.2 10	6.67 N/A	NE NE	Nil Nil	Kingsgate Int'l Kirkcaldie & St	C B	35 240	5.81 0.45	34 13	Nil 8.9	Scott Tech. Ltd Sealegs Corp	A 330 D 2.0		15 NE	6.3 Nil
Blis Technology Blue Chip NZ	E D	13 120	N/A 0.45	NE NE	Nil Nil	Kiwi Property Lion Nathan Ltd	D A	105 770	9.40 1.98	14 20	8.2 4.0	Seeka Kiwifruit Selector Group	A 500 C 2.1		13 NE	5.4 Nil
Botry-Zen Ltd	E	9.2	N/A	NE	Nil	Loan & Building	В	364	1.36	14	5.9	Shotover Jet .	C 105	1.85	13	1.8
Brierley Invest Briscoe Group	E C C	77 135	5.86 0.89	NE 12	Nil 7.7	Lyttelton Port MG Property Trt	C D C	170 98	2.85 6.73	13 18	9.7 9.7	Skellmax Indust Sky City Ltd	C 132 B 483	3.60	10 19	7.9 7.3
Broadway Ind CACI Group Ltd	C D	112 34	0.61 0.49	16 NE	1.8 Nil	Mainfreight Grp Media Tech.	C D	200 14	0.29 2.37	34 NE	4.9 Nil	Sky Network TV SkyCity Leisure	D 517 C 76		NE 25	Nil Nil
CDL Hotel NZ	D	47	0.98	10	4.4	Metro. LifeCare	С	236	1.85	14	2.1	Slavus Strat. *	N/R 87	N/A	NE	Nil
CDL Investments Cabletalk Group	E C	27 42	1.98 0.24	8 7	8.8 Nil	Michael Hill Mid-Cap Index *	B N/R	616 222	1.05 N/A	23 NE	4.1 Nil	Smiths City Software of Exc	B 75 D 148	1.90	9 NE	7.0 Nil
Cadmus Tech Ltc Calan Hlthcare	I E	11 85	1.33 7.29	43 15	Nil 9.4	Mike Pero Mort. Mooring System	s D	88 343	0.31 N/A	18 NE	Nil Nil	Sol. Dynamics South Port NZ	D 124 C 145		NE 15	Nil 6.9
CanWest Media. Cap Properties	E C	157 98	N/A 4.00	NE 15	Nil 9.2	Mowbray Collect Mr Chips Hold		158 123	3.47 0.85	NE 15	4.3 6.1	Spectrum Res. Steel & Tube	D 1.2 B 441	N/A	NE 18	Nil 7.8
Carter Holt	С	214	0.96	15	2.8	NGC Holdings	В	296	3.44	31	3.0	Summit Gold Ltd	* N/R 5.8	N/A	NE	Nil
Cavalier Corp Cert Organics	B E	490 9.5	1.60 7.42	17 NE	7.6 Nil	NZ Exchange Lto NZ Experience	d C E	835 26	7.63 1.86	36 11	Nil Nil	Tag Pacific Ltd Taylors Grp Ltd	B 27 A 272		NE 15	Nil 5.8
Col Motor Co Commsoft Group	B E	303 0.3	0.22 0.34	12 NE	9.1 Nil	NZ Invest Trust* NZ Oil and Gas *	N/R N/R	620 67	N/A N/A	NE NE	1.3 Nil	TeŇZ * * TeanTalk Ltd	N/R 114 A 247		NE 24	Nil 9.1
Comvita	В	258	1.05	19	2.4	NZ Refining Co	Α	2300	2.91	15	7.8	Telecom Corp	A 607	2.23	16	4.9
Contact Energy Cube Capital	B C	596 5.2	2.98 0.17	30 NE	5.8 Nil	NZ Wine Compai Nat Property Tr	C	190 95	N/A 6.84	NE 16	Nil 9.5	Tenon Ltd Tol NZ Ltd	D 200 C 187	0.64	NE NE	Nil Nil
Cue Energy Ltd * DB Breweries	N/R B	8.5 946	3.71 1.50	40 20	Nil 5.3	Northland Port Nuhaka Forestry	Ċ	265 470	N/A 2.41	27 NE	4.7 13.4	Tourism Hold. Tower Limited	C 187 C 196		23 NE	6.4 7.7
Design Textiles Dominion Fin.	C D	115 100	0.61 N/A	11	5.4 8.2	Nuplex Indust	Α	525 75	0.51 N/A	14 NE	5.7 Nil	Training Sol. Trans-Tasman	D 0.1 E 36	0.59	NE 11	Nil Nil
Dorchester Pac	В	276	0.79	10	5.4	Opio Forestry Owens Group Ltd		115	0.18	NE	Nil	Trust Power Ltd	A 460	1.15	12	5.7
Ebos Group Ltd Evergreen	B E	370 39	0.45 1.60	16 NE	6.6 Nil	Oyster Bay Ozzy (Tortis) *	B N/R	284 209	N/A N/A	NE NE	Nil Nil	Turners Auction Urbus Property	B 480 C 98 D 68		19 5	5.0 9.2
F & P Appliance F & P Health.	A A	475 1330	1.32 6.33	15 25	6.4 5.8	Pac Édge Bío. Pacific Retail	C D	30 200	N/A 0.12	NE NE	Nil Nil	Utilico Int'l VTL Group Ltd	D 68 D 96		NE 11	Nil Nil
Feltex Ltd	С	173	N/A	25	5.2	Port Tauranga	Α	506	6.18	27	4.9	Vertex Group	C 165	0.60	11	3.6
Finmedia Ltd Finzsoft Sol'ns	E D	94 85	1.01 1.30	NE 22	Nil Nil	Ports Auckland Postie Plus Grp	B D	705 104	4.46 0.54	17 14	7.2 Nil	WN Drive Tech. Wakefield Hosp.	E 46 A 293	1.00	NE 16	Nil 4.1
Fletcher Build. Forty Two Below	B C	484 49	0.61 N/A	12 NE	5.9 Nil	Powerco Limited Property F Ind.	B C	215 97	2.09 N/A	12 10	7.4 7.5	Warehouse Grou Waste Mgmt NZ	p B 441 A 475		17 25	4.9 5.0
Freightways Ltd GDC Communica	В	257 24	N/A 0.16	24 NE	6.7 Nil	Provenco Group Pumpkin Patch	D	63 172	1.08 N/A	50 25	Nil Nil	Widespread Port Williams Kettle		N/A	NE	Nil I 1.4
Genesis Res.	С	74	1.94	NE	Nil	Pure NZ Limited	C E	4.5	6.43	NE	Nil	Windflow Tech.	D 320	N/A	NE	Nil
Guinness Peat Hallenstein G.	B B	198 331	1.00 1.09	9 17	1.4 8.3	Pyne Gould G. Pyne Gould Corp	B D	174 610	N/A N/A	14 NE	7.3 Nil	World Index Fd * Wrightson Ltd	N/R 110 C 143		NE 11 1	Nil 12.0
Hellaby Hold.	В	550	0.92	12	7.1	Renaissance	С	72	0.27	20	14.5	Zintel Comm. Ave of 159 Co	B 152 os C 227		19 23	6.6 3.4
AMP Ltd ANZ Bank	B B	670 1801	1.13 2.10	NE 12	2.4 5.3	Envestra Fairfax (John)	B A	107 386	2.79 2.75	61 27	8.9 3.4	Onesteel Ltd Orica Ltd	A 267 B 1582	0.93	31 44	4.1 3.3
APN News Media AWB Limited	A B	429 472	1.74 0.67	20 48	4.3 5.3 2.6	Flight Centre Foodland Assoc	В	2015 1795	3.00 0.33	27 17	2.2 4.7	Origin Energy Oxiana Ltd	B 620 C 80	1.22	25	1.6 Nil
AXA Asia Pac Adelaide Bright	B B	390 142	1.43 1.22	7 13	2.6 3.9	Foster's Group Futuris Corp.	B B B	460 166	2.02 0.44	21 11	4.1 4.8	PMP Limited Pacifica Group	B 175 C 376	0.35	93 33 11	Nil 5.7
Adelaide Bank Alinta Limited	A B	880 649	1.45 1.44	15 10	4.2 5.1	G.U.D. Holdings GWA Internat'i	A A	995 308	1.53 1.28	17 16	4.0 5.0	Paperlin X Ltd Patrick Corp	B 534 B 500	0.60	17 18	5.1 1.6
Alumina Ltd Amcor Ltd	B B	514 680	N/A 0.54	25 16	3.9 4.4	Gandel R. (CFS) General Prop Tr	В	147 349	9.56 N/A	17 16	6.6 6.1	Perp Trust Aust Primary Health	A 4549 A 606	5.67	25 49	2.9 2.1
Ansell Ltd Argo Investment	B B	778 496	1.10 N/A	29 27	1.4 3.2	Graincorp Gt Sthn Plant'n	A D B	1325 319	1.05 6.45	NE 15	Nil 2.2	Prin. Amer. Off Promina Group	A 134 B 387	N/A		12.2
Aristocrat Leis Arrow Pharm.	B B	558 920	2.67 2.17	NE 46	1.1 Nil	Guinness Peat Gunns Ltd	B A	182 1363	0.91 1.84	15	1.4 2.9	Publishing & Br Q.B.E. Insur.	B 1349 B 1217	3.06	22 21	3.2 1.9 3.5
Aust Leis & Hos Aust Pharm. Ind		307 253	N/A 0.19	NE 31	Nil 5.1	HHG Plc Hardman Res.	C C B	130 227	0.21 N/A	NE NE	Nil Nil	Qantas Airways Ramsay Health	B 330 B 598	0.51	17 21	5.2 2.6 3.3 2.3
Aust Foundation Aust Stock Exch	С В В	327 1570	N/A 6.64	24 19	4.1	Harvey Norman Hills Indust.	B	311 397	3.28 0.80	22 20	1.6 5.3	Record Invest. Reece Australia	A 425 A 910	N/A	29 19	3.3
Aust Gas Light Aust Pipeline	A B	1266 267	1.22 2.52	19 16	3.6 4.3 8.1	Hills Motorway Hutchison Tel.	A B C B	752 43	N/A 1.91	NE NE	2.8 Nil	Rinker Group Rio Tinto Ltd	A 828 A 3768	1.45	18 25	1.7
Austar United Austereo Group	B A	89 140	2.87 2.43	NE 16	Nil 5.1	ING Indust Trt ING Office Fund	B B	190 123	N/A 8.47	14 12	7.3 8.6	Ronin Property Rural Press Ltd	B 120 B 806	N/A	14 14	7.8 2.9
Australand Prop BHP Billiton	B B	165 1325	0.81 3.27	12 29	8.1 1.5	lluka Resources Incitec Pivot	В В С В	454 1910	1.30 1.60	12 NE	4.8 Nil	S/Tracks ASX20 SFE Corporation	0 D 3559 A 620	N/A	NE 21	Nil 3.6
Bank of Q'land Baycorp Advant.	B C B	952 292	1.62 3.67	16 NE	3.4 1.4	Insurance Aust. Interoil Corpor	B E	492 275	1.79 N/A	54 NE	2.3 Nil	STW Comm Grou Santos Ltd		N/A	21 13	4.1 4.1
Bendigo Bank Bidvest	B B	975 620	3.59 0.37	21 19	3.4 1.9	Investa Prop. Invocare Ltd	E B C B	199 250	4.47 N/A	13 NE	8.3 Nil	Seven Network Sigma Company	B 509 A 821	0.98 0.61	22 26	4.6 2.4
Billabong Int'l Bluescope Steel	A A	800 760	2.56 1.12	21 13	2.9 2.9	Ivanhoe Mines James Hardie	C B	1200 539	N/A 1.80	NE 14	Nil 1.4	Sims Group Ltd Smorgon Steel	A 1208 A 109	0.70	15 9	4.5 7.3
Boral Limited Brambles Ind.	A B	726 604	1.08 1.24	15 31	3.2 1.7	Jubilee Mines Leighton Hold	A B	433 902	3.45 0.49	11 18	6.5 4.9	Sonic Health Soul Pattinson	B 941 A 752	4.16	60 20	2.7 2.3
Brickworks Ltd Burns Philp	A B	1005 72	6.25 0.68	18 8	1.6 3.1	Lend Lease Corp Lihir Gold	В	1045 106	0.45 6.35	NE 39	2.9 1.9	Southcorp Ltd Spotless Group	A 752 C 308 B 465	0.41	42 19	3.2 4.9
Burswood Ltd C'wth Prop Off.	B B	135 121	1.83 2.49	55 12	1.3 8.6	Lionore Mining Macquarie Air.	C A	585 218	2.91 4.75	15 7	Nil 3.7	St George Bank Sthn Cross Brd.	A 2134 A 1189	1.91	18 40	4.5 4.8
C.S.R. Ltd CSL Limited	A A	239 2574	1.11 3.17	14 58	4.6 1.3	Macquarie C'Wde Macquarie Infra	A A B	185 344	N/A 5.43	17 13	7.4 2.2	Sthn C. Fliers Stockland	B%11200 B 553	N/A 6.62	12 20	8.1 5.8
Caltex Austrlia Centennial Coal	B B	927 340	0.24 1.24	13 14	1.9 2.9	Macquaries C&I Macquarie Good	В А В	406 175	4.38 N/A	NE 17	3.8 7.0	Suncorp-Metway TAB Ltd	B 1402 B 493	1.46 2.33	19 30	4.0 3.0
Centro Prop. Chal Financial	B D	443 48	N/A N/A	22 NE	6.2 Nil	Macquarie Off. Macquarie Prol.	Α	120 97	7.73 7.18	11 21	8.5 7.8	Tabcorp Holding Telstra	B 1438 B 501	2.72 2.98	21 19	4.7 5.4 3.7
Coal & Allied Coates Hire	B B	2870 367	2.67 1.85	NE 22	Nil 2.7	Macquarie G Mgt Macquarie Bank	: A B	350 3232	N/A 2.83	52 14	1.4 3.8	Ten Network Toll Holdings	A 1039	1.63 1.23	13 30	1.4
CocaCola Amatil Cochlear Ltd	B B	721 2165	1.43 3.96	26 20	3.3 3.6 2.9	Mayne Group Lto Metcash Trading	I A A	381 277	0.50 0.25	54 17	1.0 4.0	Transfield Serv Transurban Grp	B 510 C 516	0.68	26 NE	2.5 3.9
Coles Myer Colorado Group	B B	901 565	0.40 1.13	25 17 20	2.8	Mia Group Ltd Milton Corp.	A B	103 1400	1.81 N/A	84 25	1.5 3.4	UNiTAB Ltd United Group	A 915 A 522	0.60	29 24	3.1 2.7
Com'wealth Bank Computershare	Α	3139 314	4.19 2.41 1.15	52	4.9 1.6	Minara Resource Mirvac Group	D B	218 448	4.47 2.67	NE 15	Nil 6.5	Virgin Blue W'bool Cheese	C 170 E 275	1.15 N/A	10 NE	Nil Nil
Corp Express Crane Group	B B	538 960	0.25	22 NE	2.4 6.3	Multiplex Group Nat'l Foods	C B	357 479	N/A 1.14	NE 23	Nil 4.1	WMC Resources Wesfarmers Ltd	A 2911	1.41	24 20	1.2 4.4
DCA Group Ltd David Jones	B B	283 196	2.68 0.46	41 21	2.1 3.1	Nat'l Aust Bank New Hope Corp.	B B	2647 123	1.55 4.23	10 23	6.2 Nil	West Aust News Westfield Trust	A 725 A 453	9.64	24 18	4.1 5.4
Deutsche Div Tr Deutsche Office	B B	127 117	7.80 6.97	14 13	7.3 8.5	Newcrest Mining News Corporation	A B	1388 1148	7.40 0.80	49 13	0.4	Westfield Amer. Westfield Hold.	A 244 A 1560	7.67	15 31	6.6 1.6
Deutsche Ind Tr Djerriwarrh	B B	192 345	5.41 N/A	13 18	8.0 6.2	Nufarm Limited OPSM Group Ltd	B C	612 381	0.64 1.07	12 NE	3.3 Nil	Westpac Banking Woodside Petrol	A 1911	6.19	14 24	4.7 2.4
Downer EDI Ltd Energy Resource	C A	313 425	0.28 3.08	11 31	3.7 2.6	Oil Search Ltd	В	136	2.12	9	1.0	Woolworths Ltd Ave of 1468 Co	B 1184 os C 175		19 27	3.3 1.3
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Recommended Investments

CDL Investments has reported a 14.7% drop in revenues to \$12.5 million for the six months to 30 June 2004, but profits rose 28.4% to \$4,734,000 (2.4 cents per share). As usual, no *interim* dividend will be paid.

The number of sections sold fell 52.8% from 163 to 77, but the product-mix changed from "mid-value, lower margin sections" in 2003 to more "high-margin, premium" - including many waterfront properties at Waimanu Bay - this year.

The company has acquired a further 12.43 hectares in Albany, Auckland, plus 4.04 hectares in Hamilton and 2.02 hectares in Hastings adjoining existing developments. This increases the company's total land holdings to 254 hectares.

An "unseasonably wet summer" has resulted in "considerable delays" completing subdivisions in Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Hastings and Queenstown. Most of these 200 sites will be completed and released for sale later this year.

Lyttelton Port Company reports "stronger than anticipated volumes" for the six months to 30 June - and has upgraded its profit forecast for the June 2004 year to \$12.0 million (up from \$11.6 million predicted in February).

For the year to June 2005 the port is forecasting 5.5% growth in container terminal volumes, 14.1% growth in coal volumes, a 3% increase in bulk fuel, a 5.7% increase in motor vehicle imports (Continued on Page 4)

	Portfolio	of	Rec	om	me	nde	ed	In	ves	stm	en	ts	
CURRENT					Perform-	Issued	Vola-	Price/	Price/	Gross	Recent	Cash	Total
ADVICE	Company	<u>I</u> Code	nitial Recomr - Date -	nendation Price	mance Forecast	Shares (mil.)	tility Ratio	Sales Ratio	Earnings Ratio	Dividend Yield	Share Price	Dividends Rec'd	Return %
	NZ Shares					` '	Ratio					Rec a	
HOLD+	CDL Investments Ltd	CDI	12/01/99	25	Е	199.4	2.0	1.98	8	8.8	27	7.7	+39%
HOLD	Cavalier Corporation	CAV	05/12/95	156*	В	63.0	0.6	1.60	17	7.6	490	128.5	+296%
HOLD+	Colonial Motor Company	CMO	10/11/92	150	В	27.9	0.5	0.22	12	9.1	303	250.3	+269%
BUY	Lyttelton Port Company	LPC	12/12/00	150	С	102.0	0.9	2.85	13	9.7	170	36.0	+37%
BUY	Metlifecare Ltd	MET	10/08/04	236	С	86.4	1.0	1.85	14	2.1	236	Nil	
BUY	Michael Hill Int'l Ltd	MHI	11/06/91	46*	В	38.4	0.5	1.05	23	4.1	616		+1537%
BUY	Nuplex Industries Ltd	NPX	11/02/97	350	Α	61.3	8.0	0.51	14	5.7	525	88.0	+75%
HOLD+	Renaissance Corp	RNS	13/08/96	85*	С	37.2	1.2	0.27	20	14.5	72	17.4	+5%
BUY	Richina Pacific	RPL	03/11/95	94*	D	144.4	1.5	0.15	17	Nil	45	9.4	-42%
HOLD	South Port New Zealand	SPN	13/02/96	120	С	26.2	1.0	2.59	15	6.9	145	71.3	+80%
HOLD+	Steel & Tube Holdings	STU	08/08/00	146	В	87.9	0.7	1.18	18	7.8	441	85.0	+260%
HOLD	Taylors Group Ltd	TAY	09/11/99	102	Α	24.3	0.7	1.15	15	5.8	272	32.0	+198%
	Australian Shares (in Aust	cents)											
HOLD	AJ Lucas Group	AJL	13/05/03	120	В	45.4	0.9	0.47	9	5.0	160	8.0	+40%
HOLD	Atlas Pacific Ltd	ATP	14/05/96	73	С	87.8	2.0	1.55	14	Nil	18	7.0	-66%
HOLD	Austral Coal Ltd	AUO	16/01/01	19	В	203.2	1.3	1.25	28	Nil	72	Nil	+279%
HOLD+	Aust Infrastructure	AIX	07/10/03	158	Α	228.6	0.7	N/A	11	6.2	186	11.5	+25%
HOLD+	Campbell Brothers Ltd	CPB	12/10/99	418*	В	40.1	0.5	0.71	19	4.7	700	135.5	+100%
BUY	Candle Australia	CND	08/04/03	86	В	37.6	0.9	0.39	17	3.8	170	10.0	+109%
BUY	Cellnet Group Ltd	CLT	12/02/02	152	В	49.5	1.0	0.20	12	5.5	128	19.5	-3%
BUY	Circadian Technology	CIR	10/02/04	188	В	40.1	1.2	N/A	16	Nil	230	Nil	+22%
BUY	Commander Comm.	CDR	11/09/01	92	Α	145.1	8.0	0.67	15	2.9	155	9.1	+78%
BUY	Computershare Ltd	CPU	12/08/03	189	Α	544.1	1.0	2.41	52	1.6	314	5.5	+69%
BUY	Health Communication	HCN	07/10/03	101	С	61.5	1.2	2.59	43	Nil	125	1.0	+25%
HOLD	Int'l AllSports	IAS	11/02/03	180	В	41.0	1.6	0.04	3	17.6	43	2.5	-75%
BUY	Keycorp Ltd	KYC	10/08/04	154	В	81.7	1.3	1.21	90	Nil	154	Nil	
SELL	McPherson's Ltd	MCP	10/10/00	125	В	54.8	0.5	0.73	16	3.3	452	48.0	+300%
HOLD+	Melbourne IT	MLB	10/02/04	53	В	50.9	1.0	1.00	24	3.1	98	2.0	+89%
HOLD+	M.Y.O.B. Ltd	MYO	15/07/03	84*	Α	253.2	1.0	4.13	43	1.2	147	Nil	+75%
SELL	Nufarm Limited	NUF	11/02/97	418*	В	155.8	0.6	0.64	12	3.3	612	119.3	+75%
HOLD	OAMPS Limited	OMP	15/05/01	106*	Α	92.9	0.5	0.47	17	5.3	323	33.5	+236%
BUY	Ross Human Directions	RHD	14/08/01	92	В	57.4	1.3	0.32	41	5.6	80	15.0	+3%
HOLD+	Skilled Engineering	SKE	12/03/02	126	В	90.4	0.7	0.41	17	5.2	298	31.5	+162%
BUY	Technology One Ltd	TNE	11/11/03	44	Α	298.5	1.2	3.89	27	4.0	63	1.3	+46%
HOLD-	Toll Holdings	TOL	08/09/98	60*	Α	309.8	0.6	1.23	30	1.4	1039	52.0+	⊦1718%
HOLD	UXC Limited	UXC	11/01/00	55*	В	125.1	1.2	0.80	14	6.8	74	21.0	+73%
HOLD-	Villa World Ltd	VWD	11/06/02	68	В	103.2	0.7	0.93	7	8.1	136	21.5	+132%
BUY	Vision Systems Ltd	VSL	10/11/98	69*	В	167.5	1.0	1.11	13	4.5	88	26.1	+65%
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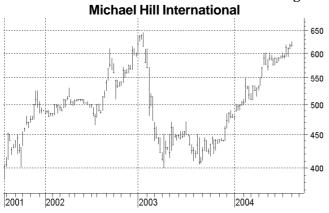
^{*} Initial Recommendation Prices adjusted for Share Splits, Bonus and Cash Issues.

Recommended Investments (Continued from Page 3) and a 37.0% growth in log exports (i.e. recovering from the significant drop in the year to June 2004).

Total ship visits fell 9.2% in 2004, but a 1.7% increase is expected over the next year.

Steady growth in volumes should produce improved revenues, maintain profitability and high dividend yield produced by Lyttelton Port Company. "Buy" for high income.

Michael Hill International has released revenue figures for the year to 30 June 2004. Total revenues rose 15.3% to \$259.2 million. NZ revenues rose 3.1% to \$86.4 million, Australian revenues jumped 20.3% to \$166.9 million while Canadian sales rose 154.0% to \$5.9 million. The full annual results will be released on 20 August.

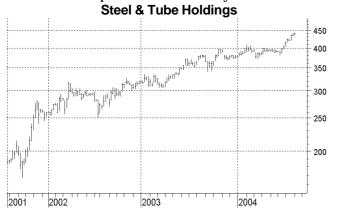


Renaissance Corporation lifted revenues just 1.0% to \$50.2 million for the six months to 30 June and trading profits rose 10.6% to \$775,000 (2.1 cents per share). The interim dividend will fall 25.0% to 3.0 cents (plus full imputation tax credits). The operating cash surplus rose 26.0% to \$4.5 million.

The high dividends are distributing surplus cash to shareholders but the company has almost exhausted its imputation tax credits. The business, however, cannot be far from "paying tax and generating further imputation credits".

The directors report a "positive" outlook for the second half which is expected to exceed the first half result.

Steel & Tube Holdings reports "very strong trading" in May and June and now expects the annual profit to be "in the range of \$27-28 million" (31-32 cents per share). That is 25-30% ahead of the \$21,522,000 profit for the year to June 2003 - and 12-16% ahead of the \$24 million predicted in February.



Australian Shares

(This section is in Australian currency, unless stated.) **Austral Coal** produced 135,081 tonnes of coal in July, up 44% from the 94,000 tonnes in June, although this production is still "below expectations".

Australian Infrastructure Fund is a member of the Transurban led Mitcham Frankston Motorway consortium which is bidding against Macquarie Bank's ConnectEast to fund the \$2 billion Mitcham-to-Frankston toll road. Bids close mid-August, with the winner expected to be announced in September. If successful, Australian Infrastructure Fund is expected to invest around \$100-150 million, partially funded from \$45 million of cash and \$50 million from an undrawn debt facility.

Australian Infrastructure Fund's current net asset value is 192 cents per unit.

As at 30 June <u>Circadian Technologies'</u> cash and listed investments were worth \$122.9 million or 306 cents per share:

<u>Listed Companies (% owned)</u>	Market Value
Metabolic Pharmaceuticals (21%)	\$45.6 million
Axon Instruments (15%)	\$27.9 million
Amrad Corporation (22%)	\$18.1 million
Antisense Therapeutics (20%)	\$11.6 million
Optiscan Imaging (8%)	\$2.3 million
Cash	<u>\$17.4 million</u>
Total	\$122.9 million

Since the end of June, Axon Instruments has merged with US listed **Molecular Devices**, with Circadian Technologies receiving US\$9,988,405 in cash and 539,477 Molecular Devices shares which have appreciated in value to US\$11.3 million.

Amrad Corporation has announced plans to spinoffa new company, Avexa, which will hold its "advanced anti-infectives drug portfolio". Amrad will transfer this drug portfolio and \$12 million cash to Avexa, then distribute 80.01% of these shares to its own shareholders and retain a 19.99% interest. So Circadian Technologies will receive a direct 17.6% shareholding in Avexa which plans to list on the Australian stockmarket later this year at a capitalisation of "\$24 million". If this is after raising a further \$5-10 million from new public investors, then Circadian's stake in Avexa could be worth \$2.5-3.3 million.

Circadian Technologies shares continue to trade at a large discount to net asset value - so are a cheap way to obtain a diversified exposure to the biotechnology sector. "Buy".



<u>Campbell Brothers</u> is forecasting that its six month profit to 30 September 2004 will be around 25% higher than last year - helped by a "strong metals market" which is having a "positive effect on the earnings" of its main Laboratory Services business and growth in its other "service oriented business units".

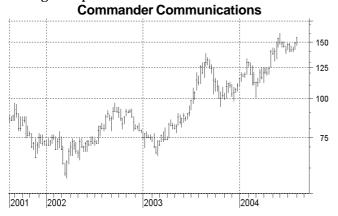
Candle Australia expects to report a 27% increase in profits to \$4.5 million for the year ended 30 June 2004. The recruitment market has "picked up" slightly but is still near the bottom of the cycle with demand "still slow and steady". Candle Australia (and our other recruitment companies, Ross Human Directions and Skilled Engineering) therefore remain attractive investments with potential for further profit growth as cyclical employment markets recover.

<u>Cellnet Group</u> has acquired **Jatek Pty**, an Adelaide based importer and distributor of mobile phone accessories, for \$1,350,000. Jatek holds licensing agreements to display many well-known brands on its products. Benefits of this acquisition will include access to new retail customers, use of Jatek's brands on other Cellnet products and direct importation of Jatek products to improve profit margins.

Commander Communications has announced the \$21.0 million acquisition of **Axon Group** - a group of companies providing IT products and services to the Education, Government and Corporate markets with emphasis on notebook and mobile computing. Commander Communications will pay \$9.6 million immediately (i.e. \$6.6 million in cash and issue 2,000,000 new shares to the vendors) and a further \$11.4 million (i.e. a further 4,400,000 shares and 2,400,000 convertible notes) provided Axon achieves revenue and profit expectations to 30 June 2005. Revenues are expected to be around \$70 million and the acquisition "earnings per share positive immediately".

This is a diversification for Commander Communications, expanding the business into the supply of computer equipment. The reasoning behind this expansion is that notebook and mobile computers are being used more for voice and data communications, with Commander Communications seeking to expand its interest in this integration of telephone and computing.

The media also continues to speculate that **Optus** is seeking to buy into Commander Communications. In May, Commander Communications denied any takeover discussions with Optus, but one newspaper reports that major shareholders "were understood to have discussed selling" to Optus.



<u>Computershare</u> has acquire US based **Alamo Direct Mail Services** - a company involved in printing, mailing and proxy solicitation services to the mutual fund industry. The company is also described as having a "state of the art, web-based tabulation software system". Computershare has paid US\$15.5 million in cash, with a further US\$7 million payable in three years if the company achieves unspecified revenue targets. At present the business generates annual revenues of around US\$26 million.

Computershare looked at acquiring this business a year ago, but it is more attractive now that it can be combined with **Transcentive** and **Georgeson Shareholder Communications** to produce cost savings in administration, call centres, sales and marketing.

Computershare has beaten the **Bank of England** with a £10 million (A\$25 million), five year tender to act as registrar for British Government securities. This contract is a "significant boost" for the "underperforming UK operations".

Health Communication Network has reported strong cashflows in the June quarter producing a quarterly cash surplus of \$4.5 million and an annual surplus of \$2.7 million. Cash on hand at 30 June was \$12.8 million (20.2 cents per share).

Health Communication Network *may* benefit indirectly from **DCA Group**'s \$700 million takeover of **MIA Group**. As we have previously reported, DCA Group's radiology subsidiary **I-Med** is currently trialling Health Communication Network's *iRIS* software at 26 of its 101 clinics and appears to be happy with that product. The MIA Group acquisition will add 113 radiology clinics to DCA Group-effectively *doubling* the potential market for *iRIS* if it is introduced into all of the clinics.

International All Sports is to take over listed Canbet. The company will "assume management" of Canbet immediately and advance \$1,000,000 to "assist with immediate working operations" and a further \$1,040,000 to subscribe for 51 million Canbet shares. A full takeover will be achieved by offering one new International All Sports share for every 25 Canbet shares. This values Canbet shares at 1.84 cents - an 8% discount to their last sale on-market at 2.0 cents - and the whole company at about \$6 million. After the takeover the current International All Sports shareholders will own 79% of the merged group, with Canbet shareholders owning 21%.

Canbet has "substantial assets and operations" in the UK, interests in US sports betting, owns an Internet betting business and, perhaps just as importantly, net tangible assets of \$12.4 million (as at December 2003).

The "merger" announcement, cash injection and immediate change of control and a takeover *discount* would indicate that Canbet is experiencing some type of *temporary financial problem* - and that cash-rich International All Sports is acquiring this troubled business cheaply.

International All Sports produced a June quarter cashflow *deficito*f \$1.3 million, but the company managed an annual surplus of \$448,000. Cash on hand was \$19.2 million (36.6 cents per share). (Continued on Page 6)

Recommended Investments (Continued from Page 5) The merger between MYOB and Solution 6 is currently taking place. Solution 6 shares have been suspended from trading and shareholders will receive 20.7 cents cash on 11 August and 0.55 MYOB shares which currently trade on "deferred settlement" and which will trade normally from 18 August.

Our initial purchase price of 59 cents per Solution 6 share is equivalent to about 84 cents per MYOB share (assuming that the cash from the capital repayment is re-invested at market prices). We have therefore changed our *Recommended Portfolio* to show MYOB shares acquired at this equivalent price.

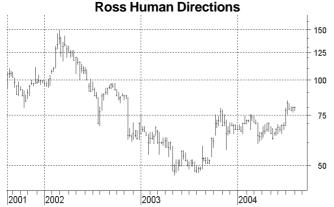
We are happy to hold the MYOB shares received in this merger. The share price is appreciating strongly so we shall let our profits run. "Hold+".

<u>Melbourne IT</u> has signed a Reseller Agreement to provide domain name services through **Yahoo! JAPAN**. Melbourne IT *already* holds a 20% market share for domain names in Japan and this agreement should help to further increase that business.

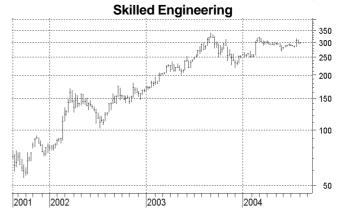
Ross Human Directions has released further information about **Spherion Group** which confirms our view that this is an attractive acquisition. Spherion is forecast to earn \$2.0 million before tax for the six months to December 2004 - equal to around \$2.8 million annually after tax. Ross Human Directions is paying \$25-31 million for this company, so at a Price/Earnings multiple of about 9-11. That is not cheap, but reasonable. More importantly, back office cost savings of \$2 million annually, will boost the after tax profit contribution to around \$4.2 million. That equals a P/E of 6-7 which looks very attractive.

Longer term there is also potential to improve Spherion's margins, for "significant" cost savings by consolidating premises (as leases expire) and from cross selling to the enlarged client base.

We rate Ross Human Directions a "strong Buy".



Skilled Engineering plans to sell its *Skilled Communications Services* business to **Service Stream** in November for \$10 million plus a further \$3 million if the business achieves its expected earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax) of \$2.5 million to June 2005. Last year this business was unsuccessful at winning work from **Telstra** but employs 250 staff, 300 contractors and generates annual revenues of \$45 million but little profit.



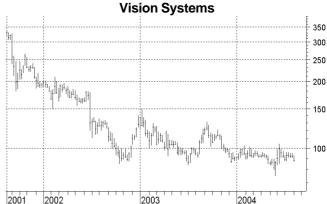
Technology One has released unaudited results to 30 June showing revenues up 8% to \$50 million and *pretax* profits up 30% to \$13.1 million. The company will also pay a final dividend of 1.6 cents, lifting the annual dividend 14.0% to 2.85 cents. Cash on hand is \$23.8 million or 8.0 cents per share.

<u>UXC</u> has announced three acquisitions that will be merged with its existing businesses: Firstly, the *Navision* business has been purchased from **Data** #3 and will merge with UXC's *Eclipse Computing* business, increasing that division's revenues by about 20%. Secondly **AAS Consulting Pty** - a leading telecommunications consulting firm - which will merge with UXC's *Gibson Quai* consulting business. Thirdly, data service company **Fieldforce Services Pty** has been acquired and will join the *Skilltech Consulting Services* division.

Vision Systems has spent \$3.3 million (with up to another \$2.1 million payable over three years) to acquire UK based voice response systems manufacturer **Ampekko**. The business is expected to contribute revenues of \$4 million and earnings of \$300,000 in the year to June 2005. Ampekko provides voice response systems - replacing standard fire sirens with "differentiated responses to different threat levels and allowing for phased evacuations".

This technology will be integrated with Vision Systems' fire and security systems where it is expected to generate "material increases" in revenues and profits in 2006 and onwards.

The stockmarket places a low valuation on Vision Systems shares but this compay has excellent growth potential in high profit margin businesses (i.e. high value medical equipment and reagents, plus high value fire and security systems). So there is excellent potential for significant long term capital appreciation. "Buy".



Share Recommendations: Buy Metlifecare

BUY Metlifecare (code MET)

We are recommending the purchase of shares in retirement village operator Metlifecare. These shares trade on a relatively low valuation but this low risk business should be capable of generating above average profit growth over many years. This profit growth - plus some re-rating of the share valuation - offers the potential for investors to *double* or *triple* their money in Metlifecare shares over the next 3-5 years.

Company History

This business was formed in 1984 to develop retirement villages and listed on the NZ stockmarket in July 1994 after offering 15,000,000 shares to the public at 85 cents. 65% of the \$12.75 million raised from the public went to original investors in the company, who also retained a 71% shareholding.

The company initially focused upon the *development* of retirement villages. Revenues (from property sales) and profits (from development margins) rose strongly until 1998, then plunged 82% to \$1,528,000 in 1999 and fell to just \$474,000 in 2000 as the company restructured. Dividends were cut 50% to 1.5 cents in 1999 - and no further dividends were paid until 2003.

Metlifecare now focuses upon profits from *operating* its existing facilities. The main source of profits - about 80% - are now from recurring "service fees", "amenities contributions" (although these accrue against the refundable value of occupancy licences and are only realised when the properties are re-sold) and gains on the re-sale of occupancy licences. The company still earns profits from new property developments but this accounts for only about 20% of group profitability.

The company currently operates 1,620 retirement villas and apartments in 13 villages. It is the largest operator of retirement villages in NZ with an 11% market share.

New Developments

While Metlifecare earns recurring revenues and profits from managing its *existing* properties, any *new* developments offer both a development margin and growth in the company's recurring business.

In *Metlifecare Pinesong* in Titirangi, Auckland, the company expected to complete the 12 *Cliffview* apartments in June 2004 and another 24 apartments at *The Point* in late 2004. A further 98 apartments are planned for development in future years.

The company is planning a \$25.5 million luxury retirement development consisting of 52 two and three bedroom apartments and two private care suites at 7 Saint Vincent, Remuera, Auckland. Construction is expected to start this month with completion by November 2005.

Approval is being sought for four-level and five-level developments in *Metlifecare Bayswater*, Mt Maunganui with a total of 53 retirement apartments. Future developments will add a further 29 apartments.

The company is also developing 5 units at *Metlifecare Coastal Villas*, Paraparaumu (with plans for another 74), 5 at *Metlifecare Crestwood*, Titirangi (to be followed by a further 24) and has plans for the future development of an additional 24 units at *Metlifecare Greenwood Park*, Tauranga and 32 more units at *Metlifecare Somervale*, Mt Maunganui.

In March 2003 Metlifecare agreed to acquire a 1.83 hectare site on the corner of Shakespeare and Taharoto Roads (i.e. adjacent to North Shore Hospital), in Auckland, at a cost of \$12,825,000 (i.e. \$8,500,000 payable when the agreement goes unconditional, with the remaining \$4,325,000 payable over four years). The contract will become unconditional with Resource Consent for 250 apartments and a care facility - which is now expected within a couple of months.

Completion of all of these projects will add around 688 units over the next several years - expanding the ongoing business by over 40%!

Recent Results

Profitability recovered strongly in the year to December 2001 - up 15-fold to \$7,214,000 (8.3 cents per share) - from revenues down 4.5% at \$82.2 million.

Revenues rose 22.5% to \$100.7 million in the year to December 2002, with profits up 43.5% to \$10,353,000 (12.0 cents per share).

The year to December 2003 saw further steady growth with revenues up 9.4% to \$110.1 million and profits up 36.8% to \$14,164,000 (16.4 cents per share). Dividends were re-instated with the payment of a final 5.0 cents (without imputation tax credits) in March 2004.

Revenues for the six months to 30 June 2004 rose just 2.6% to \$54.6 million and profits increased 30.6% to \$8,414,000 (9.7 cents per share). A 2.0 cents dividend (without imputation tax credits) will be paid on 27 August. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 16 August.

The company predicts the full year result will be "in excess of \$17 million" or 19.6 cents per share - subject to the "completion and sale of certain ongoing development projects".

Property Investments

Metlifecare owns \$338.3 million worth of properties, but these are almost completely funded by the sale of \$324.6 million of refundable occupancy licences. These liabilities, however, are only payable out of the proceeds of re-selling the occupancy licences (with any decline in property values being deducted from the amount repayable). In the meantime the company accrues "amenities contributions" from these properties and receives the full benefit of any increase in property values (after charging the occupier for maintenance). So occupiers fund most of Metlifecare's investment in properties (and suffer any decline in value) while Metlifecare collects management income and any increase in property values. (Continued on Page 8)

BUY Metlifecare

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The re-sale of occupancy licences at higher prices will produce significant profitability and release additional free cash flow to the company over the next several years.

Metlifecare mainly only needs to fund its investment in development properties (i.e. \$95.2 million) to produce growth in the business. This investment will be repaid when occupancy licences are sold and can be re-used for further expansion.

Owing to the nature of this business (i.e. the "liability" for licence repayments and depreciation of properties) the company incurs no tax liability and, in fact, has tax losses carried forward of \$125.6 million.

Investment Criteria

At 236 cents, Metlifecare shares trade on a Price/Sales ratio of 1.85, a Price/Earnings ratio of 14 and offer a gross Dividend Yield of 2.1%.

The P/S ratio is higher than many trading companies as this is a type of property company earning "rental" income in the form of its amenities fees. The low dividend yield reflects the low payout ratio as cash is reinvested in new property developments for future growth.

The P/E ratio of 14 shows reasonable value and we see the business producing relatively steady, low risk, profit growth of 15-25% over the next several years. The \$17 million profit expected this calendar year would lower the P/E ratio to 12.

The issued capital is 86,548,541 ordinary shares, giving a market capitalisation of \$203 million and making this a relatively large NZ company.

There have been two insider buys over the last year: Director MP Stiassny purchased 500,000 shares onmarket at 140 cents in August 2003 and Dr H LeGrice purchased 25,000 shares at 163-165 cents in September 2003. Founding director CJ Cook also retains a shareholding of 23,313,345 shares or 26.9% of the company.

The main shareholder is Todd Lifecare with 30,215,026 shares (34.9% of the company) and Fisher Funds Management has recently acquired a 10.1%

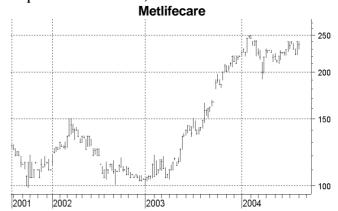
shareholding-but the shares are still somewhat *neglected* by institutional investors. Metlifecare is also *neglected* by brokers, with just one firm publishing profit forecasts.

Metlifecare shares peaked in 1998 at 275 cents and then lost two-thirds of their value as profits fell and the business restructured. From early 2003 to early 2004 the shares recovered strongly, rising from 100 cents to 250 cents, before dropping back to 190 cents in March. Over the last five months the shares have again started to appreciate in value. The Relative Strength rating is currently +4.4%, ranked 39 (on a scale of 0-99).

Summary and Recommendation

Metlifecare offers the potential for steady, long term growth in revenues and profits - funded internally from the sale of occupancy licences. Growth will come from the development of new properties, as well as the re-sale of occupancy licences on existing properties at higher values. This will boost profitability - and cashflows - over the next several years. This *could* allow the company to increase its low dividend payout ratio, but *without* imputation tax credits. So re-investment to finance continued growth is more likely.

This is a relatively low risk business, with the ability to generate steady, above average growth over the medium to long term. Metlifecare should therefore be suitable for a wide range of investors, although the current income yield is low (and will not include imputation tax credits).



Buy Australian listed Keycorp

(This section is in Australian currency, unless stated.)

BUY Keycorp (code KYC).

We briefly reviewed - and informally recommended - Keycorp in July 2003 (*Market Analysis* issue 373). Since then the business has continued to improve and the company has recently paid a maiden dividend. The volume of shares trading on the market has also increased significantly!

There is some uncertainty and risk related to Keycorp, but it is experiencing strong demand for its smartcard and payment terminals while its high fixed, non-cash depreciation and amortisation offers the potential for *very rapid profit growth* over the next few years. The current share valuation is low *in relation to those potential profits*, so the shares could appreciate strongly over the next 2-3 years.

Company History

This business was formed in 1983 and listed on the Australian stockmarket in 1987. Initially the company manufactured computer keyboards and, in 1994, developed a *Retail Terminal* for Australia Post which led into EFTPOS terminals and secure payment systems.

The share price exploded from \$1 to \$15 during the 1999 Technology boom, then dropped back in 2000/2001 to under a dollar.

In December 2000, Keycorp acquired the EFTPOS business of **Telstra** for \$425 million - paid by issuing 38,700,000 new shares at \$11.00 per share! This expanded Keycorp's business but this transaction was conducted at prices inflated by the boom. Keycorp obviously paid *too much* for intangible assets (i.e.

capitalised R&D and goodwill), but at least paid with shares that were equally *over-inflated* in price. Telstra clearly has a significant (i.e. 85%) loss on its investment in Keycorp, while Keycorp has needed to depreciate and write-down the value of its intangible assets.

In recent years Keycorp has sought to move away from being a supplier of "commodity" equipment to become an electronic payment "solutions provider". Operating *Transaction Networks* now generates around 28% of revenues, with another 15-20% from *Service & Maintenance. Equipment sales* still account for about 50% of revenues, with about two-thirds of this from EFTPOS terminals and one-third from smartcards.

Recent Results

Like most Technology companies during the boom, Keycorp recorded massive cash deficits until 2002. Since then the situation has significantly improved, with Keycorp generating a large cash surplus to June 2003. Reported profits, however, have been depressed by R&D amortisation and massive write-downs in intangible assets.

Revenues slipped 1.8% to \$120.6 million for the year to June 2002, with a trading loss of \$49,137,000 *plus* a further \$272.4 million write-down in intangible assets. There was a cash operating *deficit* of \$3.2 million.

For the year to June 2003 Keycorp reported revenues of \$104.0 million - up 22.9% on the previous year (after adjusting for an accounting change). The trading profit was \$1,398,000 (1.7 cents per share) *after* deducting regular depreciation and amortisation of \$31.2 million. In addition, Keycorp wrote down intangible assets by a further \$52.4 million to report a bottom line loss of \$50,952,000. The net operating cash surplus of \$15.5 million probably gives a better indication of the value of the business. Interest bearing debt fell only \$1.0 million to \$42.0 million, but cash on hand rose \$9.9 million to \$10.5 million.

For the six months to December 2003 revenues slipped 9.6% to \$47.3 million but profits improved 2.5% to \$1,142,000 (1.4 cents per share). The cash operating surplus was steady at \$10.5 million - resulting in a \$4.0 million decline in interest bearing debt (to \$38.0 million) and a \$6.0 million increase in cash on hand (to \$16.4 million).

The results to June 2004 should be released later this month but the company has been predicting revenues of \$110-120 million and a net profit of \$5-10 million (6-12 cents per share). On 25 June the company announced a maiden 3.0 cents dividend which has since been paid. The company stated "This dividend payment is the result of two years strong cash generation and is an indication of the profit turnaround".

New Business and the EMV Standard

Keycorp appears to have been very successful at winning new business over the last year with part of this resulting from the proposed introduction of the new EMV (Europay MasterCard Visa) standard for secure smartcards to reduce the potential for credit card fraud. The EMV standard will verify all transactions by any compliant credit card at any compliant terminal.

In March 2003 Keycorp and **MasterCard** announced a low priced US\$1.99 *MULTOS* smartcard to encourage the banks to move towards EMV credit cards. All

Keycorp terminals are EMV-compliant.

Over the next few years, the liability for credit card fraud will be transferred from the issuing banks to any merchants not using EMV-compliant terminals. So Western European merchants need to upgrade by January 2005 and merchants in Asia/Pacific, Central Europe, the Middle East and Africa will need to upgrade by January 2006. Canadian and US banks have not yet set a timetable for merchant upgrades.

So Keycorp will experience strong demand for both its smartcards and terminals over the next several years as the world upgrades to the EMV standard. The introduction of multi-application smartcards into credit cards to meet EMV will then lead to the spread of other applications (i.e. loyalty programs, ID cards, transport payment) so could lead to further growth potential.

In November 2003 the company entered a strategic alliance with leading UK payment processing software company **Retail Logic** to "co-operate in reciprocal marketing" of card payment systems. This agreement is expected to "drive strong demand for Keycorp terminals" in the UK, while Keycorp will offer Retail Logic's products and services to its customers in the Asia Pacific region.

In December 2003 the company received an initial order for 2,000,000 *Keycorp LiteOS* modules from an undisclosed bank.

Norsk Tipping, the Norwegian State Lottery, ordered 2,100,000 multi-application *MULTOS* modules in March 2004 for smartcards that will allow people to purchase lottery tickets, enable secure access to online public services and make payment to other e-commerce providers.

In May 2004, two undisclosed banks in Australia and New Zealand ordered \$4 million worth of *K23* payment terminals.

That same month (May 2004) Keycorp entered into a \$100 million, five year service agreement to purchase/ lease back, maintain and replace all of the 72,000 EFTPOS terminals used by Westpac Banking customers in Australia. Keycorp will buy all of Westpac's existing EFTPOS terminals and progressively replace these with their new *K23* terminals and wireless *K78* terminals over five years. Around \$25 million of income will be earned from leasing back the old terminals, \$45 million from the lease of new terminals and \$30 million from service and maintenance. Keycorp will borrow around \$50 million to purchase the old terminals and finance the new terminals, with that debt reducing over the five year contract period. The company has not disclosed other financial details but expects "a strong earnings contribution going forward". This contract should help provide stability to Keycorp's future - with a steady demand for new terminals, plus more reliable revenue and income from ongoing lease receivables rather than a series of "one-off" equipment sales. This contract alone will add around 20% to annual revenues.

In June the company had a repeat order from **Cosmos Bank** in Taiwan for a further 500,000 *MULTOS* smartcards-bringing to 1.3 million the number supplied to the bank since 2001.

In July the **Hong Kong Government** signed a contract to purchase (Continued on Page 10)

BUY Keycorp (Continued from Page 9) a further 4.7 million smartcards for ID cards. Keycorp had previously supplied 2.0 million chips.

Investment Criteria

At 163 cents and based upon the June 2003 result, Keycorp shares trade on a Price/Sales ratio of 1.28, a Price/Earnings ratio of 95 and a nil Dividend Yield. Based upon the dividend for the 2004 year and the company's forecasts, the P/S ratio will be about 1.2, the P/E 14-27 and the Yield 1.8%. If the 2004 result comes at the top of the \$5-10 million forecasts then the shares would look very cheap on a P/E of around 14.

In addition, considerable amounts of non-cash depreciation and amortisation mean that the cash operating surplus will *significantly* exceed reported profits. This fixed cost also *leverages* the improvement in net profits so a 20% growth in revenues and earnings (before depreciation and amortisation) to June 2005 would lift the net profits 50-100% to \$10-15 million reducing the P/E to 8-13.

With an issued capital of 81,662,938 shares the market capitalisation is \$133 million - making this a *medium sized* company.

On the negative side, Keycorp directors have very low investments in the company. Founder JW Wood (who is now a non-executive director) continues to hold 765,713 shares (0.9% of the company) and the Chairman, MG Irving, has 35,105 shares. Four other directors do not own shares. This lack of investment is unfavourable and we would prefer to see directors and management's interests more closely aligned with those of the shareholders!

Telstra remains the largest shareholder with 47.9% of the company, while institutions have relatively small holdings and the shares are *neglected* by brokers (i.e. only one firm publishes profit forecasts). Institutional and broker *neglect* is favourable. If Keycorp can produce the profit growth we expect then the company will likely

be "discovered" by institutional investors and brokers with the resulting buying pushing the share price sharply higher!

Technically the shares are in a moderate uptrend and have been climbing steadily over the last two years as the company's financial position improves. The Relative Strength rating is +0.3%, ranked 39.

Summary and Recommendation

Keycorp has made significant improvements in its business over recent years. The company became *cashflow positive*, then slightly *profitable* and has recently started to pay *dividends*. Demand for the company's products and services appears strong, while the Westpac contract provides longer term certainty to revenues, cashflows and profits. Owing to high depreciation and amortisation charges, the business now generates strong cashflows. Growth in revenue and earnings will have a leveraged impact on reported profits which could therefore grow strongly over the next few years and result in even stronger growth in the share price!

Keycorp shares do involve above average risk and offer a low income yield, so are most suitable for investors with a diversified portfolio (to minimise risks) and seeking maximum long term capital appreciation from an emerging growth company.



Sell Australian listed McPhersons and Sell Australian listed Nufarm

(This section is in Australian currency, unless stated.)

SELL McPhersons (MCP). SELL Nufarm (NUF).

We are recommending the sale of both McPhersons and Nufarm shares. These are both sound companies, but we believe that other investments can now offer us better returns in the future.

McPhersons

McPhersons has been a very successful investment for us. We first bought into McPhersons shares in October 2000 at 125 cents when they were trading on a Price/Earnings ratio of just 4.6 and offered a Dividend Yield of 9.6%. That very low valuation was even more surprising as this was a company able to generate high

free cashflows that did not need to be re-invested in the business but were available to pay dividends or to finance acquisitions.

For about a year McPhersons' share price went nowhere. We banked our high dividend cheques and continued to rate them a "must Buy" share.

The business initially suffered a little owing to the impact of the appreciating Australian dollar on its importing business (i.e. the Houseware division) but its strong cashflow enabled it to make a large Printing acquisition (which benefited from the higher dollar).

Eventually - in late 2001 - the share price started to appreciate and has just kept on going up. A major

acquisition - **Cork Asia Pacific** for \$101 million in June 2003 - boosted the company's potential and also required a share placement that resulted in McPhersons being "discovered" by institutional investors who pushed the price higher and higher.

Although we have *quadrupled* our money in McPhersons in a little less than four years we do <u>not</u> believe the shares are *over-valued* at present. The shares were quite clearly *very under-valued* when we initially bought into the company in 2000 and its high free cashflows always offered the potential for further growth. McPhersons had potential to do great things and did!

All that has really changed is (1) the market has discovered the company and re-rated the shares from under-valued to fairly valued and (2) the potential for another major acquisition is limited in the short term to medium term as McPhersons integrates the Cork Asia Pacific acquisition and seeks to reduce its debt levels.

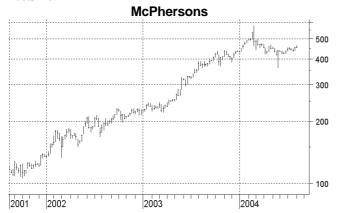
Earnings per share and dividends are likely to continue to grow - but at a slower rate than over the last couple of years. With the shares now *fairly* valued we start to worry about risk: The company could suffer owing to (1) slower growth, (2) a possible glitch, or (3) the shares may simply fall out of favour with institutional investors. There has been some *insider* selling - as directors cash up their gains - and overall we feel we may be able to invest this money more profitably elsewhere.

Summary and Recommendation

McPhersons has grown its business successfully - but the shares have also been *discovered* by institutional investors and appreciated in value even more quickly as they bought into the company. What was *under-valued* has become *fairly valued*.

McPhersons is still a sound company but probably only offers the potential for average gains in the future. Can we do better than that? Can we find new emerging growth companies at attractive valuations? Can we find under-valued, high yielding, cyclical shares? Shares that will increase *several fold* in value over *several years*? That has been our objective for 23½ years (and with some success).

So we are recommending the sale of fairly valued McPhersons shares to raise cash to go hunting for investments that offer us the potential for better *future* returns.



Nufarm

Nufarm has been a long term investment (i.e. $7\frac{1}{2}$ years) that has been disappointing. We had sought long term growth from Nufarm but although the company made several acquisitions and expanded its product range it has failed to produce significant profit growth.

The shares have repaid 28% of our initial investment through dividends over the $7\frac{1}{2}$ years - equal to an average annual income yield of just 3.8%. In late 2001 the shares had dropped to a low of 225 cents and we were sitting on a loss of 46%. Over the last three years, however, the shares have recovered strongly. At 612 cents we shall realise a 46% *gain* (i.e. about 5.2% per annum compounded).

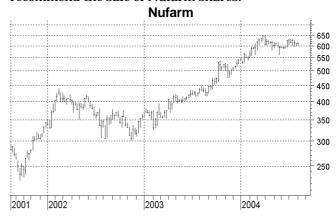
Sadly the 9% per annum total return from Nufarm makes this a relatively *unsuccessful* investment for us. Even more sadly, many institutional investors would be very happy with that rate of return!

Nufarm shares still trade on a low Price/Sales ratio of 0.64 and a low Price/Earnings ratio of 12 but also have a low Dividend Yield of 3.3%. With a low dividend payout ratio (i.e. with all the funds retained in the business) we feel that Nufarm should have been able to grow its profits faster. Expectations are for further moderate growth in the future. That isn't too bad, but we think we can do better elsewhere.

Furthermore, Nufarm may soon experience stronger competition in Australia and New Zealand which will erode margins and slow growth over the next couple of years. Israel based **Makhteshim-Agan** has been seeking to sell in Australia for many years but has just paid \$22 million to acquire **Farmoz**. This will give it \$100 million in local revenues (9% of the Australian market) and it intends to lift this to \$250 million over three years. The market for agricultural chemicals is growing at just 2% annually, so this growth will require increased competition to win market share. This is not a favourable environment for Nufarm, so now is probably a good time to exit this shareholding.

Summary and Recommendation

As indicated over the last year, we have been looking for an opportunity to sell our Nufarm shares but have *let our profits run* as the share price rose strongly during 2003. That strong uptrend has slowed - and the company now faces a potential increase in competition - so we recommend the sale of Nufarm shares.



Page 12 Market Analysis

Computer Selections of NZ Shares based upon our Comprehensive Share Selection Criteria

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Company	Share Price	STREI Cur- rent	4-Wk Chg.	Rank	Insider Buy-Sell		lO.	Return on Equity	Vola- til- ity	Price Earn. Ratio	Divi- dend Yield	Price Sales Ratio	Market Cap'n	С
UNDER-VALUED	SHARES	: Lowe	st Pric	e/Sal	es. Yld	l > 0	. Rel	Strenc	ıth >	0				O
Richmond Hold.	312	+7.2		29	0-1	-	1.0	10	0.6	10	3.6	0.10	128	P
Smiths City	75 -	+16.8	+8.9	6	0-1	-	1.3	14	0.9	9	7.0	0.19	40	L
Col Motor Co	303	+1.4	-0.4	60	1-0	-	1.0	8	0.5	12	9.1	0.22	84	S
Renaissance		+11.0	-2.4	15	0-2		2.9	15	1.2		14.5	0.27	27	N
Mainfreight Grp	200	+7.7	-2.1	26	0-2	4	2.6	8	0.8	34	4.9 12.0	0.29	191	N
Wrightson Ltd Allied Farmers	143 175	+3.9	-1.0	43 21	0-6 0-1	4	1.0	15 9	0.9	12	6.3	0.29	195 28	lr
Restaurant Brds	133	+0.5	-1.1	63	2-0	4	2.4	23	1.1		11.2	0.42	126	W
Williams Kettle	315		+2.9	64	1.1		0.9	9	0.6		11.4	0.42	70	W
Ebos Group Ltd	370	+2.3	+0.2	55	0-0	-	2.3	15	0.7	16	6.6	0.45	101	N
Nuplex Indust	525 -		-1.1	18	3-0	5	2.0	14	8.0	14	5.7	0.51	322	S
Vertex Group	165	+5.0	-2.3	36	0-4		2.2	20	1.1	11	3.6	0.60	53	A
Fletcher Build.	484 112 -		+0.4	34 4	8-0 1-0	5	2.4	20 15	0.6	12 16	5.9 1.8	0.61	1,965 22	В
Broadway Ind Design Textiles	115	+4.3		40	1-0		2.4	27	1.2	11	5.4	0.61	37	W G
Tower Limited		+10.3		19	0.0	7	0.4	0	1.0	204	7.7	0.78	803	В
Seeka Kiwifruit	500	+8.5		22	1-0		1.6	12	0.7	13	5.4	0.79	40	Ē
Dorchester Pac	276	+7.7	-3.3	27	0-1	-	1.9	20	0.9	10	5.4	0.79	57	В
Mr Chips Hold			+3.3	16	0-0	-	2.4	16	1.1	15	6.1	0.85	30	A
TeanTalk Ltd	247	+2.7	+1.7	52	0-0	-	2.7	11	1.0	24	9.1	0.91	50	S
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Affco Holdings		+27.3	9	:st 311	0-0	-/L·	1.4	10	1.0	13	Nil	0.24	217	C
Broadway Ind		+18.8	-0.1	4	1-0	-	2.4	15	0.6	16	1.8	0.61	22	S
Smiths City		+16.8		6	0-1	-	1.3	14	0.6	9	7.0	0.19	40	N
Cabletalk Group	42 -	+13.8-	+15.5	11	3-1	-	2.8	39	1.7	7	Nil	0.24	13	Α
Renaissance		+11.0	-2.4	15	0-2	-	2.9	15	0.9		14.5	0.27	27	F
Mr Chips Hold		+10.8		16	0.0	-	2.4	16	0.9	15	6.1	0.85	30	N
Nuplex Indust Allied Farmers	525 - 175	+10.4	-1.1	18 21	3-0 0-1	5	2.0	14 9	0.7	14 12	5.7 6.3	0.51	322 28	II
Seeka Kiwifruit	500	+8.5	+0.0	22	1-0		1.6	12	0.6	13	5.4	0.40	40	N.
Dorchester Pac	276	+7.7	-3.3	27	0-1		1.9	20	0.7	10	5.4	0.79	57	C
Richmond Hold.	312	+7.2	+4.5	29	0-1	-	1.0	10	0.4	10	3.6	0.10	128	W
Fletcher Build.	484	+5.6		34	8-0	5	2.4	20	0.5	12	5.9	0.61	1,965	В
Vertex Group	165	+5.0	-2.3	36	0-4	-	2.2	20	0.9	11	3.6	0.60	53	В
Richina Pacific	45	+4.3		40	0.0	-	0.9	5 27	1.2	17	Nil 5.4	0.15	65	P
Design Textiles CDL Hotel NZ	115 47	+4.3	+1.9	40 42	1-0 0-1		0.7	7	1.0	11 10	4.4	0.61	37 164	S K
Wrightson Ltd	143	+3.9	-1.0	43	0-6	4	1.6	15	1.1		12.0	0.29	195	C
Hellaby Hold.	550		+1.1	50	1-1	2	2.9	24	0.4	12	7.1	0.92	271	
Carter Holt	214	+2.7	-0.6	51	2-0	6	0.9	6	8.0	15	2.8	0.96	3,730	
Ebos Group Ltd	370	+2.3	+0.2	55	0-0	-	2.3	15	0.6	16	6.6	0.45	101	
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Restaurant Brds	133	+0.5	-1.1	63	2-0	4	2.4	23	0.9		11.2	0.42	126	
Lyttelton Port	170		+1.4	72	0.0	5	3.5	27	0.7	13	9.7	2.85	173	•
Hallenstein G.	331	+3.3	+0.9	47	1-2	3	4.5	26	0.4	17	8.3	1.09	195	
Skellmax Indust	132	+3.0		49	0-0	-	5.1	49	0.7	10	7.9	1.37	132	A
NZ Refining Co	2300 -			14	0.0	1	1.7	12	0.1	15	7.8	2.91	552	(
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Tower Limited		+10.3		19	0-0	7	0.4	0		204	7.7	0.09	284 803	3
Cavalier Corp	490		+1.0	75	1-2	2	5.0	29	0.4	17	7.6	1.60	309	
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Fletcher Build.	484	+5.6		34	8-0	5	2.4	20	0.4	12	5.9	0.61	1,965	
Michael Hill	616	+9.4	-1.1	20	6-0	3	4.7	20	0.4	23	4.1	1.05	237	F
Tourism Hold.	187 9	+8.4		23 61	4-0	3	1.0	5 2	0.7	23 40	6.4	1.05	184	(
Cue Energy Ltd NGC Holdings		+0.9	-0.4 +0.1	12	3-0 3-0		0.8	9	2.1 0.6	31	Nil 3.0	3.71	28 1,311	C
F & P Appliance	475	+8.0	-2.1	24	3-0	4	2.2	15	0.6	15	6.4	1.32	1,243	C
Urbus Property	98	+2.5		53	3-0	·	0.4	10	0.6	5	9.2	2.33	110	
Nuplex Indust	525 -		-1.1	18	3-0	5	2.0	14	0.6	14	5.7	0.51	322	<u>(</u>
Metro. LifeCare	236	+4.6	-0.1	37	2-0	1	1.4	10	0.7	14	2.1	1.85	204	
F & P Health.	1330	+4.3	-0.1	41	2-0	5	7.1	29	0.5	25	5.8	6.33	1,360	,

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Ports Auckland	705	-3.5	-0.7	80	1-0		2.1	12	0.4	17	7.2	4.46	747
Lyttelton Port	170	-0.8	+1.4	72	0-0	5	3.5	27	0.6	13	9.7	2.85	173
South Port NZ	145	-2.7	+1.3	79	0-0	2	1.6	11	0.7	15	6.9	2.59	38
Nuhaka Forestry	470	-3.1	-0.7	80	0-0	-	0.9		0.3	NE	13.4	2.41	8
Media Tech.	14	-17.2	-1.2	96	0-3		2.2		2.7	NE	Nil	2.37	12
Ind Newspapers	468	-0.6	-1.4	70	0-0	2	1.3	5	0.7	25	3.0	2.12	1,650
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Widespread Port	3	-42.7	+2.7	98	0-0	-	1.1	-	2.1	NE	Nil	N/A	7
Media Tech.	14	-17.2	-1.2	96	0-3	-	2.2	-	2.6	NE	Nil	2.37	12
SkyCity Leisure	76	-16.7	+0.2	96	0-0	-	2.8	11	1.5	25	Nil	1.29	52
Abano Health.	13	-15.6	+2.3	95	0-0	-	0.6	3	1.4	23	Nil	0.43	25
Blis Technology	13	-11.9	-3.8	93	0-1	-	2.6	-	1.5	NE	Nil	N/A	8
WN Drive Tech.	46	-11.8	-3.2	93	0-2	- 1	25.3		0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	58
Genesis Res.	74	-10.0	+2.6	91	0.0	-	0.7	-	1.1	NE	Nil	1.94	19
Blue Chip NZ	120	-9.4	-0.3	90	0-0	-	-	-	1.2	NE	Nil	0.45	62
Evergreen	39	-9.1	-1.0	89	0.0	-	0.7	-	0.7	NE	Nil	1.60	59
Botry-Zen Ltd	9	-7.7	-4.9	88	0-2	-	8.7	-	1.3	NE	Nil	N/A	15
A2 Corporation	10	-6.1	-0.2	87	0.0	-	1.0	-	1.5	NE	Nil	N/A	9
Summit Gold Ltd	6	-5.9	+0.6	86	0.0	-	1.4	-	1.9	NE	Nil	N/A	5
VTL Group Ltd	96	-5.8	-3.3	86	0.0	-	1.5	14	1.2	11	Nil	1.26	29
Warehouse Group	441	-5.7	+1.3	85	3-0	7	3.9	23	0.6	17	4.9	0.66	1,347
Cadmus Tech Ltd	11	-5.3	+1.1	85	0-2	-	2.5	6	1.5	43	Nil	1.33	18
Sanford Limited	465	-5.0	-1.3	84	0-1	2	1.0	9	0.4	11	6.2	1.29	445
Northland Port	265	-4.9	-0.3	83	0.0	1	2.5	10	0.6	27	4.7	N/A	110
Air New Zealand	40	-4.8	-0.0	82	0-0	5	1.1	16	1.1	7	Nil	0.32	1,169
Finzsoft Sol'ns	85	-4.5	-7.9	81	0-0	-	2.2	10	0.5	22	Nil	1.30	7
NZ Experience	26	-3.7	-0.4	81	0-0	-	1.7	15	1.2	11	Nil	1.86	15
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Media Tech.	14	-17.2	-1.2	96	0-3	-		-	2.6	NE	Nil	2.37	12
Cadmus Tech Ltd	11	-5.3	+1.1	85	0-2	-	2.5	6	1.5	43	Nil	1.33	18
WN Drive Tech.	46	-11.8	-3.2	93	0-2		25.3	-	0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	58
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Blis Technology	13	-11.9	-3.8	93	0-1	-	2.6	-	1.4	NE	Nil	N/A	8
Postie Plus Grp	104	-2.7	+2.1	78	0-1	-	4.4	32	0.5	14	Nil	0.54	42
Sanford Limited	465	-5.0	-1.3	84	0-1	2	1.0	9	0.4	11	6.2	1.29	445
Kiwi Property	105	-1.5	-0.6	73	0-1	5	0.9	7	0.4	14	8.2	9.40	684
Cavalier Corp	490	-1.8	+1.0	75	1-2	2	5.0	29	0.4	17	7.6	1.60	309

Current Issues

SHARE CONSOLIDATIONS Ratio Ex-Date

Air New Zealand (1)

1:5

(1) Every 5 existing Air NZ shares will be consolidated into 1 new share.

SHARE REPURCHASES **Details**

1 in 4, at 110 cents Carter Holt Harvey (1) F & P Healthcare up to 2.4 million shares, on-market (1) Carter Holt Havey will cancel 1 share in every 4 and repay 110 cents per cancelled share. Shares will trade ex-cancellation from 23/ 08/2004.

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(1) Plus 1 option (to buy a share at 7.5 cents on 30/9/2006) for every two new shares.

(2) Convertible notes.

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Company	Share	Cur-		ATING Rank	sider uy-Sell	Superior Price to NTA	e Retur	n Vola- til-	Price Earn.	Divi- dend	Price Sales	Market	Company	Share	Cur-	NGTH RA 4-Wk	Rank	Insider Buy-Sell	ĕ٩	Ю	Return on	III-	Earn.	dend	Price Sales	Market
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Argosy Minerals		-22.2			0.0			1.4	NE	Nil	9.84	12	Unwired Group	65	-26.3	+3.1	96	1-0		1.9		1.5	10	Nil	9.63	114
Unwired Group	65		+3.1		1-0	- 1.9			10	Nil	9.63	114	Rockeby Biomed	8	-26.1	-3.9	96	2-0				1.3	NE	Nil	N/A	7
Homeloans Ltd	32	-7.4	-0.5	67	0-0	- 1.0)	0.6	NE	Nil	9.58	16	Gindalbie Gold	7	-26.0	-2.0	96	1-1	-	-	-	1.3	NE	Nil	0.35	12
Visionmed Group	4	-25.0	-2.8	95	1-0			2.2	NE	Nil	9.49	7	Horizon Oil Ltd	7	-25.8	-2.6	96	2-0	-	-	-	1.5	NE	Nil	N/A	32
Genetic Tech.	34	-12.9	-1.3	80	2-1	- 6.7	,	0.9	NE	Nil	9.49	88	E.R.G.	35	-25.2	-2.0	95	0-0	1	1.5	-	1.0	NE	Nil	0.40	211
Cullen Resource		-12.5	+5.6		2-0			1.9	51	Nil	9.47	10	ITL Limited	27	-25.1	-2.7	95	1-0		-		8.0	NE	Nil	N/A	27
Northern Gold	30	-4.7			3-0			0.6	NE	Nil	9.15	44	Visionmed Group	4	-25.0		95	1-0			-		NE		9.49	7
Oxiana Ltd	80	-3.8			0-1	- 4.0		0.6	93	Nil	8.60	758	Stericorp Ltd	7	-24.0	+2.5	94	4-0				1.5	NE		0.46	7
ABC Learning	355	-2.8			0-6	- 2.1	,	0.4	29	2.0	8.46 8.29	346 9	Environ. Sol'n		-24.0	+1.7		3-0				1.0 2.7	NE NE			8
Int'l Goldfield Pacific Hydro	30 294	-2.6	-10.3 +1.7		0-0 2-1	5 2.0	1 16	0.9	14 13	Nil 1.7	8.11	380	RMG Limited Select Vaccines	3 32	-23.8 -23.7	+0.1	94 94	1-0 2-5		- 5.3		2. <i>1</i> 0.9	NE	Nil Nil	0.51 N/A	18 7
Polartechnics	47	-19.3	-7.1	91	1.0	1 2.3		0.7	NE	Nil	7.54	22	Millepede Int'l	12	-23.3	-0.1	94	0.0		4.0		1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	8
Knights Insol.	69	-0.8	-2.9	47	2-1	- 4.9		0.7	31	Nil	7.43	36	Prime Life Corp	130	-22.3	-4.7		2-4				0.5	NE	Nil	0.60	70
Renew. Energy	12	-3.9	+1.1	59	2-0	- 1.0		1.2	NE	Nil	7.23	8	VRI Biomedical	14	-22.2		93	0-1				1.4	NE	Nil	5.43	9
Sino Gold Ltd	205	-9.7	-0.6	73	0-0			0.7	78	Nil	7.08	264	Argosy Minerals	12		-0.9	93	0-0		-		1.3	NE	Nil	9.84	12
Amity Oil NL	68	-8.8	+3.4	70	4-3			0.7	378	Nil	6.96	108	Occupational Md	160	-22.0	-0.2	93	1-0	- 1	3.3	- 1	0.4	NE	Nil	N/A	42
Alkane Explor.	20	-19.4	-2.6	91	8-4			1.2	NE	Nil	6.87	26	Climax Mining	9	-20.9	+1.3	92	1-0	-	-	-	1.8	NE	Nil	N/A	24
Sylvania Res.		-13.4	-4.4	81	1-0			1.1	NE	Nil	6.73	8	Intermoco Ltd	4				1-1	-			1.6	NE	Nil	N/A	21
China West Int.		-16.8	-6.3		0-0	- 0.5		2.1	NE		6.67	30	Medical Corp	16		-1.8	92	1-0				1.2	NE	Nil	N/A	19
Aust Stock Exch	1570	-1.3	-0.5		3-5	9 7.9		0.6	19	3.6	6.64	1,602	Alpha Tech.	1	-20.4	-0.5	92	0.0				3.3	NE	Nil	0.52	6
Ambri Limited	31	-2.8	-2.0		0-0	1 2.4		1.3	NE	Nil	6.64	16	Austpac Res	4				0.0				1.9	NE	Nil	N/A	17
Bounty Oil Gas		-10.0	+0.8		0.0			1.6	NE	Nil	6.45	10	QPSX Limited		-20.2		92	1.2		8.3		1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	22
Mosaic Oil NL Mineral Sec.	19 86	-2.1 -14.3	-3.1	52 83	0-1 1-0	1 - 1.1		0.9	56 NE	Nil Nil	6.40	73 32	Multiemedia Ltd Novera Energy	4 18	-20.0 -20.0	-4.3 -3.1	92 92	1-11 3-0		3.8 2.3		2.6 1.0	NE NE	Nil Nil	1.44	33 37
Lihir Gold	106	-10.4				10 2.4		0.7	39	1.9	6.35	1,361	Marlborough Res		-19.8	+0.9		0.0		2.3		2.3	NE	Nil	1.34	12
Pro Medicus Ltd	60	-10.7	-3.1	76	0-0	2 6.0		0.5	13	5.4	6.32	60	Ezenet Limited	14		-7.8	91	1-0				1.5	NE	Nil	N/A	5
Easycall Int'l	10	-1.3			0-0	- 1.4		1.3	NE	Nil	5.75	25	Sipa Resources		-19.6		91	0-0	-			1.3	14	Nil	0.70	22
Bionomics Ltd	21	-17.3	-0.9		0-0	- 1.9)	1.3	NE	Nil	5.69	9	ETT Ltd	32	-19.6	-4.2	91	0-0	-	5.3	-	8.0	NE	Nil	N/A	191
Biota Holdings	55	-3.1	-4.8	56	2-0	1 2.0)	1.0	NE	Nil	5.57	41	Prima Biomed	19	-19.4	+0.1	91	7-4		2.7	-	1.2	NE	Nil	N/A	10
Luminus Systems	7	-0.0	+0.0	42	0-0			1.4	NE	Nil	5.46	21	Alkane Explor.	20	-19.4	-2.6	91	8-4	-	-	-	1.1	NE	Nil	6.87	26
Grange Resource	56	-2.0	-1.1	52	6-0			0.7	NE	Nil	5.44	37	Polartechnics	47	-19.3	-7.1	91	1-0				0.6	NE	Nil	7.54	22
VRI Biomedical		-22.2			0-1	- 4.7		1.5	NE	Nil	5.43	9	Eqitx Limited	22	-19.3	-2.8	91	0-0				0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	6
Astro Mining NL		-10.7	-8.5		0-1			2.3	NE	Nil	5.28	10	Molopo Aust	3	-18.9	-2.1	90	0.0				1.8	NE	Nil	3.47	8
CBD Energy Ltd Stratetel Ltd	42 11	-11.3 -3.6	-2.0 -0.2		6-0 0-1	- 7.0 - 5.5		1.4	NE NE	Nil Nil	5.25 5.19	6 6	Sirtex Medical Golden Cross	253 5	-18.8 -18.5	-3.5 +0.2	90 90	1-0 0-0		9.4		0.5 1.4	44 NE	Nil Nil	N/A N/A	140 6
SDI Limited	855	-5.8			0-1	- 11.6		0.2	37	0.9	5.16	199	KLM Group Ltd		-18.5		90	2-0		2.4		0.9	NE	Nil	0.34	6
BMA Gold Ltd		-16.7			1-0			1.3	12	Nil	5.11	15	Essential Pet.		-18.3	-4.6	90	0.0					NE	Nil	N/A	12
Tantalum Aust.		-10.7			0-0			1.7	NE	Nil	5.09	13		-												
Aquarius Plat.	608	-11.0	+0.8	76	1-0			0.5	46	0.3	5.01	485	INSIDER SELLING	: Most	Insider	Selling	, Rela	ative S	trengt	h < (0					
Bullion Min.	19	-3.0	+1.0	56	13-4			1.2	NE	Nil	5.00	7	Sunland Group	106	-2.7	-1.7	55	3-14	-	1.6	23	0.4	7	2.8	0.85	225
Gradipore Ltd	68	-4.9	+0.3	63	4-0	- 1.7		0.6	NE	Nil	4.74	33	Multiemedia Ltd	4	-20.0	-4.3	92	1-11	-	3.8	-	2.5	NE	Nil	1.44	33
RIM Capital Ltd		-12.9			4-1	- 0.5		2.4	NE	Nil	4.72	5	Aust Energy	105		-11.1		0-8		3.1	58		23		0.89	46
Zimbabwe Plat.	375	-2.2	-0.3		0-0			0.3	43	Nil	4.71	336	Con Broken Hill	20	-2.9	+0.5	56	0-8				1.6	NE	Nil	N/A	43
Titan Resources		-16.1			0-3	- 1.9		1.0			4.60	49	Ammtec Ltd	159		+1.0		0-8	-	4.2	30		14	5./	2.74	30
Scigen Ltd	7	-10.8			0.0	- 3.4		1.6	NE	Nil	4.56	16	Macmin Silver	15	-12.3	+1.1	79	0-6	•	ງ1			NE	NII	N/A	41
Asset Backed Minara Resource	218	-15.9 -4.6			0-0	- 0.7		1.6 1.0	NE NE	Nil	4.49 4.47	6 1,006	ABC Learning Lionore Mining	355 585	-2.o -5.4			0-6 2-7			7		29 15		8.46 2.91	346 1,135
Carnegie Corp	210		-1.5		1.0			2.5	NE	Nil		1,000	Austin Group	67	-0.6			0-4			30				0.76	42
Webjet NL	4	-8.5	-2.9		1-5			1.7	NE	Nil	4.33	6	Adtrans Group	369	-1.6	-0.2		0-4			22		11		0.16	84
OFM Investment	217		-1.0		5-0	- 1.4					4.32	101	Resonance HIth		-16.7			1-5					NE		N/A	5
													Webjet NL	4	-8.5	-2.9	70	1-5					NE	Nil	4.33	6
WORST PERFORM										Twice	Averag	•	Equigold NL	142		+0.4		2-6	-	-	- 1	0.4	17	3.5	2.73	211
Open Telecom.		-43.1				1 -		0.8			0.56	7	Giralia Res.		-10.7	-3.6		0-3			-		NE	Nil	N/A	11
Catuity		-41.9			0-0	- 0.7		1.0			0.81	6	Marybor'gh Suga	640		+5.2		0-3			15		6		0.59	20
Intellect Hold		-39.7				1 2.9		1.6	NE	Nil		19	Leighton Hold	902		+0.8			7		17		18		0.49	2,456
AMCIL Limited		-37.3			0.0	- 0.9		0.6	66	Nil	N/A	40	Legalco Limited	90	-32.3			0-3			5		62		0.71	32
Legalco Limited Siberia Mining		-32.3 -31.4			0-3 1-0	- 2.9		0.8	62 NE	Nil Nil	0.71 N/A	32 6	Millers Retail Titan Resources	147 29	-9.4 -16.1	+0.7		0-3	7		28 12		11 17	6.5 Nil	0.33 4.60	346 49
Canbet Limited		-31.1			0-0	- 0.5		2.3	14	Nil	0.59	7	Flight Centre	2015		+3.7			4		32		27	2.2	3.00	1,880
Bendigo Mining		-30.4			0.0	- 0.5		0.6	NE	Nil	N/A	66	Mirrabooka Inv.	126		+0.5		1.4			3		35	4.0	N/A	146
Lumacom		-29.6			3-0	- 3.5		0.9	NE	Nil	N/A	13	Novogen Ltd	457	-9.0			1-4				0.7	NE	Nil	N/A	437
Audax Resources		-28.0			0.0			1.2	NE	Nil	N/A	6	Thundelarra Exp	43	-4.4			2-5			-		NE	Nil	N/A	25
Quantum Energy		-27.6			4-0	- 17.0		1.0	NE	Nil	N/A	148	Select Vaccines		-23.7			2-5		5.3	- (NE	Nil	N/A	7
Austminex Ltd	8	-27.2	-3.3	97	0-1			2.1	NE	Nil	N/A	12	Alumina Ltd	514	-1.9	+1.1	52	0-2	-	5.2	21	0.6	25	3.9	N/A	5,960

Page 14 Market Analysis

Company Analysis: Ebos Group

Ebos Group (code EBO)operates a range of healthcare related businesses. The focus on improving their performance to maximise cashflow has allowed the company to both increase dividend payments to shareholders *and* to fund acquisitions for growth.

Company History

This company restructured to focus on the health care sector in the early 1990's and performed extremely well during that decade but the shares peaked at 420 cents in January 2000 and have since moved backwards.

In June 1999 the group acquired a 50% interest in **Health Support** (in partnership with **Auckland Healthcare** and **Waitemata Health**) which distributes healthcare supplies in Auckland. Ownership of this business was increased to 74% in July 2001 and to 100% in July 2002. This business now generates just under 50% of group revenues, with other NZ operations contributing 30-35% of revenues and Australian businesses about 20% of revenues.

In September 2002 the company's *Medic Scientific* division was merged with **Global Science & Technology** with Ebos Group receiving cash and 47.5% of the merged business which generates annual revenues in excess of \$20 million.

Ebos Group has made two recent acquisitions in Australia-buying **Stelmara Medical Pty** and **Vernon-Carus Australia Pty** at a total cost of \$8 million last month. Vernon-Carus provides waste sanitation, infection control and pressure mattresses to hospitals and aged care facilities throughout Australia and Ebos Group plans to expand in these markets.

In recent years the group has focused upon improving its information technology systems and almost half of its sales are ordered electronically. This may be a reason for the improving cash operating surpluses which have enabled the company to raise its dividend and finance acquisitions.

Recent Results

Revenues for the year to June 2000 rose 11.8% to \$80.8 million but profits slipped 0.3% to \$4,238,000. Earnings per share, however, fell 31.0% to 15.8 cents owing to a 1 for 2 cash issue in June 1999. The annual dividend was 27.8% lower at 13.0 cents and the business generated a small operating cash surplus of \$2.9 million.

The year to June 2001 saw revenues up 32.1% to \$106.8 million and profits up 22.3% to \$5,185,000 (19.3 cents per share). The annual dividend was raised 23.1% to 16.0 cents, with the net operating cash surplus doubling to \$6.7 million.

Revenues rose 93.3% to \$206.4 million for the year to June 2002 owing to the consolidation of revenue from Health Support - or up 4.2% if the previous year is adjusted for that business. Profits rose 16.8% to \$6,058,000 (22.3 cents per share). The annual dividend fell 9.4% to 14.5 cents, but the cash operating surplus increased 51.5% to \$10.1 million.

For the year to June 2003, revenues rose 8.5% to

\$224.0 million with profits up 5.9% to \$6,416,000 (23.5 cents per share). The annual dividend rose 13.1% to 16.4 cents (plus full tax credits) while the operating cash surplus was a healthy \$9.9 million.

The company experienced strong growth in the half year to December 2003. Revenues rose just 5.6% to \$120.2 million, but profits rose 40.2% to \$3,610,000 (13.1 cents per share) and the interim dividend was raised 28.6% to 9.0 cents (plus full imputation tax credits).

Investment Criteria

At 370 cents Ebos Group shares offer good value, trading on a Price/Sales ratio of 0.45, a Price/Earnings ratio of 16 and with a gross Dividend Yield of 6.6%.

With a market capitalisation of \$101 million this is a medium to large sized NZ listed company.

There have been no *insider* trades over the last year, but directors hold large investments in the company. Deputy Chairman PF Kraus owns 7,314,761 shares (27.0% of the company), Chief Executive MB Waller has 457,002 shares and Executive Director ML Ryan has 291,704 shares. Non-executive director HJ Vollemaere holds 120,000 shares and the Chairman RGM Christie has 97,800 shares. Significant investments in the company help to align management's interests with those of shareholders.

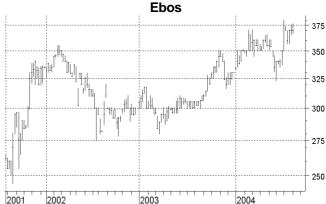
Ebos Group shares are *neglected* by institutional investors who have only very small shareholdings and are *neglected* by brokers with no-one following the company closely enough to publish profit forecasts. *Neglected* shares tend to be *under-valued* relative to *widely owned* and *widely followed* shares.

Technically the shares are in a steady long term uptrend, with a Relative Strength rating of +2.3%, ranked 56 (on a scale of 0-99).

Summary and Recommendation

Ebos Group *can* be sensitive to both a lower exchange rate and the limits on government health care spending - but otherwise is a sound business with potential for steady growth.

While we are \underline{not} formally recommending the shares, they offer both a good current income yield and potential for good long term capital appreciation, so would be suitable for a wide range of investors.



Australian Warrant / Option Analysis

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F	Price Price Expir	ry Price Valuation Under- tility age Valued	1 Share Rate	Price Price Expiry	Price Valuation Under- tility age 1 Share Rate Valued
AKD Limited	2 20 0-7		5 1.00 +999	Denx Ltd 14 60 1-2	0.1 0.1 +94 0.54 5.54 1.00 +240
Adultshop.com	7 10 1-10	0 2.1 1.7 +23 0.57 2.37	7 1.00 +31	Diamond Ventures 9 10 1-10	4.0 3.7 +7 0.81 1.70 1.00 +27
Advance Healthcare	8 55 0-4	4 0.1 0.0 +805 1.20 5.40	1.00 +999	Diamond Ventures NL 9 12 0-2	0.2
	103 20 0-10			Diamonex Ltd 33 20 1-10	12.5 16.2 -23 0.46 1.83 1.00 -1
Afminex Ltd	2 10 0-9			Didasko 9 10 0-2	0.9 0.7 +20 0.66 5.70 1.00 +159
Alcaston Mining	4 15 3-1			Drillsearch Energy 4 8 0-5	0.4 0.0 +999 0.39 9.99 1.00 +530
	20 35 0-7			Dromana Estate 24 150 1-1	0.1 0.4 -77 0.86 3.50 1.00 +443
	23 20 2-10 48 25 0-3			Earth Sanctuaries Ltd 16 350 0-7 Eastern Corporation 6 4 0-10	0.1
	35 100 0-1			Echo Technology 4 35 0-10	0.7 0.0 +999 0.75 6.00 1.00 +999
	46 50 2-6			Ellendale Resources 9 12 1-10	5.5 4.2 +32 1.02 1.53 1.00 +44
	68 100 00			Empire Oil 1 20 1-4	0.1 0.0 +999 0.84 4.62 1.00 +999
Analytica Ltd	8 9 1-0			Enterprise Energy 16 20 3-4	8.0 3.6 +124 0.33 2.66 1.00 +18
Andean Resources	6 20 0-3	3 0.5 0.0 +999 1.07 5.73	3 1.00 +999	Eqitx Limited 22 20 2-10	16.0 10.4 +53 0.62 1.64 1.00 +19
Anitsense Therapeutic	12 20 2-5			Euraust Ltd 11 20 3-5	4.0 6.8 -41 1.09 1.28 1.00 +26
Aquacarotene	4 5 0-10			Euroz 106 50 0-3	53.0 56.7 -6 0.45 1.87 1.00 -11
	16 20 3-10			Evans & Tate 115 115 0-2	5.0 5.0 +0 0.24 9.99 1.00 +29
. 3	15 30 2-10			Evans & Tate 115 150 3-2	7.0 15.2 -54 0.24 3.77 1.00 +10
Astro Mining	7 5 8.3 7 75 5.4			Exco Resources NL 18 20 2-0 Ezenet Ltd 14 15 2-10	8.5 8.6 -2 0.91 1.54 1.00 +26 6.0 5.8 +4 0.64 1.69 1.00 +17
Astro Mining NL Aurora Minerals	19 20 1-1			FSA Group Limited 5 20 1-4	0.3 0.8 -61 1.13 2.03 1.00 +204
	17 20 1-1			Falcon Minerals 14 20 0-10	6.0 2.3 +157 0.76 2.74 1.00 +110
	20 20 2-3			Farsands Corporation 25 30 4-3	3.0 6.7 -56 0.31 2.42 1.00 +7
	37 32 1-10			Financial Resources 20 20 3-9	4.5 8.3 -46 0.49 1.76 1.00 +6
Aust Magnesium	3 125 0-11	1 0.3 0.0 +999 0.49 9.99	1.00 +999	First Aust Resources 6 7 0-11	2.2
Aust Mining Investments	4 10 1-11			Flinders Diamonds 4 20 0-6	0.3 0.0 +999 0.70 8.75 1.00 +999
	148 30 3-9			Flinders Resources 4 10 4-1	1.1 1.1 -2 0.70 1.70 1.00 +33
	22 25 5-7			Fox Resources Ltd 66 20 1-5	42.0 47.8 -12 0.59 1.36 1.00 -4
	22 25 2-4			Future Corporation 3 3 1-9	0.4 0.8 -50 0.68 1.99 1.00 +19
	23 18 2-9 4 10 1-4			Future Corporation 3 3 1-0 GEC Asian Value Fund 89 100 0-6	0.1
Aviva Corporation Aztec Resources	4 10 1-4 12 20 0-5			GEC Asian Value Fund 89 100 0-6 GEC Aust Healthcare 105 100 0-8	0.3
Barlow (Tony)	1 10 0-4			Gaming & Entertainment 18 15 1-10	5.6 11.1 -49 1.19 1.32 1.00 +9
Barra Resources	6 20 2-0			Gateway Mining NL 10 30 2-6	3.7 1.2 +209 0.62 2.46 1.00 +65
Batavia Mining	8 20 2-			Gippsland 8 9 3-4	4.5 4.8 -6 0.85 1.37 1.00 +16
Beach Petroleum	31 34 0-9	9 5.0 2.2 +123 0.26 6.61	1.00 +33	Glengarry Resources Ltd 4 15 0-7	0.9 0.0 +999 0.76 5.49 1.00 +999
Berkeley Resources	19 20 2-3		3 1.00 +18	Global Mining Inv. 95 100 2-3	15.0 8.9 +68 0.09 7.71 1.00 +9
Biometrics Ltd	8 20 3-4			Golden State Petroleum 29 65 2-4	9.0 5.8 +55 0.67 2.18 1.00 +49
	21 50 2-17			Golden State Res. 3 10 2-10	0.6 0.9 -34 0.81 1.79 1.00 +51
Bioprospect	9 20 1-5			Golden Valley Mines 2 10 1-1	0.3 0.0 +999 0.59 5.62 1.00 +354
	30 50 1-10 30 20 2-2			Goldsearch 4 8 1-1 Gondwana Resources 1 2 0-4	0.7
	42 55 2-2			Gradipore Ltd 68 50 0-0	15.0 0.0 +999 0.65 5.40 1.00 -100
Blink Models Ltd	2 10 05			Great Australian Resources 11 20 1-5	2.4 0.5 +366 0.41 4.46 1.00 +65
	32 40 0-4			Great Western Explor. 24 20 4-9	6.5 11.2 -42 0.36 1.79 1.00 +2
Boulder Steel	14 20 1-3	3 4.2 3.9 +6 0.86 2.03	3 1.00 +55	Gutnick Resources 15 10 8-6	8.2 13.0 -37 0.84 1.09 1.00 +2
Brandrill	2 10 1-1			Gutnick Resources 15 125 6-1	0.4 6.0 -93 0.84 1.43 1.00 +42
	42 2 2-5			Hailian International 12 25 1-1	4.0 2.5 +63 0.99 2.16 1.00 +126
33	42 100 2-5			Halcyon Group 2 3 0-7	0.4 0.0 +999 0.49 6.40 1.00 +228
	320 150 1-7			Hannans Reward NL 15 20 1-7	3.0 3.7 -18 0.64 2.29 1.00 +31
Cape Range Wireless Carnarvon Petroleum	4 5 0- ² 2 6 2-4			Helix Resources 18 25 1-3 Hill End Gold 13 25 0-10	4.6
Carpathian Resources	6 20 08			Hillcrest Resources 4 20 0-5	0.1 0.0 +999 0.67 9.99 1.00 +999
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Pancontinental Oil & Ga					Tiger International	14 20 1-5	4.6 3.8 +20 0.79 2.07 1.00 +49
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Range River Gold NL	25 25 0				Yamarna Goldfields	1 20 0-5	0.1 0.0 +999 0.65 9.99 1.00 +999
Red 5	13 35 0		2 +784 0.85 5.0		Yilgarn Gold Ltd	4 10 0-9	0.7 0.2 +332 0.79 3.67 1.00 +298
Republic Gold	15 25 2				Zylotech Limited	1 6 0-7	0.1 0.0 +999 0.95 5.36 1.00 +999
Resolute Mining Ltd	118 80 0-1				J		2.2 2.70 0.00 1.00 1.77

New Zealand Warrant / Option Analysis

Warrant	Share Price	Exercise Price	Years & Months to Expiry	Warrant Price (NZ cents)	Black-Scholes Valuation (NZ cents)	Warrant Over/Under Valued (%)	Share Vola- tility	Warrant Leverage	No. Warrants to Buy One Share	s Break- Even Rate
Forty Two Below (2005)	\$0.49	\$0.50	1-2	12.9	7.6	+70	0.302	4.1	1.0000	+24%
Forty Two Below (2006)	\$0.49	\$0.50	2-2	19.0	11.2	+70	0.302	3.0	1.0000	+17%
Dorchester Pacific (2005)	\$2.76	\$1.70	1-1	105.0	118.1	-11	0.286	2.3	1.0000	-0%
Dorchester Pacific (2006)	\$2.76	\$1.70	2-1	115.0	129.6	-11	0.286	2.0	1.0000	+2%
Heritage Gold	\$0.10	\$0.07	2-9	4.5	6.8	-33	0.944	1.3	1.0000	+5%
Kingfish	\$0.93	\$1.00	0-7	17.0	0.8	+2131	0.070	31.9	1.0000	+48%
Salvus Strategic	\$0.87	\$1.00	3-7	13.0	7.5	+73	0.025	11.3	1.0000	+8%

Warrant / Option Analysis

Review of Existing Option Holdings

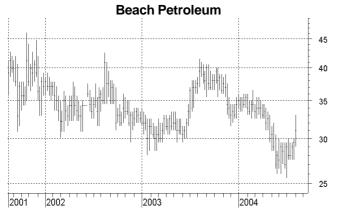
We are exercising our **Euroz** options *immediately* (i.e. three months early) to participate in a large dividend that the company will pay early next month. We *may* then sell some or all of these shares to realise around a 500-800% gain on our initial investment in the options!

We are also selling our **Beach Petroleum** options on-market as they look over-valued and unlikely to increase in value. Our loss here is about 60%.

Our **DCA Group** options have increased further in value and remain an attractive Buy/Hold for further gains. Our **WAM Capital** options are down - but offer huge leverage so also remain an attractive Buy/Hold speculation.

Beach Petroleum (codes BPT and BPTOC).

Beach Petroleum's share price continues to slip and the options are now looking expensive. The shares would need to appreciate 26% over the next 10 months (i.e. 33% per annum) for the options to equal their current value at their final exercise/expiry date. Therefore we shall cut our losses and sell these options (which we originally bought around 12½ cents in August 2003) onmarket for about 5 cents.



Biotech Capital (codes BTC and BTCOA).

These options have fallen in value to 6% cents (down from our initial purchase at 9 cents), are very speculative but offer a very high 3.75 times leverage. The investment company's net asset value has been stable around 55.5 cents, of which 11.3 cents is in cash, but the shares have fallen to 42 cents - a 24% discount to net assets. This fall in the share price has resulted in the larger (i.e. leveraged) decline in the option value.

Nevertheless, there is still over two years until the final exercise/expiry date, so if the company's investments increase in value the options could soar.

 $These \, options \, remain \, suitable \, for \, a \, small \, speculative \, investment.$

Datafast Telecommunications (codes DFT and DFTOA).

Datafast Telecommunications continues to expand via acquisition - buying two small ISPs (**TIK** and **Geelong Science & Technology**) and one large ISP (**OzzieNet**) with 4000 customers.

The 10 January 2005 options (to buy shares at 1 cent) trade around 0.5-0.6 cents, while the shares trade at 1.3-1.4 cents. The shares, however, can be very volatile, so the options *could* increase in value. Hold.

DCA Group (codes DVC and DVCO).

DCA Group has significantly expanded its business with the acquisition of listed **MIA Group** for \$700 million (\$280 million in cash and \$420 million in DCA shares).

Our options have already increased $2\frac{1}{2}$ times in value to 62 cents and continue to offer the potential for highly leveraged (i.e. 3.68 times) gains over the next 13 months.

Buy and Hold for further capital appreciation.



Euroz (codes EZL and EZLO).

We recommend the *immediate* exercise of the Euroz options ahead of their final exercise/expiry date of 30 November 2004.

The company has announced an unaudited 760% increase in profits to \$6,183,281 (16.6 cents per share) for the year to June 2004 and plans to pay a final 10.0 cents dividend. Investors who exercise their options immediately will participate in this dividend.

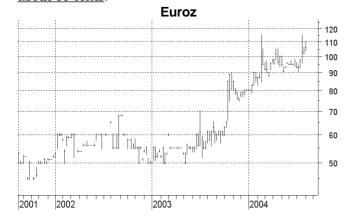
The shares will *probably* trade ex-dividend from the end of August, so exercising these options three months early will produce 10.0 cents in extra income.

We originally reviewed these options in May 2002 at $9\frac{1}{2}$ cents and they traded as low as $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents during the remainder of 2002. Exercising the options early will now maximise their value by collecting the upcoming dividend.

The company now believes it is "unlikely that market activity will continue at the same rate" as in 2004 and profits will be lower in the current year to June 2005. The shares, however, offer reasonable value and will probably stablise around 100 cents. After exercising the options to obtain the final dividend, investors may therefore wish to sell some or all of these shares to realise the significant capital gain on this investment.

Investors who do not have the cash to exercise their options <code>could</code> look to sell on-market but at present may not receive more than 40-41 cents. Unfortunately the market for the options is now fairly inactive. Investors will maximise their gain by first exercising the options

Page 18 (with the payment of 50 cents), then receiving the 10 cents dividend, then selling the more actively traded ordinary shares around 100 cents - for net proceeds of about 60 cents!



Orchid Capital (codes ORC and ORCO).

We indicated in May that we would seek to sell about half our Orchid Capital options at 3.0 cents if prices remained high. There were several trades at 3.0 and 3.1 cents, but we did not sell any of our options.

The share price has since eased back from 7.5 cents to around 6.5 cents and the options are quoted around 1.7-2.9 cents.

The company will begin exploring for minerals in Asia and has signed an agreement to seek gold in Tibet.

The options are inactively traded at present, but have over two years until their final exercise/expiry date, so we are happy to just hold them for a while longer.

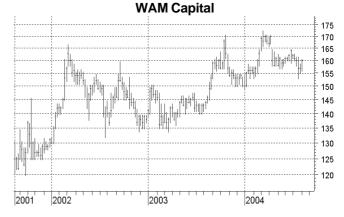
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	Jul 7	2145.68	
	Jul 8	2148.58	
	Jul 9	2148.41	
Jul 12	2153.38	Jul 19	2169.74
Jul 13	2144.54	Jul 20	2171.02
Jul 14	2149.53	Jul 21	2168.96
Jul 15	2161.45	Jul 22	2171.70
Jul 16	2169.96	Jul 23	2168.15
Jul 26	2177.13	Aug 2	2197.57
Jul 27	2186.82	Aug 3	2199.10
Jul 28	2193.08	Aug 4	2214.12
Jul 29	2191.50	Aug 5	2212.88
Jul 30	2202.67	Aug 6	2204.40

WAM Capital (code WAM and WAMO).

These options (to buy shares at 155 cents on 17 June 2005) are very speculative but offer high leverage (i.e. 8.01 times).

Unfortunately, while this investment company has a successful long term track record it has underperformed the market over *each* of the last five months. Net asset backing is 152.2 cents (before tax) or 139.8 cents (after providing for tax) although the share price is 160 cents. 63% of the portfolio is currently in equities and 37% in fixed interest securities.

If the share price falls below 155 cents by June 2005 then these options will expire worthless. If the shares rise, however, the options could double or triple or more. So we are looking at a large percentage loss or gain on these options. This, however, is what options are all about and these WAM Capital options offer an attractive way to add some leverage to a diversified share portfolio.



Dividend\$

Company	Cents per Share	Ex- Date	Pay- able	Tax Credit
AMP Office Trust	1.75	23-08	27-08	Nil
Calan Healthcare Properties	1.7069	16-08	01-09	0.2931
Carter Holt Harvey	3.00	09-08	19-08	Nil
Comvita	2.00	16-08	27-08	Full
Contact Energy	7.00	17-05	28-08	Full
Contact Energy (special)	10.00	23-08	02-09	Full
Metlifecare	2.00	16-08	27-08	Nil
National Property Trust	2.25	23-08	03-09	Nil
Property For Industry	1.40	02-08	06-08	0.1075
Renaissance Corporation	3.00	27-09	01-10	Full
Seeka Kiwifruit	9.00	13-09	15-09	Full
Smiths City Market	2.50	02-08	09-08	Full
Australian Shares				
Health Communication Netw	ork 1.25	16-08	03-09	
Technology One	1.60	06-09	24-09	

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