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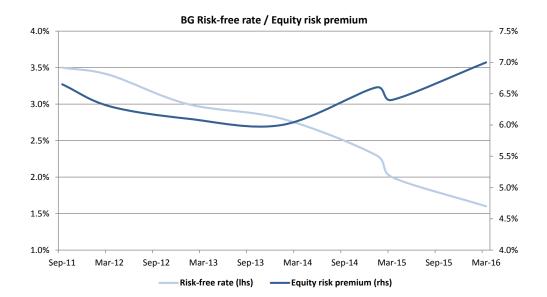
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New risk-free rate and equity risk premium

Following the significant moves on European capital markets experienced over the past 12 months, our assumptions for valuation modelling needed to be revisited. On the one hand, we have reduced our risk-free rate from 2.0% to 1.6% and on the other hand, we have raised our equity risk premium from 6.4% to 7.0%.

ANALYSIS

- On one side, we have reduced our risk-free rate, which is based on the 5-year average of the 10Y rates of the five main countries representing companies we cover (France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and the UK), from 2.0% to 1.6%.
- On the other side, we have increased the equity risk premium from 6.4% to 7.0% to take into account the 9% average rise we have noted over the last 12 months on equity risk premiums for the CAC 40, DJ Stoxx50 and DJ Stoxx600.



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