

# Market Analysis

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## Summary and Recommended Investment Strategy.

Slow economic growth provides a competitive environment where “good” companies will drive out “bad” companies - lifting average returns on capital. Current low share prices lift future returns. Continued low share prices will enable high dividend yields to be re-invested at low valuations and compound investment wealth over future years.

With such a perfect investment environment, remain fully invested in shares!

## Investment Outlook.

While most people may prefer a *faster* economic recovery and growth, the slow economic growth experienced over the last couple of years - and the slow growth probably likely in the future - is actually a very favourable environment for stockmarket investors.

Boom and bust conditions are not attractive for long term economic growth, economic efficiency, technological development or building wealth in the stockmarket. In an economic bust, banks foreclose on “bad” companies . . . and “good” companies. In a boom, “good” companies enjoy favourable markets for their products or services and easy access to capital . . . but so do “bad” companies.

Slow economic growth will provide a more stable - but also a very competitive - business environment. “Good” companies will struggle to build revenues, so will need to constantly focus upon improving their “price/performance” (i.e. lowering prices and/or raising quality) to win customers . . . and to steadily win market share from “bad” companies. The biggest winners will be consumers - who will receive increasing value for money (which frees up spending power for new businesses to introduce *new* products and services).

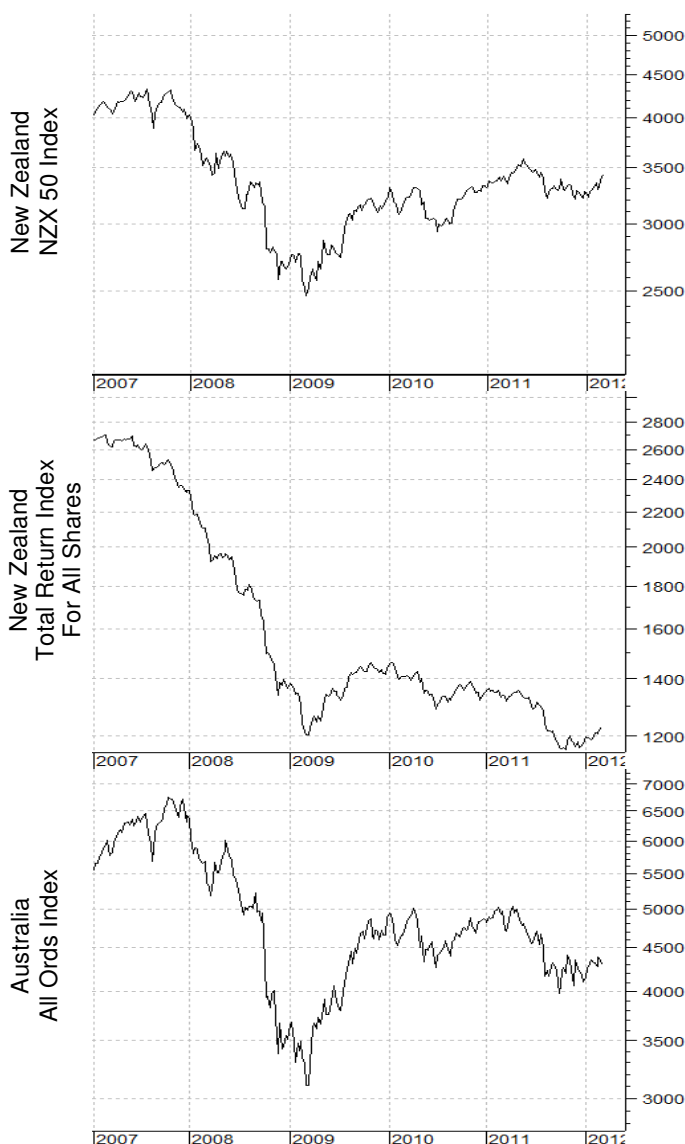
Eventually “good” companies (i.e. high quality, low cost producers) will drive “bad” companies (i.e. low quality, high cost producers) from the market.

The full benefits for this competitive, survival-of-the-fittest, environment are probably not obvious. Clearly at a macro-economic level the business sector (and, therefore, the general economy) will become more efficient and profitable as efficient companies drive out inefficient companies.

For stockmarket investors the benefits are not so apparent, although actually very significant! On the surface it would appear that investors will be faced with both winners and losers - *(Continued on Page 19)*

### Stockmarket Forecasts

	One-Month	One-Year
Australia:	76% (Bullish)	63% (Bullish)
New Zealand:	69% (Bullish)	58% (Neutral)



# 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.

Performance Forecast	Price	Price/Sales Ratio	P/E Ratio	Gross Yield	Performance Forecast	Price	Price/Sales Ratio	P/E Ratio	Gross Yield	Performance Forecast	Price	Price/Sales Ratio	P/E Ratio	Gross Yield			
AMP Limited	C	512	1.16	12	7.7	Jasons Media	D	14	0.20	6	Nil	Rakon Ltd	D	56	0.56	13	Nil
AMP Office Trt	C	88	6.40	85	8.9	Just Water Int.	D	14	0.39	15	Nil	Renaissance	C	14	0.04	NE	Nil
Abano Health.	B	420	0.49	85	7.1	Kathmandu Ltd	C	186	1.22	10	7.7	Restaurant Brds	C	192	0.58	8	12.6
Air New Zealand	C	86	0.21	12	7.9	Kermadec Prop.	C	65	6.43	11	4.6	Rubicon Limited	D	38	0.27	NE	Nil
Akd Int Airport	A	243	8.06	32	5.1	Kingfish Ltd	B	94	N/A	9	9.2	Ryman Health.	B	294	N/A	15	1.3
Allied Farmers	E	3.8	0.01	NE	Nil	Kirkcaldie & St	B	290	0.72	NE	2.7	Salvus Strat.	E	4.0	1.03	3	Nil
Allied Work.	A	220	0.60	18	6.6	Kiwi Property	D	105	5.30	NE	7.5	Sanford Limited	C	423	0.85	18	7.8
Argosy Property	C	81	4.80	17	2.2	L&M Energy	E	9.0	N/A	NE	Nil	Satara Co-op	E	39	0.15	NE	Nil
Barramundi Ltd	C	66	N/A	10	11.3	Lytelton Port	C	200	2.23	17	Nil	Savoy Equities	C	2.0	N/A	NE	Nil
Blis Technology	D	4.2	3.31	NE	Nil	Mainfreight Grp	B	943	0.69	22	3.0	Scott Tech. Ltd	B	162	1.20	12	6.2
Briscoe Group	B	153	0.77	15	8.4	Marlin Global	B	78	N/A	11	11.1	Sealegs Corp	D	12	0.94	NE	Nil
Burger Fuel	C	90	N/A	NE	Nil	Mercer Group	E	6.5	0.09	NE	Nil	Seeka Kiwifruit	B	115	0.14	2	24.8
CDL Investments	D	32	8.72	28	5.4	Methven Limited	C	106	0.58	15	12.2	Skellerup Hold.	B	144	1.43	14	6.0
Cavalier Corp	C	203	0.60	8	12.7	Metro. LifeCare	B	242	4.56	14	Nil	Sky City Ltd	B	380	2.73	18	5.6
Cavotec MSL	B	245	1.08	20	1.6	Michael Hill	B	104	0.81	12	4.3	Sky Network TV	B	522	2.55	17	5.1
Charlie's Group	D	43	4.00	51	Nil	Mid-Cap Index	E	210	N/A	NE	Nil	Smartpay NZ Ltd	D	8.1	0.21	90	Nil
Chorus Ltd	D	350	2.67	NE	Nil	Millennium & C.	C	41	1.24	12	4.2	Smiths City	B	53	0.13	15	3.8
Claridge Cap'l	C	1.2	0.65	NE	Nil	Mowbray Collect	D	50	1.66	NE	Nil	Sol. Dynamics	C	31	0.36	28	Nil
Col Motor Co	A	300	0.20	12	9.0	NPT Limited	C	57	3.88	NE	8.0	South Port NZ	A	353	3.65	15	8.1
Comvita	A	247	0.85	19	1.7	NZ Experience	C	35	1.22	9	11.4	Speirs Group	B	15	0.14	NE	Nil
Contact Energy	C	496	1.56	23	7.2	NZ Exchange Ltd	A	274	6.54	35	5.2	Steel & Tube	C	232	0.53	12	9.2
Cynotech Hold.	D	0.9	0.17	NE	Nil	NZ Finance Hold.	E	0.6	0.01	NE	Nil	Sthn Travel	E	7.0	0.07	NE	Nil
DNZ Property	C	134	N/A	NE	4.9	NZ Farming Sys.	E	65	2.05	NE	Nil	Tag Pacific Ltd	D	12	0.15	NE	Nil
Delegat's Group	B	236	1.02	10	4.8	NZ Oil & Gas *	N/R	77	2.88	13	3.7	TeamTalk Ltd	A	237	1.71	11	12.1
Diligent Board	C	300	N/A	94	Nil	NZ Refining Co	C	330	3.70	39	Nil	Telecom Corp	A	239	2.44	24	10.8
Dorchester Pac	E	7.6	0.78	NE	Nil	NZ Windfarms	D	18	N/A	NE	Nil	Tenon Ltd	C	82	0.14	NE	Nil
Ebos Group Ltd	B	700	0.27	16	6.4	NZ Wine Company	D	85	0.57	NE	3.4	Tourism Hold.	D	61	0.41	NE	Nil
Ecoya Ltd	E	91	3.26	NE	Nil	NZ Wool Service	E	40	0.18	NE	Nil	Tower Limited	B	167	0.82	13	5.1
F & P Appliance	D	45	0.29	10	Nil	NZSX 50 Port.	D	127	N/A	NE	Nil	Trade-Me Ltd	D	320	N/A	NE	Nil
F & P Health.	C	233	2.39	19	7.5	NZSX 10 Fund	E	92	N/A	NE	Nil	Training Sol.	D	0.1	N/A	NE	Nil
Finzsoft Sol'ns	B	38	0.46	6	Nil	NZX Aust MidCap	E	492	N/A	NE	Nil	Trust Power Ltd	C	719	2.95	20	7.3
Fletcher Build.	C	663	0.61	16	6.0	New Image Group	D	16	0.50	15	8.9	Turners & Grow.	C	182	0.24	17	3.3
Freightways Ltd	A	390	1.70	20	5.2	Northland Port	A	175	N/A	15	5.3	Turners Auction	A	152	0.59	14	10.3
Genesis Res.	C	2.0	0.23	NE	Nil	Nuplex Indust	C	258	0.32	8	8.1	Vector Ltd	B	257	2.06	13	7.9
Goodman Prop.	C	103	6.99	26	7.5	Opus Int'l Cons	B	214	0.82	14	5.1	Velo Capital	D	3.0	0.41	NE	Nil
Guinness Peat	C	53	0.08	2	2.9	Ozzy (Tortis)	E	329	N/A	NE	Nil	Vital Health PT	C	118	8.10	46	6.9
GuocoLeisure	C	60	1.48	8	Nil	PGG Wrightsons	E	40	0.24	NE	Nil	WN Drive Tech.	E	20	0.48	NE	Nil
Hallenstein G.	B	386	1.12	13	11.5	Pac Edge Bio.	E	20	N/A	NE	Nil	Wakefield Hlth	B	458	0.85	13	4.7
Heartland BS	D	48	0.79	20	Nil	Pharmacybrands	C	71	6.62	NE	Nil	Warehouse Group	C	280	0.41	9	11.2
Hellaby Hold.	B	282	0.44	14	5.1	Pike River Coal	D	88	N/A	NE	Nil	Widespread Port*	N/R	11	5.24	1	Nil
Heritage Gold *	N/R	1.6	N/A	NE	Nil	Port Tauranga	A	1068	7.72	25	4.1	Windflow Tech.	D	30	0.46	NE	Nil
Horizon Energy	C	315	2.54	13	7.7	Postie Plus Grp	C	22	0.08	13	6.5	Wool Equities	E	15	N/A	NE	Nil
Infratil NZ	B	198	0.56	18	4.9	Property F Ind.	C	115	7.66	25	7.1	World Index Fd	E	104	N/A	NE	Nil
Insured Group	B	3.0	0.40	NE	Nil	Pumpkin Patch	C	82	0.41	18	5.2	Xero Ltd	D	311	N/A	NE	Nil
Inv Research Gr	D	0.5	1.22	NE	Nil	Pyne Gould Corp	D	36	2.72	NE	Nil	Zintel Comm.	C	41	0.38	43	3.5
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AGL Energy Ltd	B	1408	0.92	12	4.3	Downer EDI Ltd	C	396	0.34	NE	Nil	Panaust Ltd	B	332	3.46	15	Nil
AMP Ltd	B	404	2.00	17	7.4	DuluxGroup Ltd	B	297	1.10	12	5.1	Perpetual Ltd	B	2375	2.07	17	7.8
ANZ Bank	A	2193	1.23	11	6.4	Echo Ent Group	B	436	1.77	13	Nil	Perseus Mining	D	256	N/A	NE	Nil
APA Group	A	492	2.83	29	4.8	Eldorado Gold	B	1330	6.83	24	0.9	Platinum Asset	B	370	7.85	14	6.8
ASX Limited	A	3064	N/A	25	6.0	Energy World	C	69	N/A	44	Nil	Premier Invest	B	542	0.94	21	6.6
ASW Limited	B	178	3.03	NE	Nil	Envestra	B	79	2.71	26	7.2	Primary Health	B	298	1.12	19	2.7
Adelaide Bright	A	291	1.68	12	5.7	Extract Res.	C	860	N/A	NE	Nil	Q.B.E. Insur.	B	1188	0.70	18	7.3
Alacer Gold	C	874	N/A	NE	Nil	Fairfax Media	B	75	0.71	7	4.0	QR National Ltd	A	386	2.95	27	1.6
Alumina Ltd	B	119	N/A	23	5.0	Flight Centre	A	2138	1.15	15	3.9	Qantas Airways	C	168	0.26	15	Nil
Amalgamated Hld	B	589	1.20	12	6.3	Fortescue Metal	B	564	3.48	18	1.2	Qube Logistics	A	166	3.58	15	1.1
Amcor Ltd	B	701	0.69	24	5.0	GPT Group	D	311	N/A	NE	Nil	REA Group Ltd	A	1330	7.27	26	2.0
Aneka Tambang	D	125	N/A	NE	Nil	Gloucester Coal	B	810	4.39	25	Nil	Ramsay Health	A	1829	0.99	19	2.8
Ansell Ltd	B	1444	1.56	16	2.2	Goodman Group	A	69	7.32	11	5.1	Reece Australia	B	1840	1.17	15	3.3
Aquarius Plat.	B	215	1.59	7	3.5	Goodman Fielder	C	67	0.41	NE	11.7	Regis Resources	B	426	N/A	51	Nil
Aquila Res.	E	502	N/A	NE	Nil	Graincorp	B	810	0.58	9	3.7	Resolute Mining	B	197	4.14	30	Nil
Argo Investment	B	511	N/A	18	5.1	Growthpoint Pro	B	204	5.52	11	8.4	Rio Tinto Ltd	B	6413	0.47	2	2.2
Aristocrat Leis	B	285	2.20	23	2.3	Harvey Norman	B	194	1.32	8	6.2	S/Tracks ASX200	B	3977	N/A	8	4.4
Asciano Limited	B	479	1.53	32	0.4	Hast Div Util	B	214	7.24	NE	4.7	SAI Global Ltd	B	469	2.17	21	3.0
Aston Resources	C	922	N/A	NE	Nil	Henderson Group	B	175	1.83	18	6.1	SP Ausnet	B	98	1.81	10	8.2
Atlas Iron Ltd	B	303	4.28	15	1.0	IOOF Holdings	A	535	1.93	12	8.0	Sandfire Res.	C	790	N/A	NE	Nil
Aurora Oil Gas	C	359	N/A	NE	Nil	Iluka Resources	A	1672	4.27	13	4.5	Santos Ltd	B	1438	5.37	18	2.1
Ausdrill Ltd	A	390	1.40	16	3.1	Incitec Pivot	A	316	1.32	11	3.6	Seek Ltd	B	646	6.31	22	2.2
Austar United	B	147	2.61	16	Nil	Independ. Group	A	408	5.09	NE	1.7	Seven West Med.	B	359	3.02	19	12.5
Aust Foundation	B	420	N/A	18	5.0	Insurance Aust.	B	329	0.87	27	4.9	Seven Group	A	958	0.93	33	3.8
Aust Infra.	B	214	N/A	6	4.7	Investa Office	B	61	8.34	12	6.4	Sims Metal Mgmt	B	1499	0.35	16	3.1
Australard Prop	B	257	2.14	11	8.4	Invocare Ltd	A	780	2.61	32	3.8	Sonic Health	B	1135	1.42	15	5.2
BHP Billiton	B	3471	1.67	5	2.7	Iress Mkt Tech	B	678	4.21	21	5.6	Soul Pattinson	B	1355	4.26	20	3.0
BWP Trust	B	176	N/A	11	6.8	JB Hi-Fi Ltd	B	1094	0.36	10	7.0	Spark Infrastru	B	137	6.24	22	7.3
Bank of Q'land	B	721	0.56	10	7.5	James Hardie	C	751	2.76	NE	Nil	Sth Cross Media	B	130	1.85	17	7.7
Beach Energy	B	150	3.32	NE	1.2	Jupiter Energy	C	64	N/A	NE	Nil	Stockland	B	308	3.10	10	7.7
Bendigo Bank	B	750	0.75	8	8.0	Kardoon Gas	C	569	N/A	NE	Nil	Suncorp Group	B	801	0.54	23	4.4
Bluescope Steel	C	39	0.09	NE	5.1	Kingsgate Cons.	B	640	5.00	41	2.3	Sundance Res.	D	42	N/A	NE	Nil
Boart Longyear	A	418	0.96	12	2.5	Leighton Hold	A	2349	0.78	23	5.1	Super Retail Gr	A	710	0.89	18	4.1
Boral Limited	A	411	0.64	18	3.5	Lend Lease Grp	B	761	0.49	1	4.6	Sydney Airport	B	265	4.73	60	7.9
Bradken Ltd	A	800	1.12	19	4.3	Lynas Corp Ltd	E	118	N/A	NE	Nil	TPG Telecom Ltd	B	156	2.13	16	2.9
Brambles Ltd	B	702	2.39	24	3.7	Macquarie Group	B	2580	0.77	9	7.2	Tabcorp Holding	B	270	0.63	6	15.9
Brickworks Ltd	B	1051	2.44	11	3.9	Medusa Mining	D	596	8.08	11	1.7	Tatts Group Ltd	B	233	0.84	11	9.2
C'wth Prop Off.	B	96	7.57	12	5.7	Mesoblast Ltd	D	729	N/A	NE	Nil	Telstra	B	325	1.60	13	8.6
C.S.R. Ltd	B	183	0.48	10	4.5	Metcash Ltd	B	406	0.25	13	7.9	Ten Network	C	81	0.85	60	6.8
CFS Retail Prop	B	174	6.99	9	7.3	Milton Corp.	B	1490	N/A	19	5.1	Toll Holdings	A	563	0.49	14	4.4
CSL Limited	B	3300	4.14	32	2.4	Mineral Res.	A	1235	3.43	14	3.4	Transfield Serv	B	240	0.48	30	5.8
Caltex Austria	B	1322	0.16	NE	3.4	Mirvac Group	B	122	6.75	8	5.1	Transurban Grp	B	562	7.83	72	4.8

# Recommended Investments

**CDL Investments** lifted revenues 21.5% to \$11.3 million for the year to 31 December 2011. Net profits were 30.1% higher at \$3,788,000 (1.5 cents per share). The annual dividend will be 16.7% higher at 1.4 cents (plus full imputation tax credits.)

The company recorded an operating cash surplus of \$3.6 million, up 16%.

CDL Investments expects "increased activity will continue during 2012" and "is in a good position to offer

competitive and high-quality sections . . . to meet increasing market demand".

CDL Investments' land holdings have a balance sheet value of \$88.3 million but a market value of \$162.7 million. That is \$74.4 million of future profits - in addition to the development margin converting bare land into residential sections. The company therefore has the potential to consistently earn significantly higher profits than it has in the past. (Continued on Page 4)

## Portfolio of Recommended Investments

CURRENT ADVICE	Company	Code	Initial Recommendation		Performance Forecast	Issued Shares (mil.)	Vola- tility Ratio	Price/ Sales Ratio	Price/ Earnings Ratio	Gross Dividend Yield	Recent Share Price	Cash Dividends Rec'd	Total Return %
			- Date -	Price									
BUY	CDL Investments Ltd	CDI	12/01/99	25	D	252.8	1.5	8.72	28	5.4	32	20.3	+109%
BUY	Cavalier Corporation	CAV	05/12/95	156*	C	68.3	0.9	0.60	8	12.7	203	278.0	+208%
HOLD	Colonial Motor Company	CMO	10/11/92	128*	A	32.7	0.5	0.20	12	9.0	300	337.3	+398%
HOLD	Lyttelton Port Company	LPC	12/12/00	150	C	102.3	0.8	2.23	17	Nil	200	77.7	+85%
BUY	Michael Hill Int'l Ltd	MHI	11/06/91	5*	B	382.7	0.8	0.81	12	4.3	104	36.4	+2708%
HOLD+	Nuplex Industries Ltd	NPX	11/02/97	523*	C	196.7	1.0	0.32	8	8.1	258	409.0	+28%
HOLD	Postie Plus Group	PPG	08/05/06	71	C	40.0	2.0	0.08	13	6.5	22	8.5	-57%
HOLD	Renaissance Corp	RNS	13/08/96	85*	C	45.7	3.5	0.04	NE	Nil	14	53.9	-20%
HOLD	Smiths City Group	SCY	09/10/06	64	B	53.0	1.1	0.13	15	3.8	53	16.0	+8%
HOLD	South Port New Zealand	SPN	13/02/96	120	A	26.2	0.5	3.65	15	8.1	353	159.8	+327%
HOLD+	Steel & Tube Holdings	STU	08/08/00	146	C	88.4	0.8	0.53	12	9.2	232	254.6	+233%
<u>Australian Shares (in Aust cents)</u>													
BUY	AJ Lucas Group	AJL	13/05/03	120	D	97.9	0.7	0.55	NE	Nil	118	41.0	+33%
BUY	Atlas South Sea Pearl	ATP	14/05/96	73	D	141.0	3.2	0.62	14	Nil	5	17.5	-69%
HOLD	Campbell Brothers Ltd	CPB	12/10/99	389*	A	67.5	0.3	3.71	31	2.3	6088	774.0	+1664%
BUY	Cardno Ltd	CDD	14/12/09	391*	A	119.3	0.5	0.88	12	5.1	664	61.3	+86%
HOLD	Cellnet Group Ltd <sup>1</sup>	CLT	12/02/02	147*	B	61.3	1.5	0.19	12	14.9	24	45.9	-51%
HOLD+	Chandler Macleod Group	CMG	14/08/01	51*	B	467.9	1.3	0.16	16	4.9	41	24.1	+27%
HOLD+	Circadian Technologies	CIR	10/02/04	188	C	46.4	1.1	13.67	NE	Nil	54	65.0	-37%
HOLD+	Clarius Group Ltd	CND	08/04/03	82*	B	88.2	1.2	0.14	9	9.8	41	70.5	+36%
BUY	CPT Global Ltd	CGO	10/03/08	88	B	36.9	1.1	0.49	26	4.9	51	9.8	-31%
BUY	CSG Limited	CSV	11/10/10	175	B	282.6	1.1	0.46	5	8.7	64	5.5	-61%
HOLD+	Customers Ltd	CUS	11/07/11	83	B	134.9	0.9	0.96	6	5.6	89	4.0	+12%
HOLD	Devine Ltd	DVN	13/11/06	334*	B	158.7	1.0	0.25	5	3.0	67	77.6	-57%
BUY	Ellex Medical Lasers	ELX	14/03/06	49	B	84.9	1.9	0.41	NE	Nil	21	Nil	-57%
BUY	Fiducian Portfolio Ser	FPS	11/02/08	260	B	32.2	0.8	1.34	7	8.6	102	34.3	-48%
BUY	Finbar Group Ltd	FRI	12/04/10	106	A	207.7	0.8	3.65	8	8.9	95	15.5	+4%
HOLD	Iluca Resources Ltd	ILU	12/10/04	471	A	416.4	0.6	4.27	13	4.5	1672	147.0	+286%
BUY	Integrated Research	IRI	14/01/08	40	A	166.9	0.9	2.56	15	5.8	69	16.0	+111%
HOLD	Mnet Group <sup>1</sup>	MNZ			C	208.3	4.5	0.48	NE	Nil	1.3		
HOLD	M2 Telecommunications	MTU	09/10/06	33	A	123.7	0.6	0.97	15	4.8	334	39.5	+1032%
BUY	Melbourne IT	MLB	10/02/04	53	A	81.4	0.6	0.81	11	8.4	179	74.0	+376%
BUY	Nomad Building Solutio	NOD	16/08/10	13*	C	277.5	2.3	0.19	NE	Nil	12	Nil	-8%
BUY	Novarise Renewable Res	NOE	14/03/11	25	B	415.1	1.8	0.94	5	Nil	19	Nil	-26%
BUY	Penrice Soda Holdings	PSH	11/07/11	17	D	91.4	2.4	0.06	NE	Nil	10	Nil	-44%
BUY	Probiotec Ltd	PBP	11/02/08	116	C	52.9	1.3	0.21	15	Nil	29	9.3	-67%
BUY	Prophecy International	PRO	08/09/08	26	B	47.2	1.3	2.62	NE	1.9	27	8.5	+37%
HOLD	Skilled Group Ltd	SKE	12/03/02	126	B	233.1	0.7	0.27	20	1.4	221	135.0	+183%
HOLD	Technology One Ltd	TNE	11/11/03	44	B	303.4	0.7	1.98	15	4.5	103	31.9	+206%
HOLD+	TFS Corporation Ltd	TFC	08/01/07	45	B	276.5	1.0	1.46	8	8.1	59	14.2	+61%
HOLD+	The Reject Shop Ltd	TRS	11/01/05	257	A	26.0	0.4	0.64	21	2.4	1280	279.5	+507%
HOLD	Village Roadshow	VRL	10/08/09	77	B	151.5	0.5	0.52	17	5.1	315	149.0	+503%

The average Total Return (i.e. both Capital Gains/Losses plus Dividends received) of all current investments from initial recommendation is +222.0%. This is equal to an average annual rate of +27.7%, based upon the length of time each position has been held.

The average annual rate of gain of ALL recommendations (both the 40 current and 152 closed out) is +30.1%, compared with a market gain of +3.7% (by the SRC Total Return Index).

CURRENT ADVICE is either Buy, Hold+, Hold, Hold- or Sell. Hold+ indicates the most attractive shares not rated as Buy. Hold- indicates relatively less attractive issues.

\* Initial Recommendation Prices adjusted for Share Splits, Bonus and Cash Issues.

(1) Cellnet Group includes 1½ shares in Mnet Group distributed to shareholders.

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At market value the net asset backing is 66 cents per share.

**CDL Investments**



**Cavalier Corporation** - which usually pays two interim dividends - will pay no interim dividend this year . . . and “review the dividend position” at the end of the year.

Revenues for the six months to 31 December 2011 were down 7.4% at \$108.0 million but profits fell 58.4% to \$3,547,000 (5.2 cents per share).

There was also a net cash operating deficit of \$4.0 million, compared with a small surplus of \$539,000 a year earlier. This cash deficit reflects the increased investment in higher priced inventories and results in the lower cash and increase in interest bearing debts to \$78.4 million.

The company expects the “very soft market conditions for the carpet business” to continue in the second half and will not achieve the \$8.5-10.5 million full year profit forecast announced in November. A fall in wool prices is expected and that would reverse the pressure on operating cash flows - by reducing the replacement cost of wool and wool carpets held in inventories and at least partially help to reduce borrowings.

Cavalier Corporation see “some optimism” for next year (i.e. to June 2013), helped by lower mortgage rates in Australia and the long anticipated re-build of Christchurch.

As we said in December “The downturn in profits - and the share price - should offer a *buying opportunity* for investors to add to their holdings in this company”. Picking the exact low is impossible, so the best plan is often to make 3-4 purchases over the next 6-9 months.

**Cavalier Corporation**



**Colonial Motor Company's** revenues were 17.3% higher for the six month to 31 December and net profits rose 64.6% to \$5,907,000 (18.1 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 28.6% higher at 9.0 cents (plus imputation tax credits).

The net cash operating surplus was down 32% to \$4.5 million.

The company experienced strong demand for heavy trucks throughout the period and good trading from its car dealerships in November and December. The second half year is not expected to be as good - at least partly owing to “material supply constraints” resulting from the Thailand flood which has “severely curtailed” the supply of *Ford Ranger* and *Mazda BT50* vehicles.

**Colonial Motor Company**

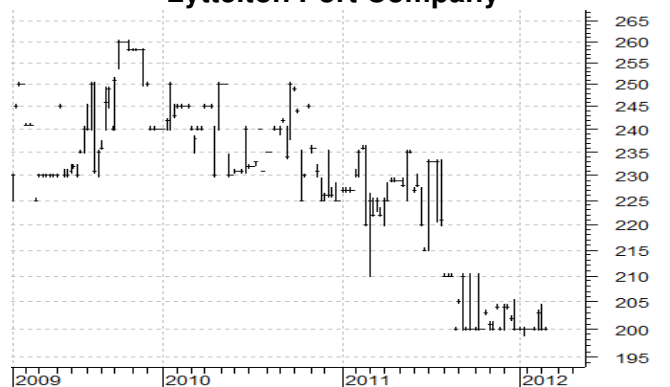


**Lyttelton Port Company** reports revenues 9.4% higher at \$51.8 million for the six months to December 2011 and trading profits 55.5% higher at \$9,532,000 (9.3 cents per share). Owing to the “financial impact of the earthquake damage” and outstanding insurance claims dividends remain suspended.

The full year trading profit is forecast to rise 30-50% to \$16-18 million (15½-17½ cents).

Lyttelton Port Company is to defer the development of new cruise berth facilities. In late 2010 the company announced plans for a \$13.7 million cruise berthing facility but updated plans, owing to seismic activity, have increased costs to \$20 million.

**Lyttelton Port Company**



**Michael Hill International** reports revenues up 7.3% to \$288.8 million for the six months to 31 December 2011, with net profits up 11.5% to \$26,297,000 (6.9 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 33.3%

higher at 2.0 cents (with no NZ imputation tax credits).

The net operating cash surplus *doubled* (i.e. up 101%) to \$63.2 million.

We suspect that the reported profits *may significantly understate* the company's operating performance - owing to large "deferred revenues" from its *Professional Care Plan* service. These revenues have contributed around one-third of the increase in the net operating cash surplus, but have probably made little contribution to reported revenues and profits at this stage.

If the company is conservatively over-estimating the potential costs then it is under-stating current profits. So the reported profit contribution from the Professional Care Plan may lag 2-3 years behind the strong growth in actual sales and cash flows.

At the very least, the Professional Care Plan is providing additional cashflows and an interest-free "cash float" that can (1) reduce bank debts and interest costs and (2) help finance continued growth in store numbers.

Professional Care Plan cashflows are one important factor that has *helped* reduce net debt (i.e. debt minus cash) from \$49.2 million in December 2010 to \$36.9 million at June 2011 to only \$10.7 million at December 2011.

At that rate the company will be virtually debt-free by the end of this financial year. After that net cash flow will have to be used to *accelerate* store growth, increase dividends, make capital repayments or repurchase shares, if the company is to avoid building up surplus cash sitting in the bank.

**Durante Holdings** - the Hill family investment company - has purchased a further 10,199,859 shares on-market at 107 cents, lifting its ownership from 50.2% to 52.9% of the company.

**Michael Hill International**



**Nuplex Industries'** revenues slipped 2.0% to \$746.4 million for the six months to 31 December 2011. Net profits were 22.4% lower at \$24,105,000 (12.3 cents per share). The interim dividend will be steady at 10.0 cents (with no NZ imputation credits and 50% Australian franking credits).

The net operating cash surplus was down 7% to \$21.3 million.

Earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax) are

expected to be 0-5% higher for the full year to June 2012, helped by recent acquisitions, new facilities in Vietnam and further benefits from its *NuLEAP* efficiency program.

**Nuplex Industries**



**Postie Plus Group** reports a 4.6% drop in revenues to \$53.9 million for the half year to 29 January 2012. The full result will be announced later this month and profits are expected to be "marginally below" last year.

The company reports an improvement in profit margins, but revenues were lower owing to the closure of four *Babycity* stores and some deferment of school uniform sales into the start of the second half of the year. It also reports "positive sales figures for the new season's products".

**Postie Plus Group**



**Renaissance Corporation** reports that it has received two serious proposals to acquire its Distribution business, has identified a preferred purchaser and is negotiating a Heads of Agreement. Any transaction will be subject to approval by **Apple Inc** (as this is an *Apple* distributor) and shareholders. A sale of this business would remove significant stock and debt from Renaissance Corporation's balance sheet and leave it with its Education and Retail businesses.

The company received a further insurance payout of \$870,000 in December - so to date has received \$1.9 million from its claims in excess of \$5 million.

Renaissance Corporation also reports slow trading in October to December, but strong trading in January that put the company \$400,000 ahead of its year to date earnings budget. February was also ahead of budget.

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**Renaissance Corporation**



**Australian Shares**

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

**AJ Lucas Group** raised only \$35.8 million from its “fully underwritten” \$51.3 million cash issue. **Andial Holdings** - a company owned by AJ Lucas Chairman and Chief Executive Allan Campbell - failed to fulfil its sub-underwriting commitment.

The underwriter, **Gleneagle Securities**, who receive a 5% “underwriting and management” fee (i.e. \$1.8 million to date), will also take up no shares! Apparently this is just a “management fee” as the underwriting agreement requires it only to *market* the shares to sub-underwriters (who receive no fee).

**Kerogen Investments** took up 19,008,828 shares as sub-underwriter and now owns 32.94% of the company (plus share options plus loans to AJ Lucas Group). Other sub-underwriters subscribed for 740,741 shares.

For the six months to 31 December 2011, revenues were 15.9% higher at \$266.3 million. The company traded at a *loss* of \$13,619,000 (*minus* 17.9 cents per share), up from a *loss* of \$17.9 million a year earlier.

There was a net operating cash surplus of \$5.7 million.

**AJ Lucas Group**



**Atlas South Sea Pearl** reported revenues 25.5% higher at \$12.4 million for the year to 31 December 2011, but net profits fell 76.4% to \$544,000 (0.4 cents per share).

A review of the business had led management to

conclude that the company “can generate substantially higher quality production at younger harvest ages” - with increased revenues *and* “significant cost savings and capital savings”. Rationalisation of the company’s production sites to reduce transport costs is predicted to result in annual savings of \$500,000.

Atlas South Sea Pearl has also recorded its “first major sale to a jewellery chain” and expects to build value-added sales of jewellery to the wholesale market.

A record 619,000 oysters were seeded in 2011 and a third hatchery is being constructed and will begin operating in August 2012. The company is in the top five producers of South Sea pearls by value and growing rapidly.

With the major shareholder having recently taken management control of Atlas South Sea Pearl it is very possible the company will be turned around into a profitable and growing business. Shareholders should take up their entitlement to shares in the current cash issue.

**Atlas South Sea Pearl**



**Cardno** lifted revenues 2.1% to \$445.5 million for the six months to 31 December. Net profits were up 13.9% to \$36,120,000 with earnings per share 6.7% higher at 32.0 cents. The interim dividend will be raised 5.9% to 18.0 cents.

The operating cash surplus was 19% higher at \$47.3 million.

**Cardno**



**Chandler Macleod Group** reports revenues 54.7% higher at \$771.8 million and net profits up 54.3% to \$8,134,000 (1.9 cents per share). A 50.0% higher

interim dividend of 1.2 cents will be paid.

The net operating cash surplus was 26% lower at \$9.6 million.

Most of this revenue and profit increase arises from the inclusion of the **Ross Human Directions** business. Adjusting the December 2010 result to *include* Ross Human Directions would show the combined group lifted revenues 11% and profits about 9% lower.

In late February, Chandler Macleod Group announced the acquisition of **AHS Services Group Pty** for \$31.5 million in cash. This business provides 4,000 staff to over 140 hotels throughout Australia. Revenues are forecast at \$120 million, with net profits of \$4.9-5.6 million.

This is an attractively priced acquisition of a financially sound and growing business. This debt-free business is being purchased on a Price/Sales ratio of 0.26 and a Price/Earnings ratio of 5½-6½. This acquisition will increase earnings per share by 0.8-0.9 cents (i.e. about 20-25%) and generate strong operating net cashflows from a recurring business where customers are typically on three year contracts.

**Chandler Macleod Group**



**Circadian Technology** has announced that **Healthscope** has released data on its *Cancers of Unknown Primary* (CUP) test which will be launched commercially in March and April. Healthscope will market the test in Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore (paying Circadian Technologies a royalty on sales) while Circadian Technologies has the rights to market the test in the rest of the world (where it will appoint partners by early 2013, also paying it a royalty on sales).

CUP is the fifth most common cause of cancer death in Australia, with a median survival of only 11 months from the time of diagnosis. If the primary tumour can be identified, specific treatment can improve survival rates.

The CUP test examines RNA from metastasised tumours which continue to resemble the primary tumour. The research to develop the test examined 399 tumours of 15 classes. Overall the test is 83% accurate in its first prediction of the primary source of the cancer and around 93% accurate in its first three predictions.

Healthscope expects to market around 10,000 tests

annually at \$1000-1500 per test - earning Circadian Technologies royalties of \$1.5-2.5 million.

**Circadian Technologies**



**Clarius Group's** revenues dipped 2.9% to \$135.7 million for the six months to 31 December 2011. Profits fell 44.8% to \$1,336,000 (1.5 cents per share) - owing to a 35% decline in the high margin permanent recruitment revenues. An interim dividend of 1.0 cent - down 50% - will be paid.

There was an operating net cash deficit of \$4.1 million (compared with a surplus of \$1.1 million a year earlier) owing to working capital to finance contractor growth and late payment by a large customer just after the accounting period.

**Clarius Group**



**CPT Global's** revenues were 3.9% higher at \$20.3 million for the half year to December 2011, while profits grew 20.4% to \$796,000 (2.2 cents per share). A steady 1.5 cents interim dividend will be paid.

There was a net operating cash surplus of \$1,770,000 (compared with a deficit of \$893,000 a year earlier).

“Although profitable” the company “is still awaiting a more substantial return on the business development investments made over the past few years”. The company has build a scalable business that “will be able to service many overseas clients simultaneously from Australia”.

CPT Global continues to focus upon expanding total revenues over 50% over the next 2-3 years. Most of those additional revenues would flow through to net profits!

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**CPT Global**



**CSG Ltd** lifted revenues 6.9% over the six months to 31 December 2011 but net profits fell 51.7% to \$9,286,000 (3.3 cents per share). A steady interim dividend of 2.5 cents will be paid.

The net operating cash surplus improved 56% to \$7.8 million.

The Technology division lifted revenues 20% to \$88.8 million, with earnings up 15% to \$16.7 million. 75% of revenues (up from 70% in 2011 and 64% in 2010) is now from multi-year contracts. Technology revenues are expected to grow - helped by winning a \$7 million managed service contract for a utility company and a \$5 million project from a Federal Government agency in December - and the company is focusing upon improving profit margins.

The Print Division revenues fell 1%, with earnings down 28% to \$16.4 million. This division “underestimated the complexities of integrating” the Canon business and is currently focusing upon operational efficiency. This will “take further time”, but Print services is still a business with strong long term growth.

**CSG Ltd**



**Customers** lifted revenues 2.8% to \$64.6 million over the half year to 31 December but net profits fell 76.7% to \$2,691,000 (2.0 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 33.3% lower at 2.0 cents (but fully franked).

The net operating cash surplus was 39% lower, but still very high at \$14.7 million.

Customers has exhausted past tax losses, so now pays full tax rates - which lowered reported profits but allows franking credits to be attached to dividends.

Start-up losses with the NZ business and managed services business also depressed profitability for the period.

**Customers Ltd**



**Ellex Medical Lasers** lifted revenues 17.9% to \$26.4 million for the six months to 31 December and net profits recovered 26.3% to \$654,000 (0.8 cents per share).

The net operating cash surplus was just \$71,000.

Transferring the ultrasound business from the US to the company's Adelaide laser production facility during the period “resulted in considerable cost reductions and production efficiencies” which will make a bigger contribution in future periods.

The company predicts “an improved full year result” to June 2012.

The company has also purchased the remaining 20% of **Ellex Australia Pty**, its Australian marketing, sales and distributor, from a former manager who has now retired.

**Ellex Medical Lasers**



**Fiducian Portfolio Services** suffered a 6.1% drop in revenues for the six months to 31 December 2011 - which together with a slight increase in costs has resulted in a 49.0% drop in net profits to \$1,144,000 (3.6 cents per share). The interim dividend is being cut a similar



50.0% to 2.5 cents.

The net operating cash surplus was 67% lower at \$786,000.

Lower investment values resulted in the lower management fees, while additional expenditure was required for the group's administration system enhancements which are "approaching completion" and which will provide "more efficient and better managed systems" plus "substantial cost savings in the years ahead".

**Fudician Portfolio Services**



**Finbar Group** completed no projects over the six months to 31 December 2011, so revenues were 95.0% lower at just \$2.1 million. That resulted in a *loss* for the period of \$876,689 (*minus* 0.3 cents per share), compared with a profit of \$12.0 million a year earlier.

This, however, is all a result of the *timing* of the *completion* of projects - and the full year result to June 2012 is expected to be slightly ahead of the June 2011 result.

The interim dividend will be raised 16.7% to 3.5 cents.

**Finbar Group**



**Iluka Resources** lifted revenues 69.2% to \$1,631.4 million over the year to 31 December 2011. That increase came from higher selling prices, with production volumes relatively steady and costs up only 16% . . . so net profits increased 15-fold to \$541,800,000 (130.1 cents per share). A final dividend of 55.0 cents lifts the annual dividend rate 9½-fold to 75.0 cents.

The net operating cash surplus rose 4¼-fold to \$750

million.

Based upon the company's forecast sales volumes and pricing for 2012, current year revenues should be around 47% higher at \$2,400 million. Operating costs will be similar to 2011, so we estimate net profits for 2012 could be around 70% higher at \$920 million (220 cents per share).

Three stockbrokers publish profits forecasts and, while we are sceptical of brokers' estimates, these predict a 2012 net profit of \$910-1140 million (218-274 cents per share) rising to \$1265-1630 million (304-392 cents per share) for the year to December 2013.

During 2011, the company reduced its interest bearing debt by \$178 million to just \$164 million, while increasing its cash holding \$290 million to \$320 million. \$229 million will be distributed in the final dividend.

The 2012 net operating cash flow could be \$1100 million. After repaying *all* remaining debt and capital expenditure, Iluka Resources should have around \$800 million in cash (190 cents per share) by the end of 2012 which will be available for the payment of dividends or to finance external acquisitions.

Iluka Resources shares have risen strongly over the last few years, but the company has developed significant resources and is now enjoying high selling prices which could continue for at least several years.

At \$16.72 the shares trade on a Price/Earnings ratio of 13 and a Dividend Yield of 4.5%, but a 70% growth in profits this year would reduce the P/E to 7½ and 70-100% increase in the dividend would improve the yield to 7.6-9.0%. While some partial profit-taking may be prudent to maintain a diversified portfolio, we are also happy to hold Iluka Resources to enjoy some high cash dividend returns and the potential for further re-rating of the share price as profits continue to grow over the next couple of years.

Iluka Resources has also increased its Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources over the last year. The company started 2011 with 27.00 million tonnes of Ore Reserves, extracted 3.40 million tonnes but added new reserves of 6.84 million tonnes to end the year with 30.44 million tonnes.

It started the year with 114.06 million tonnes of Mineral Resources (which includes the Ore Reserves), extracted the 3.40 million tonnes but added 10.14 million tonnes, to end with 120.80 million tonnes. That is over 35 years of production at current extraction rates! So Iluka Resources does not need to invest heavily in exploration to replace depleted resources.

Iluka Resources experienced a problem with its rail transport to Hamilton, with one wagon suffering a mechanical failure and dumping 100 tonnes of heavy mineral concentrate over 200 metres of track. This has been cleaned up and the bottom-emptying wagons replaced by a different design.

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### Iluka Resources



**Integrated Research** lifted revenues 7.8% to \$22.1 million over the six months to 31 December 2011, but profits rose 50.0% to \$3,561,000 (2.1 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 33.3% higher at 2.0 cents.

The net operating cash surplus increased 2% to \$5.8 million.

New licence fees rose 16.5% to \$12.3 million, while maintenance fees slipped 3.8% to \$8.3 million. Consulting fees rose 13.6% to \$1.5 million.

In retrospect, we clearly bought into Integrated Research *too early*. The Global Financial Crisis offered the opportunity to buy into this cash-rich company with recurring revenue streams and growth potential from IP Telephony software at a low valuation . . . so we recommended Integrated Research shares at 40 cents in January 2008. Throughout most of 2008 and early 2009 the shares traded at even more attractive valuations, hitting a low of 19 cents in November 2008 and as recently at June 2011 a low of 29 cents. But the shares have paid dividends of 16 cents (i.e. repaying 40% of our initial investment - and helping finance more depressed share purchases) and now trade at 68½ cents - so we are already up 111%. “Buy” and Hold for further growth and income.

### Integrated Research



**Mnet Group** revenues were 32.7% lower at \$3.9 million for the six months to 31 December 2011 and it traded at a *loss* of \$434,668 (*minus* 0.2 cents per share), compared with a previous *loss* of \$78,660.

The net operating cash *deficit* was \$672,843 - down from a small surplus a year earlier.

The increased loss reflects the sale of the *Caller Ringtones* business (which contributed \$252,277 in the previous year) plus \$163,927 of “one-off” restructuring costs to “position the company for strong growth in a growing industry”. Profitability (and the balance sheet) will certainly look better *if* the company receives the “up to \$2 million” expected in December 2012 related to earnouts from the Caller Ringtones business achieving specific contact renewal targets.

The group also spent \$110,790 establishing a US subsidiary in Los Angeles to work with **Yahoo! Inc.**

### Mnet Group



**M2 Telecommunications** recorded a 14.2% drop in revenues for the six months to 31 December 2011, but lifted net profits 46.2% to \$16,731,000 (13.5 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 28.6% higher at 9.0 cents.

Net operating cash flows were *down* 8.6% but still strong at \$22.1 million.

As planned, the company eliminated low margin wholesale business. Wholesale revenues were 58% lower at \$40.9 million, but net profits increased 9% to \$4.1 million. Retail revenues rose 21% to \$144.1 million, with net profits up 34% to \$11.8 million.

The company is still predicting full year revenues 2-11% *lower* at \$380-420 million and net profits up 9-23% at \$30-34 million (24-28 cents per share).

In January, M2 Telecommunications acquired the assets of **Flextalk** for a total of up to \$3.45 million in cash (including deferred payments subject to performance milestones). This business generates earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax) of over \$1 million annually and has 5000 small business customers.

In late February, M2 Telecommunications agreed to purchase the assets and customers of **Time Telecom** for a total of \$18.35 million in cash (i.e. some on settlement and further payments in six months and nine months, subject to performance). This business has 30,000 small and medium sized business customers and is expected to produce earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax) of over \$6 million. M2 Telecommunications has

previously supplied Time Telecom with wholesale telecommunication services.

Both of these acquisitions also offer “excellent cross-selling opportunities” to the existing “largely single-product customers”.

**M2 Telecommunications**



**Melbourne IT** suffered a 5.3% drop in revenues to \$179.8 million for the full year to 31 December 2011. Net profits were 15.8% lower at \$13,524,000 (16.8 cents per share), but the company will pay a final dividend of 8.0 cents, maintaining a steady annual dividend of 15.0 cents. This indicates that the company is in a sound financial position and that directors are confident about future profit growth.

The net operating cash surplus was 2% higher at \$19.1 million.

The company believes “that 2012 will see a return to profit growth” and that the “transformation project and new services will help deliver strong net growth”. Operating expenditure on the final implementation of the transformation project will be \$3.9 million in 2012 - up from \$1.7 million in 2011 - but despite this higher cost the company is predicting “at least a 10%” increase in profits this year. This project will then position the company for growth from 2013.

Melbourne IT also points out that recent global acquisitions in its peer group indicate valuations around 9.2-16.8 times earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax), while its shares trade at a multiple of only 5.5 times.

**Melbourne IT**



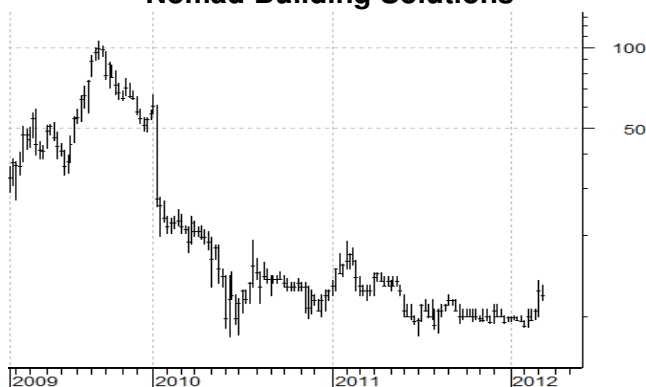
**Nomad Building Solutions** reports revenues down 18.9% to \$82.3 million for the six months to 31 December 2011 but more importantly a return to profitability. Net profit was just \$2,153,000 (0.8 cents per share), but a significant improvement on last year's loss of \$8.7 million. No dividend will be paid.

The net operating cash surplus improved 82% to \$3.2 million.

This result was boosted by the (undisclosed) profit on the sale of rental assets, but also depressed by the (undisclosed) under-performance of the *Nomad Modular* business (which is the subject of a strategic review, as discussed last month).

The other businesses appear to be recovering well, with the company focusing upon cost reduction and strong demand for accommodation assets in Western Australia and Queensland. In any turn around/recovery situation, debt is a major problem . . . but not for Nomad Building Solutions as interest bearing debts (expiring 31 August 2012) are only \$6.9 million and less than the company's \$11.0 million in cash.

**Nomad Building Solutions**



**Novarise Renewable Resources** lifted revenues 10.0% to \$82.1 million over the year to 31 December 2011. Net profits rose 12.1% to \$17,052,734 (4.1 cents per share). No dividend will be paid for 2011 (1.0 cent in 2010).

The net operating cash surplus was 41% higher at \$13.8 million.

The company has not grown as fast as expected owing to continued delays with its new production facility at Nan'an. This was originally scheduled for completion in May 2011, then delayed to the third quarter of 2011 and now expected to begin production in June 2012. Weather conditions and problems with the construction teams are blamed for these delays.

The company has also used its low cost bank facilities to borrow an additional A\$44.0 million which has been used to make an unsecured loan at a higher interest rate to a Xiamem based company called **Leiqiang Company**. Repayment is due in the third quarter of 2012. This loan may be on “favourable” terms for Novarise Renewable Resources, but it does place over 50% of the company's net assets at risk in a money (Continued on Page 12)

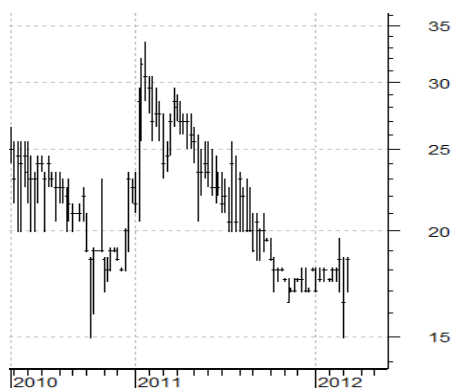
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lending venture to just one borrower.

At 18½ cents, Novarise Renewable Resources shares trade on a very low Price/Earnings ratio of 4½. That would appear to significantly discount the shares owing to the uncertainty over construction delays and its money lending risks. A better future performance - where the company delivers on its growth potential *and* focuses upon its core business - should see the share price re-rated strongly.

### Novarise Renewable Resources



**Penrice Soda Holdings** lifted revenues 5.5% to \$73.4 million for the half year to 31 December 2011, but traded at a *loss* of \$5,393,000 (*minus* 5.9 cents per share), compared with a *loss* of \$1.2 million a year earlier. No dividend will be paid. In addition, the company wrote down asset values for plant and equipment in its Chemical business by \$20.6 million and inventory values by \$2.0 million - but these have no impact on cash flows or operating performance.

There was a net operating cash *deficit* of \$5.4 million, down from a surplus of \$4.5 million a year earlier.

The company has experienced low demand, together with higher costs (i.e. depreciation, interest, rail closure).

Penrice Soda Holdings expects to be cashflow positive from March - when the rail line re-opens - and it is focusing upon growth in sodium bicarbonate (where an \$8 million investment will boost earnings by \$3 million annually) and its Selective Salts Recovery technology for the Coal Seam Gas industry (where the company will supply equipment, know how and marketing - funded by customers).

Penrice Soda Holdings is a recovery situation where the share price is very depressed owing to low demand, low selling prices (set by comparison with international prices, so depressed by the high Australian dollar), lack of net operating cashflow, high debt levels and Chemical plant problems. The business *may* need to change significantly. We see potential, however, from either (1) improved demand (i.e. a recovery in demand from glass manufacturers or continued growth from miners), (2) higher prices (as the global economy improves), (3) improved cashflows from the sale of *very large* stockpiles

in the Quarry division, (4) improved efficiency at the Chemical plant, (5) growth in production of higher value, higher profit margin sodium bicarbonate and/or (6) new revenues from new technologies (i.e. the Selective Salt Recovery).

The immediate threat to the company's survival comes from its high debt levels and lack of positive cashflows - but an improvement in any one (or, hopefully, several) of the six factors listed above could help turn this business around. So this is a high risk/high return situation - but appropriate for investors with well diversified share portfolios.

### Penrice Soda Holdings



**Probiotec** reports first half revenues 2.6% lower at \$34.1 million, but *trading* profits 11.5% higher at \$1,135,000 (2.1 cents per share). This is still a low level of profitability. In addition there was a \$1.9 million gain on the sale of a business. No dividend will be paid.

The net operating cash surplus was just \$221,000 - down from \$2.9 million a year earlier.

The directors predict the second half result will be "in excess" of the first half.

Probiotec is in a recovery situation and is rebuilding its business. It is impossible to predict how successful that will be and what level of profits are likely in the future. Current year expected earnings of around 4-5 cents, however, would indicate that the shares are currently undervalued at just 28½ cents (i.e. a prospective P/E ratio of 6-7). "Buy" for recovery.

### Probiotec



**Prophecy International Holdings** results were better than its release last month. Revenues for the six months were \$4.0 million, up 37.3%. Net profits were up 3½-fold to \$863,574 (1.7 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 150.0% higher at 1.25 cents.

The net operating cash surplus was \$792,000 - up from a small *deficit* a year earlier.

**Prophecy International Holdings**



**Skilled Group** reports half year revenues unchanged at \$932.9 million, but trading profits recovered 125.8% to \$22,915,000 (9.8 cents per share). The company will re-instate the interim dividend at 5.0 cents.

The net operating cash surplus was 12% higher at \$41.8 million.

Plans to reduce costs by \$12 million annually by June 2013 are “delivering ahead of plan”.

**Skilled Group**



**Technology One** announced a “*Technology One Cloud*” strategy in November 2010 and planned to progressively release a cloud service from late 2011 until early 2013. That is apparently a little behind schedule, but the company’s *Enterprise Suite* (i.e. financials, supply chains, human resources, payroll, asset management, customer relationship and corporate performance management) was released as a cloud service in February. This is available for a flat annual fee from any computer with internet access.

The company has also started releasing related apps for *iPhone* and *iPad*, and will add apps for *Android* “in 3-4 months”.

This has the potential to significantly change the

company’s business model and expand its global reach to customers anywhere in the world. It will offer users “a greatly simplified experience”, at “reduced operating costs” and software releases “will be replaced by continual updates driven by customer feedback”. Offering a cloud service would also significantly reduce customers up-front costs, potentially allowing Technology One to win significantly greater customer numbers at significantly lower marketing costs.

Software is an economies-of-scale business, so if Technology One does this well it should be able to significantly increase its market share (i.e. from about 50% in Australia - so it must be doing *something* right - but close to zero in the rest of the world) and significantly lift total revenues, while Research & Development and other operating costs remain relatively fixed. Success would yield high profit margins and significant growth in net profits.

**Technology One**



**TFS Corporation** lifted revenues 54.6% to \$46.9 million for the six months to 31 December, with profits up 131.4% at \$5,960,000 (2.1 cents per share). These half year results, however, are relatively meaningless as most revenues and profits are earned in the *second* half. Short term results are also dominated by foreign exchange gains or losses on plantation valuations and its US dollar borrowings.

Revenues from recurring fees (i.e. on-going plantation management) rose 40.7% to \$15.3 million - of which \$3.3 million was received in cash and \$12.0 million will be payable from the proceeds of the eventual harvest.

The half year report states that “after careful consideration” but “primarily as a result of requirements under the terms of the Senior Secured Notes” the company will no longer pay interim dividends. The annual dividend policy remains unchanged at 30-50% of “cash” profits, but the company will now only pay a final dividend.

The company is seeking to build up a land bank equal to 4-5 years plantings, with plantation developments of around 1,500 hectares annually (up from 1,200 hectares last year).

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**Recommended Investments**

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A *Managed Investment Scheme* retail offering will be released in the April-June quarter and the company is hopeful of a better response, helped by a lack of similar competitive investments and investor financing, funded by TFS Corporation from the US borrowings.

TFS Corporation directly owns 340 hectares of plantations - plus the equivalent of another 709 hectares through deferred fees owing from growers. That is about 20% of the total 5,000 hectares that has been developed to date. The company will seek to “at least maintain” this level of ownership and “over the next five years position itself to accelerate planting directly for shareholders”.

**TFS Corporation**



**The Reject Shop** lifted revenues 6.9% to \$294.9 million for the half year to the end of December 2011, with net profits up 4.0% to \$16,553,000 (63.5 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 4.3% higher at 24.0 cents.

The net operating cash surplus was \$41.3 million.

This result continues to show the impact of flooding of the Ipswich Distribution Centre, with the need to service all stores from Melbourne for the first four months of the period at higher costs. Also the need to discount some surplus stock. The Reject Shop has also invested \$2 million in a Flood Protection Barrier for its Ipswich site which will be installed this month.

The company reports that “the retail climate has not improved” and predicts a full year profit of \$20.5-22.0 million. This will be a 53-week financial “year”, so that is equivalent to \$19.0-20.5 million on a 52 week basis. The company reported a depressed \$16.1 million profit

in 2011 and a normal \$23.3 million profit in 2010 - so is still operating below its previous peak.

The Reject Shop plans to open 17 stores this financial year (with 10 opened in the first half) and has approved 13 new stores for the June 2013 year. It is also looking at an online strategy using social media and is evaluating e-tailing models and required infrastructure.

**The Reject Shop**



**Village Roadshow** reports revenues (excluding businesses sold last year) 2.6% lower at \$470.1 million. Net profits were 16.2% lower at \$28,270,000 (18.6 cents per share). The interim dividend will be 50.0% higher at 12.0 cents.

The cash operating surplus was 37% lower, but still very high, at \$62.1 million.

Earnings (before interest, depreciation and tax) for the Gold Coast Theme Parks division was *down* 1.3% for the six months, but the second half year has started well with January (i.e. a peak month of the year) earnings up 6.5% boosted by the new *Green Lantern Coaster* at *Movie World*. February also traded well. *Movie World* will open another new ride in time for Easter.

**Village Roadshow**











					Market Analysis						
Company	No. of Brokers Following Company	Market Capitalisation (\$ Mill.)	Company	No. of Brokers Following Company	Market Capitalisation (\$ Mill.)	Company	No. of Brokers Following Company	Market Capitalisation (\$ Mill.)	Company	No. of Brokers Following Company	Market Capitalisation (\$ Mill.)
CSG Ltd	3	179	Gindalbie Met.	5	575	Nat'l Aust Bank	4	50,724	Sigma Pharm.	4	672
CSL Limited	5	17,320	Gloucester Coal	4	1,344	Navitas Ltd	3	1,178	Silex Systems	2	599
Cabcharge Ltd	3	685	Gold One Int'l	1	686	New Hope Corp.	4	4,508	Sims Metal Mgmt	4	3,079
Caltex Australia	2	3,569	Goodman Group	4	5,102	Newcrest Mining	7	24,426	Sirtex Medical	1	278
Campbell Bros	4	4,110	Goodman Fielder	3	1,300	News Corp.	2	14,892	Skilled Group	3	515
Cape Lambert R.	1	360	Graincorp	5	1,604	Nexbis Ltd	1	75	Slater & Gordon	3	238
Carbon Energy	2	73	Grange Resource	3	704	Nexus Energy	2	265	Sonic Health	5	4,409
Cardno Ltd	2	792	Growthpoint Pro	1	6,750	Nick Scali Ltd	1	121	Soul Pattinson	1	3,234
Carnarvon Pet.	3	89	Gryphon Mineral	2	346	Noble Mineral	1	182	Spark Infrastru	4	1,811
Carsales.com	8	1,190	Gunns Ltd	2	312	Norfolk Group	3	183	Spec Fashion	3	95
Cash Converters	2	245	Hansen Tech.	2	145	Nufarm Limited	4	1,317	St Barbara Ltd	4	703
Cedar Woods Prp	1	231	Harvey Norman	5	2,061	OZ Minerals Ltd	6	3,203	Starpharma Hold	2	359
Chal Infra Fund	1	364	Hastie Group	4	23	Oakton Limited	4	109	Sth Cross Elect	1	177
Chalice Gold	2	60	Hast Div Util	3	1,134	Oil Search Ltd	5	9,475	Sth Cross Media	3	914
Challenger Ltd	6	1,876	Heartware Inc.	1	82	Onesteel Ltd	4	1,405	Stockland	5	7,335
Chal Div Prop	3	453	Henderson Group	2	1,921	Orica Ltd	5	9,415	Strike Energy	1	67
Chandler McLeod	4	189	Hills Holdings	3	276	Origin Energy	4	13,966	Suncorp Group	4	10,306
Charter Hall GR	2	637	Horizon Oil Ltd	2	339	Orocobre Ltd	1	165	Sundance Res.	1	1,191
Chart H Office	4	1,514	IMF (Aust) Ltd	1	169	Orotin Group	3	364	Sunland Group	1	157
Chart H Retail	4	919	IOOF Holdings	6	1,241	Pacific Brands	6	605	Super Retail Gr	5	1,360
Clarius Group	3	36	Iluka Resources	3	6,963	Paladin Energy	6	1,388	Swick Min Serv	2	77
Coalspur Mines	1	829	Imdex Limited	4	543	Panaust Ltd	4	1,954	Sydney Airport	3	4,932
CocaCola Amatil	5	8,917	Incitec Pivot	4	5,147	Panoramic Res.	1	249	TFS Corporation	2	162
Cochlear Ltd	4	3,270	Independ. Group	5	828	Paperlin X Ltd	3	66	TPG Telecom Ltd	6	1,222
Cockatoo Coal	2	371	Industrea Ltd	3	326	Patties Foods	3	250	Tabcorp Holding	3	1,858
Codan Ltd	2	248	Infigen Energy	1	183	Peet Ltd	2	223	Talent2 Int'l	2	72
Com'wealth Bank	3	74,633	Insurance Aust.	3	6,810	Perilya Mines	2	319	Tap Oil	1	189
Computershare	5	4,418	Int Research	1	114	Perpetual Ltd	5	1,061	Tassal Group	4	198
Cons Media Hold	4	1,545	Investa Office	4	1,665	Platinum Asset	4	2,077	Tatts Group Ltd	3	3,072
Cooper Energy	2	155	Invocare Ltd	5	854	Premier Invest	4	840	Technology One	3	311
Cromwell Prop.	3	695	Iress Mkt Tech	3	861	Primary Health	4	1,482	Telstra	5	40,440
Crown Ltd	3	6,320	JB Hi-Fi Ltd	5	1,078	Prime Media Grp	2	280	Ten Network	3	847
Customers Ltd	3	120	James Hardie	4	3,284	Q.B.E. Insur.	2	12,450	The Reject Shop	8	333
DUET Group	3	1,583	Kingrose Mining	1	80	QRXPharma Ltd	2	235	Thorn Group Ltd	4	233
DWS Limited	5	198	Kingsgate Cons.	4	866	Qantas Airways	4	3,805	Toll Holdings	4	3,998
Data 3 Ltd	1	171	Leighton Hold	5	7,918	RCG Corporation	2	92	Tox Free Sol.	5	245
David Jones	7	1,378	Lend Lease Grp	4	4,345	RCR Tomlinson	4	257	Transfield Serv	6	1,319
Decmil Group	4	439	Linc Energy Ltd	1	677	REA Group Ltd	7	1,734	Transurban Grp	4	8,111
Dexus Property	4	4,113	Logicamms Ltd	3	67	Ramsay Health	5	3,696	TransPacific In	4	1,223
Domino's Pizza	5	575	Lycopodium Ltd	1	273	Reckon Limited	3	308	Troy Resources	2	406
Downer EDI Ltd	6	1,699	Lynas Corp Ltd	2	2,022	Regis Resources	4	1,841	Trust Company	2	167
DuluxGroup Ltd	5	1,091	M2 Telecom. Grp	3	413	Regional Exp.	1	124	UGL Limited	6	2,038
Dyesol Ltd	1	29	MacMahon Hold	5	605	Resource Equip.	2	106	UXC Limited	2	145
Elders Limited	4	103	Macquarie Atlas	2	729	Resolute Mining	3	921	VDM Group Ltd	3	15
Emeco Holdings	4	682	Macquarie C Tel	2	180	Retail Food Grp	4	312	Virgin Aust	4	972
Energy Resource	4	629	Macquarie Group	4	8,948	Rex Minerals	2	201	WDS Limited	3	95
Envestra	4	1,153	Matrix Comp.	3	294	Ridley Corp.	4	345	WHK Group Ltd	1	228
Evolution Min.	2	468	Maxi TRANS	1	82	Rio Tinto Ltd	5	27,945	Watpac Ltd	2	190
Extract Res.	3	2,159	Mayne Pharma Gr	1	43	Roc Oil Company	2	263	Webfirm Group	1	46
FKP Limited	4	640	McMillan Shake.	3	689	SAI Global Ltd	2	935	Webjet NL	6	242
Fairfax Media	3	1,752	McPherson's Ltd	1	151	SDI Limited	1	15	Wellcom Group	1	92
Fantastic Hold.	2	240	Melbourne IT	2	145	SMS Mgmt & Tech	5	346	Wesfarmers Ltd	5	28,682
Fleetwood Corp	5	706	Mermaid Marine	4	685	SP Ausnet	4	2,651	Western Areas	5	985
Flexicorp Ltd	4	558	Metcash Ltd	5	3,122	STW Comm Group	2	356	Westpac Banking	4	62,691
Flight Centre	6	2,137	Mincor Resource	1	137	Salmat Ltd	3	375	Westfield Group	4	20,065
Focus Minerals	2	172	Mineral Res.	2	2,089	Sandfire Res.	2	1,180	Whitehaven Coal	3	2,652
Fortescue Metal	7	17,560	Mirabela Nickel	2	420	Santos Ltd	3	13,581	Wide Bay Aust.	1	244
G.U.D. Holdings	3	526	Mirvac Group	4	4,142	Sedgman Ltd	5	495	Woodside Petrol	5	29,246
GPT Group	5	5,641	Molopo Energy	1	168	Seek Ltd	8	2,174	Woolworths Ltd	5	30,680
GWA Group Ltd	4	687	Monadelphous Gr	7	2,006	Select harvest	1	87	Worley Group	7	7,096
Geodynamics Ltd	2	51	Mt Gibson Iron	5	1,256	Service Stream	1	103	Wotif.com Hold.	8	940
Gerard Lighting	1	129	Myer Holdings	7	1,341	Seven West Med.	6	2,191			

**Investment Outlook***(Continued from Page 1)*

so investment returns may average out. But that is not strictly correct. There will be winners and losers, but the winners will earn a *higher return on capital* and - as they grow the overall return on capital will improve. That will *increase* investors long term returns (i.e. increase average stockmarket returns).

Even investors who can not successfully pick between future winners and losers should be better off in the medium to long term. Their investment in the losers may become worthless, but their investment in the winners can compound and grow at a higher rate of return. As a simplified example, consider two investments of \$1000 each growing at 10% per annum. After 10 years they will each be worth \$2594 or \$5188 in total, and after 20 years \$6728 each or a total of \$13,456.

A better *long term* return is earned in a competitive environment where one investment fails (and becomes worthless) but the other grows at 20% per annum. After 10 years the winner will be worth \$6,192 and after 20

years \$38,338.

Moderate success at picking winners and losers (e.g. owning M2 Telecommunications and never owning Telecom NZ or Telstra, or owning The Reject Shop but not The Warehouse) will, of course, significantly boost long term returns!

With continued slow economic growth, pension funds are likely to continue to reduce investments in equities (even though interest bearing investments provide lower yields - and probably *negative* returns after tax and inflation). The easiest way to *increase* future returns from stockmarket investment is to *lower* current share prices. That has *already* happened over the last four years.

The best environment to build future wealth is *continued low share prices* - where high dividend yields can be re-invested at low valuations and compound to grow wealth at high rates of return!

Very, very few people may realise this . . . but the current environment for stockmarket investment really is about as good as it can ever get!

# Dividend \$

Company	Cents per Share	Ex-Date	Pay-able	Tax Credit
Auckland Int'l Airport	4.40	19-03	02-04	Full
Baramundi Ltd	1.49	-	30-03	0.1656
Briscoe Group	6.50	23-09	29-09	Full
CDL Investments	1.40	27-04	11-05	Full
Colonial Motor Company	9.00	13-04	23-04	Full
Contact Energy	11.00	06-03	23-03	Full
Ebos Group	13.50	06-04	20-04	Full
Fletcher Building	17.00	30-03	18-04	Nil
Freightways	8.50	16-03	30-03	Full
Hellaby Holdings	5.00	13-04	20-04	Full
Kingfish	2.14	16-03	30-03	0.2885
Marlin Global	1.72	14-03	16-03	0.2311
Michael Hill International	2.00	23-03	02-04	Full
Millennium & Copthorne	1.20	04-04	11-4	Full
NZ Refining Company	9.00	21-03	28-03	Full
Nuplex Industries	10.00	19-03	02-04	Nil
NZX Ltd	2.75	09-03	23-03	Full
Port of Tauranga	12.00	09-03	23-03	Full
Property For Industry	2.40	05-03	14-03	0.3088
Northland Port Company	3.50	02-03	09-03	Full
Opus International	4.70	16-03	02-04	Full
Skellerup Holdings	3.00	16-03	30-03	Full
Sky City Entertainment	9.00	22-03	05-04	2.10
Sky Network TV	11.00	02-03	09-03	Full
Steel & Tube Holdings	5.50	16-03	30-03	Full
Team Talk	10.00	20-04	27-04	Full
Telecom NZ	9.00	23-03	05-04	Full
Tourism Holdings	2.00	21-03	27-03	Full
Turners Auctions	6.00	03-04	10-04	Full
Vector Ltd	7.00	30-03	16-04	Full
Vital Healthcare Properties	1.925	08-03	22-03	Nil
The Warehouse	13.50	05-04	19-04	Nil
<u>Australian Shares</u>				
Cardno Ltd	18.00	15-03	04-04	
Chandler Macleod	1.20	07-03	28-03	

Clarius Group	1.00	05-03	26-03
CPT Global	1.50	23-04	18-05
CSG Limited	2.50	13-03	04-04
Customers Ltd	2.00	06-03	20-04
Devine	2.00	09-03	30-03
Fiducian Portfolio Services	2.50	05-03	23-03
Finbar Group	3.50	29-02	11-04
Iluka Resources	55.00	05-03	05-04
Integrated Research	2.00	21-02	16-03
M2 Telecommunications	9.00	16-03	16-04
Melbourne IT	15.00	14-03	13-04
Prophecy International	1.25	06-03	02-04
Skilled Group	5.00	26-03	17-04
The Reject Shop	24.00	22-03	16-04
Village Roadshow	12.00	02-03	27-03

## Total Return Index for All Listed Shares

Feb 13	1213.24	Feb 20	1202.51
Feb 14	1214.71	Feb 21	1200.36
Feb 15	1206.21	Feb 22	1201.91
Feb 16	1207.45	Feb 23	1203.86
Feb 17	1204.85	Feb 24	1208.69
Feb 27	1207.25	Mar 5	1225.90
Feb 28	1203.71	Mar 6	1230.40
Feb 29	1206.40	Mar 7	1231.44
Mar 1	1219.39	Mar 8	1230.40
Mar 2	1225.00	Mar 9	1232.82

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