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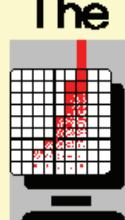
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## CENTRAL BANK RATES



## Playing it Safe

"Bulls make money, bears make money and pigs get slaughtered"

2010 has started the year leaving many shaken and stirred, the optimistic start to the year has quickly faded and we have had a considerable global sell off in stocks and some massive moves in currencies and the year is only just getting started.

Just when everyone had decided that the US Dollar was toilet paper, we have seen a massive spike in the Dollar Index as investors return to the perceived safety of the US Dollar as cracks in the Euro zone appear. As stated in previous updates the US Dollar is not pretty but it's the best of an ugly bunch at present. Whilst some smaller currencies like the Norwegian Kroner are extremely strong they are not big enough to be considered against the US\$, Euro

or Yen. Right now the world does not have a liquid alternative reserve currency.

After the massive turn around gains of 2009 this year could turn out to be an overall flat year, lots of 10% plus swings but by the end of the year indices broadly where they are now. As a trader that's fine but I think many investors will be disappointed with overall returns this year. Also last year saw big gains in emerging markets and we did very well in Brazil, however, it would be foolish to expect the same again in 2010, at best a 5% to 10% return.

Right now defensive stocks, such as consumer staples, healthcare and utilities seem the most appealing investments,

**US Dollar Index Monthly chart.** Early days but US Dollar is starting to stabilise. The 20 month price channel suggest a run up to 85 to 90 in the next 12 months

DX - U.S. Dollar Index (ICEFI)



investments, agreed it's hardly the most exciting of areas but this could be a case of winning by not taking massive risks.

Most of the consumer staple stocks pay a decent dividend (compared to cash) and have good multinational earnings. I like companies that are throwing off large amounts of free cash flow and that have fairly secure earnings in the west but also have exposure to emerging markets.

Companies such as **McDonalds (MCD)** which went sideways last year remains a great bet and I look for the share price to reach record highs of \$70+ before the year is out.

McDonalds at \$63 are paying a 3.4% yield and on a P/E 15, it's not bad value.

Another company which has been in the headlines recently is **Kraft Foods (KFT)** which all going well will close the takeover of Cadbury in the coming months. Kraft has done a great deal here and I don't think they have overpaid, Cadbury is an iconic brand with 40% of its earnings coming from emerging markets and will fit in well with Kraft which is now the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest food company. Kraft owns the number 1 product in 80% of the areas it operates.

At the current price of \$28 the share gives a yield of 4% and with the cost savings that will arise from the Cadbury takeover and the ongoing restructuring Kraft could surprise many on the upside this year.

Other big free cash flow generators are Tobacco companies; **Philip Morris International (PM)** has no US exposure and has access to growing markets including a joint venture with China National Tobacco to sell Marlboro in China. Philip Morris also has massive market share in high smoking countries including Russia, Turkey, Ukraine and Indonesia. At \$46 this gives you a 5%



Above: McDonalds Monthly chart—Continued strong growth in emerging markets and maintaining market share in more mature markets. Below: Kraft Foods spun off from Philip Morris in 2004 and has been in a sideways range, the Cadbury takeover could give Kraft a re rating and the \$33 + price is on the horizon.



yield and a P/E of 15 which may seem a bit higher than other tobacco shares but you have to remember you have a lot more growth potential here. **Altria (MO)** the USA focused tobacco is still a steady business at \$20 its on a P/E of 11 and a **whopping 7% yield which is fairly safe.**

In the UK **United Utilities (LSE:UU)** should continue to offer a safe place to be in the coming months. At £5.20 with a yield of 6% and a P/E of 9 this multi utility company has sound earnings and a safe dividend.

## Sugar is Still a Sweet Trade

The last few weeks has seen a sell off in Sugar prices but after a 110% move in the ETFS Sugar (LSE:SUGA) it's expected that we would have a pull back, but the uptrend is still firmly in place. The strong dollar does act as a drag on all commodities as it makes them more expensive for foreign buyers but over all we have strong demand in global sugar prices with supply lagging.

I do see supply arriving but this could be some months off. You cannot just plant a sugar crop and harvest it overnight. So what we could have here is a massive spike up in the coming months and then a sell off as the supply/demand becomes more balanced. For now I stay with long trades via the Exchange Traded Fund and will use this sell off to buy more.

## American Italian Pasta Company (Nasdaq AIPC)

This is a smaller company but some spread betting companies will make a price. As the name suggests it's a dry Pasta manufacturer with 10 of its own brands sold in shops and supermarkets through the USA as well as manufacturing home brand pasta for a number of large supermarkets.

AIPC also supply wholesale pasta to schools and workplace cafeterias. Pasta remains a cheap food and as consumers continue to look to save money it's a defensive business. Home brands are also capturing market share from the more expensive premium brands.

Recent results showed continued growth and higher margins. The main cost in pasta is Durum Wheat and prices have been falling over the last 12 months. At \$38 the share has had a great run and not far off a 52 week high, the market cap is \$800 million making

SB - Sugar #11 (ICEUS)



Dollars 1 day candles American Italian Pasta Company (NNM:AIPC)



this a small cap stock and on a P/E of less than 10 it still has a lot of potential.

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- The number one trading vehicle I use and why fund managers, bookmakers, brokers hate it and wish it would disappear (it's not going to!)
- How to put together your own multi strategy Hedge Fund with as little as £1000 (\$1600) and beat 95% of all market professionals. This system has made money every year since 1996 beating the S&P500 and with less volatility, it's even beat Warren Buffett. This will take you no more than 10 minutes a week to follow.
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- I will recap my 1 minute trading rule and show you how it's working and what markets are giving buy and sell signals live on the day.
- My number one property investment that has great growth potential especially if the economy gets worse.
- Why I am not investing directly in China but gaining the benefits using a legal loop hole with less risk and more
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