

# Business Markets

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## Commodity prices

|                              | Last   | Previous |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| NEW ZEALAND Dollar           | 1.1445 | 1.1131   |
| Trade company of New Zealand | 1.0611 | 1.0002   |

## Money market rates

|                                   | Yesterday | Previous |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| CASH                              |           |          |
| 24-hour unofficial                | 6.00      | 6.00     |
| BANK BILLS                        |           |          |
| 30 days                           | 5.94      | 5.91     |
| 90 days                           | 5.72      | 5.66     |
| 180 days                          | 5.28      | 5.12     |
| COMMONWEALTH BONDS                |           |          |
| Three years                       | 4.49      | 4.47     |
| Ten years                         | 5.26      | 5.33     |
| SWAP RATES (Quarterly in arrears) |           |          |
| One year                          | 5.02      | 4.91     |
| Three years                       | 5.61      | 5.43     |
| Five years                        | 5.85      | 5.70     |

Figures are intended as a guide only. Bank bills and swap rates quoted are wholesale rates for parcels of \$20 million or more.

## Cross rates

|        | SUS    | YEN    | EURO   | SG     | SW.FR  | AUD    |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| USD    | 1.0000 | 102.13 | 0.7421 | 0.5723 | 1.1365 | 1.4250 |
| JAPAN* | 0.9791 | 1.0000 | 0.7266 | 0.5604 | 1.1128 | 1.3953 |
| EURO   | 1.3476 | 137.63 | 1.0000 | 0.7713 | 1.5315 | 1.9203 |
| UK     | 1.7472 | 178.44 | 1.2965 | 1.0000 | 1.9857 | 2.4898 |
| SWITZ  | 0.8799 | 89.86  | 0.6529 | 0.5036 | 1.0000 | 1.2539 |
| AUD    | 0.7018 | 71.67  | 0.5207 | 0.4016 | 0.7975 | 1.0000 |

\* Yen in multiples of 100.

## SA-SUS (US¢)

| Open  | Close | High  | Low   | Hedge Settlement Rate |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|
| 69.45 | 70.18 | 70.43 | 68.87 | 68.89                 |

|                          | Yesterday | Previous |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| RBA Trade Weighted Index | 56.9      | 56.0     |

Source: Westpac/AAP Financial Markets. Wholesale rates at 3pm Perth time yesterday.

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"While we are not fully convinced of the full turnaround occurring at DOW, it has got a lot cheaper. It is an underperforming business that is leveraged to government infrastructure spending in its rail, engineering and works divisions. Its mining division is leveraged to coal volumes and should benefit from potentially better weather conditions in full-year 2009," the broker said.

It values Downer at \$6.80 based on 13 times full-year 2009 earnings.

Downer slipped 4¢ to \$4.75.

## PATTIES FOODS HOLD

**Wilson HTM** said the recent fall in Patties Foods' (PFL) share price to a level closer to its 12-month target price of 85¢ has prompted it to change its rating for the pie maker from a sell to a hold.

director **Anthony de Nicola** said the sharemarket shrugged off the weak past six months

SOURCE: IRESS

**Wilson** said it remained attracted to **Patties'** business, however, the appointment of a new chief executive, the company's third since listing in 2006, had caused it to adopt a cautious approach.

At the company's annual meeting on November 27, **Wilson** says it is expecting **Patties** to provide a positive trading update as the company has previously confirmed trading results were on track.

It is forecasting earnings per share growth of 11 per cent in 2009 and 17 per cent in 2010.

**Patties Foods** was steady at 88.5¢.

## HEALTHSCOPE NEUTRAL

**Credit Suisse** says **Healthscope's** (HSP) first-quarter financial performance was in-line with its expectations, with its hospitals and pathology

which now holds 38.93 per cent of **LWB**, closed steady at \$8.60.

**Healthscope** rose 10¢ to \$4.70.

## GOODMAN GROUP HOLD, HIGH-RISK

**Citi Investment Research** has retained its hold, high-risk rating on industrial property group **Goodman Group (GMG)** despite its Hong Kong Logistics Fund managing to raise \$HK1.6 billion (\$292 million) of equity capital and \$HK1.1 billion of senior debt in the current climate.

The funds will be used to acquire and develop two logistics distribution sites at an initial cost of \$HK900 million, with **Goodman** holding a 20.3 per cent cornerstone investment in the fund and **Macquarie** a 20 per cent equity stake.

**Citi** said the ability to get the deal done and bring in new investors with no redemption provision was "no mean feat". But uncertainties regarding the development pipeline has prompted it to rate the stock a hold.

**Goodman** slipped 4.5¢ to \$1.44

review opportunities to improve profitability," the statement said. Managing director **Malcolm Day** pocketed \$404,000 for the year, down from \$433,000 in 2006-07.

## Investor pockets \$9.4m

Queensland-based investor **Giovanni Santalucia** has sold about \$9.4 million of **Western Areas**. In a notice lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange, Mr **Santalucia's** stake in the nickel player slipped from 12.54 per cent to 11.23 per cent. Shares in **Western Areas** firmed 11¢ to \$3.56.

## A Coretrack first

WA-based drilling technology minnow **Coretrack** has scored its first commercial agreement supplying its core level recorder device to **Apache Energy's** **Reindeer 2** well on the North West Shelf. The device tracks the amount of "core" entering a drill barrel and is aimed at saving time and money.