



7th July 2016

## BG's Wake Up Call

	Last close	Daily chg (%)	Chg YTD (%)
<b>Indices</b>			
Dow Jones	17918.62	+0.44%	+2.83%
S&P 500	2099.73	+0.54%	+2.73%
Nasdaq	4859.16	+0.75%	-2.96%
Nikkei	15276.24	-0.67%	-19.20%
Stoxx 600	318.758	-1.67%	-12.86%
CAC 40	4085.3	-1.88%	-11.90%
<b>Oil /Gold</b>			
Crude WTI	47.43	+1.78%	+27.50%
Gold (once)	1368.74	+1.74%	+28.84%
<b>Currencies/Rates</b>			
EUR/USD	1.10715	-0.34%	+1.92%
EUR/CHF	1.0824	+0.03%	-0.46%
German 10 years	-0.179	-0.30%	-128.17%
French 10 years	0.136	-0.84%	-86.15%
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### Economic releases :

Date	
7th-Jul	DE - Industrial production (1.5% E y/y) GB - Industrial production May (0.5% y/y) GB - Manufacturing prod. May (0.6% y/y) US - Initial jobless claims 267K E US - Continuing claims (2110K E) US - Crude oil Inventories Data

### Upcoming BG events :

Date	
13th-Jul	Galapagos (BG Paris Roadshow with CFO)
14th-Nov/ 15th-Nov	4th Paris Healthcare Conference
28th-Nov/ 29th-Nov	2nd Paris Consumer Conference

### Recent reports :

Date	
1st-Jul	UBISOFT Same player shoot again?
29th-Jun	ORANGE : Lights are turning green.
24th-Jun	Back from ADA 2016: Update on T2D treatments
22nd-Jun	INFINEON Underestimated potential
22nd-Jun	ELIOR On track with 2020 Ambitions
22nd-Jun	AXA Ready for the next run

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### ABLYNX

**BUY, Fair Value EUR18 (+56%)**

*A first taste of ALX-0061's best-in class profile*

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### ACTELION

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### KERING

**BUY, Fair Value EUR170 vs. EUR174 (+18%)**

*Gucci should reassure, but some disappointments for BV are likely!*

Kering will report its H1 results on July 28th (after market closure). We expect sales to grow 3.9% organically, globally in line with H1 (+4%) despite some slowdown for Luxury division in Q2 vs Q1 (+0.7% vs +2.7%). Kering EBIT margin should be slightly down (-20bp to 13.8%). We adjust our 2016 EBIT estimates slightly (by 2-3%) and consequently we lower our Fair Value from EUR174 to EUR170, but remain at Buy as we are confident on the Gucci brand turnaround for the coming quarters.

### DANONE

**BUY, Fair Value UNDER REVIEW**

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Danone has announced that it will acquire WhiteWave for USD12.5bn in an all-cash transaction. The group indicated total EPS accretion of 10%, based on expected synergies (USD300m by 2020). This transaction will increase the weight of the United States and strengthens its exposure to fast-growing categories. Fair Value under review before the conference call at 9am CEST.

### INSURANCE

*Top Picks Q3: Blind spot*

LOOKING BACK ON Q2 2016

### In brief...

**ALTICE, Altice said to explore sale of SFR Belgium**

**WORLDPAY, Payment processing issues with the Worldpay platform hit some Etsy sellers for days**

Healthcare

**Ablynx**

Price EUR11.51

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Fair Value EUR18 (+56%)

BUY

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ANALYSIS

- Results from this first phase IIb study are very encouraging with the highest ACR20, ACR50 and ACR70 responder rates of up to 81%, 49% and 24% respectively and up to 41% of patients in clinical remission at 12 weeks. The latter results were reached in the groups benefitting from the Q2W dosing (see detailed results below). It is hard to directly compare vobarilizumab (ALX-0061) to tocilizumab as the trial was not powered for it, however, we would note that 1/ the vobarilizumab Q4W dose group achieved results consistent with tocilizumab with an improved dosing regimen (once monthly vs. one a week) and that 2/ the vobarilizumab Q2W high dose group showed improved efficacy over tocilizumab, especially with 41% of patients in remission at 12 weeks vs 27%.
- Safety wise, vobarilizumab confirms its best-in-class profile, which we already had the opportunity to highlight in our report (please see here). 2.1% of vobarilizumab's patients discontinued treatment due to AEs vs 6.3% for the tocilizumab group. SAEs occurred in 0.5% of voba patients vs. 3.1% for tocilizumab we would pay attention to neutrophil count (possibility of serious infections) whom led to discontinuations in both groups. Roll over rate in the open-label follow-up is high and stands at 91% of the eligible patients.
- These results from the first trial of vobarilizumab phase IIb program assessed safety and efficacy of SC IL-6R product candidate, vobarilizumab, as a monotherapy in 251 severe RA patients. The compound was tested at three different doses (150mg/Q4W, n=62; 150mg/Q2W, n=62; 225mg/Q2W, n=63) over a 12 week treatment course in either a 1L or 2L setting i.e. patients naive to MTX or non-responder to MTX respectively. Note that the study was not powered to demonstrate any statistical significance over tocilizumab (Roche, Actemra; n=64) which constituted the fourth group of the trial.

	ALX-0061 150mg/Q4W (n=62)	ALX-0061 150mg/Q2W (n=62)	ALX-0061 225mg/Q2W (n=63)	tocilizumab 162mg/Q1W (n=60) or /Q2W
ACR20	73%	77%	81%	78%
ACR50	44%	37%	49%	45%
ACR70	16%	24%	21%	23%
improvement in HAQ-DI score	65%	68%	71%	72%
DAS28 remission	26%	27%	41%	27%
DAS28 low disease activity + remission	42%	57%	60%	44%

Source : Company Data.

- We have a good taste of Ablynx' IL-6R best-in-class profile, ahead of the readout of the second phase IIb trial which compares vobarilizumab as an add-on to MTX vs. placebo. Results from this study are expected in the coming weeks and should trigger the beginning of Abbvie's opt-in period. Should the big pharma decides to opt-in, Ablynx would be eligible for a USD75m milestone payment.

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Bloomberg	ABLX BB
Reuters	ABLX.BR
12-month High / Low (EUR)	16.1 / 10.4
Market Cap (EURm)	700
Ev (BG Estimates) (EURm)	852
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	187.2
3y EPS CAGR	15.0%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	-15.1%	-11.6%	-25.1%	-27.7%
Healthcare	1.4%	8.2%	-5.2%	-5.4%
DJ Stoxx 600	-5.0%	-1.2%	-9.7%	-11.4%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	77.5	81.6	39.6	54.2
% change		5.2%	-51.4%	36.7%
EBITDA	-15.6	-21.9	-64.3	-44.4
EBIT	-17.0	-23.3	-65.0	-45.4
% change		-37.6%	NS	30.2%
Net income	-54.5	-60.9	-102.6	-83.0
% change		-11.7%	-68.4%	19.1%

	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	-21.9	-28.6	-164.1	-83.8
Net margin	-70.3	-74.7	-258.9	-153.1
ROE	-195.4	184.5	75.7	38.0
ROCE	NM	NM	NM	NM
Gearing	NM	NM	NM	NM

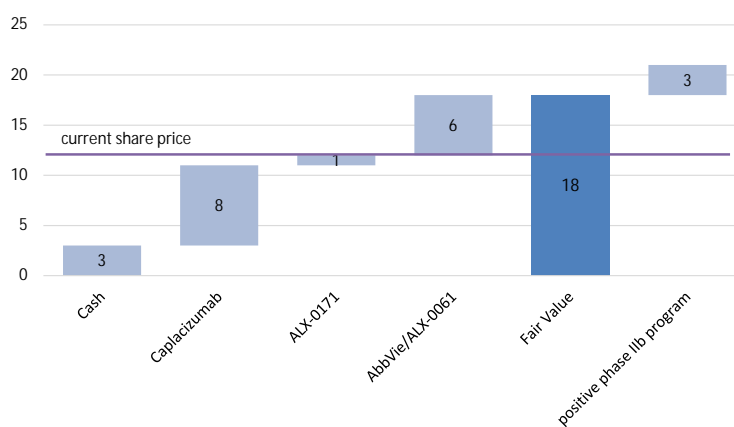
(EUR)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	-1.01	-1.13	-1.90	-1.53
% change		-11.7%	-68.4%	19.1%
P/E	NS	NS	NS	NS
FCF yield (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM
Dividends (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Div yield (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM
EV/Sales	8.0x	10.4x	21.3x	15.6x
EV/EBITDA	NS	NS	NS	NS
EV/EBIT	NS	NS	NS	NS



- While vobarilizumab would not be the first IL-6 to reach the market, we believe that 1/ its best-in class safety profile and 2/ AbbVie's strong commercial capabilities should be decisive in making it a blockbuster. Our non-risk adjusted peak sales stands at EUR1.5bn. We see vobarilizumab as key in the durability of AbbVie's RA franchise, with Humira coming off patent in 2018. As a reminder, Ablynx' partner has no IL-6 developed in-house and our research showed that AbbVie might have already started to work on the autoinjector for vobarilizumab.

**VALUATION**

- We reiterate our BUY rating and EUR18 fair value.
- ABLYNX is in our Top Pick list for Q3.
- Vobarilizumab is not taken into account in the current share price!** While we do not move our PoS yet as we prefer to wait for complete results from the phase IIb program expected in the upcoming weeks, note that increasing our PoS from 40% to 60% would add EUR3 to our(which would add EUR3 to our fair value).



**NEXT CATALYSTS**

- Today 4:00pm CET/10:00am EDT: Conference call on trial's results (+32 2 402 30 92; access code 6440754).
- Q3 2016: results of ALX-0061's placebo controlled phase IIb trial.
- August 25<sup>th</sup>: H1 results

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Healthcare

**Actelion**

Price CHF164.80

First initiative to update pipeline adds phase II compound in insomnia

Fair Value CHF173 (+5%)

BUY

Bloomberg	ATLN.VX
Reuters	ATLN.VX
12-month High / Low (CHF)	166.5 / 115.9
Market Cap (CHFm)	18,808
Ev (BG Estimates) (CHFm)	18,403
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	396.8
3y EPS CAGR	7.9%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	0.0%	12.0%	20.6%	18.1%
Healthcare	0.4%	5.0%	-4.9%	-6.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

YEnd Dec. (CHFm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	1,956	2,042	2,263	2,274
% change		4.3%	10.8%	0.5%
EBITDA	687	769	886	827
EBIT	570.1	655.6	768.6	708.1
% change		15.0%	17.2%	-7.9%
Net income	648.2	693.5	806.1	755.1
% change		7.0%	16.2%	-6.3%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	40.1	40.7	44.2	42.3
Net margin	33.1	34.0	35.6	33.2
ROE	33.8	52.6	44.0	32.8
ROCE	70.4	77.0	86.0	88.8
Gearing	-50.5	-30.7	-49.6	-63.6

(CHF)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	5.58	6.17	7.40	7.00
% change	-	10.6%	20.0%	-5.4%
P/E	29.6x	26.7x	22.3x	23.5x
FCF yield (%)	0.7%	3.5%	4.0%	4.3%
Dividends (CHF)	1.30	1.50	1.50	1.50
Div yield (%)	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
EV/Sales	9.1x	9.0x	7.9x	7.6x
EV/EBITDA	26.0x	23.9x	20.2x	21.0x
EV/EBIT	31.3x	28.1x	23.3x	24.5x

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**ANALYSIS**

- This is a come-back and some will think it is not the one we would have expected or wished from Actelion, because it is not a way to remember good old news: the revival of the orexin receptor antagonist pathway in the form of the initiation of a phase II clinical trial with new compound in insomnia by year-end. The study is expected to recruit about 300 individuals suffering from insomnia from Q4 2016 and to randomize them in six arms including placebo, four doses of zolpidem (Stilnox/Ambien) and investigational drug. Duration of treatment is four weeks (with five cross-over periods) and primary endpoint will be WASO at day 1 and 2. Other endpoints will include time to persistent sleep and to sleep onset.
- Actelion has scheduled a conference call for this afternoon (2pm) to provide background information about the drug, the programme and rationale for investing (again) in this field. In the press release, the company reports fast onset of CNS effects and natural physiologic sleep architecture in animal models, together with good PD/PK profile for a medication and good safety. This is suggestive of the fact that almorexant was not perfect in its structure, but that the mechanism of action of DORA (dual orexin receptor antagonism) still looks very valid and promising to address insomnia. To some extent, this is further validated by the fact that one compound in the class did come through to the market: under the brand name Belsomra, Merck reached FDA acceptance for suvorexant and hit the US market in February 2015 for the "treatment of insomnia in adults who have difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep". Note that the drug is Schedule IV controlled. It looks, however, that it is too small to be reported by Merck as an individual product in its quarterly releases.
- So, at this point, we cannot say much more than 'let's see what the drug delivers in phase II' before we factor it into our sales model. Of course we can imagine that the long experience acquired with almorexant has made Actelion very wary about deciding to move the drug in phase II and probably with good reasons, but the history is such that CS cannot do differently in our view.
- Actelion is also taking the opportunity of the press release to update on the clinical development status of other drugs simply to say that they are developing on track. Cadazolid and ponesimod are progressing on target to complete recruitment of IMPACT and OPTIMUM respectively by year-end. As long as MERIT, the phase II investigating macitentan in CTEPH, it is still expected to deliver results by year-end. As a reminder, no ERA is currently approved in this indication and Tracleer failed to show a benefit. Only approved drug in CTEPH is Bayer's Adempas. It achieved EUR182m in sales in 2015 and was progressing again by 47% in Q1 2016 and we expect the drug to exceed EUR250m in 2016, with a meaningful portion of sales coming from the differentiating indication of CTEPH. Should it represent USD200-300m and this would be welcome addition to help Opsumit reach peak sales of close to USD2bn.

**VALUATION**

- No change to our FV

**NEXT CATALYSTS**

- Today 2pm: Conference Call – New DORA moving in phase II

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**Kering**  
Price EUR143.65  
**Gucci should reassure, but some disappointments for BV are likely!**  
Fair Value EUR170 vs. EUR174 (+18%) BUY

Bloomberg	PP FP
Reuters	PRTP.PA
12-month High / Low (EUR)	181.5 / 138.6
Market Cap (EUR)	18,138
Ev (BG Estimates) (EUR)	20,938
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	289.0
3y EPS CAGR	12.3%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	-5.1%	-6.3%	-4.4%	-9.1%
Pers & H/H Gds	-2.5%	0.7%	2.1%	-1.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	11,584	12,000	12,620	13,500
% change		3.6%	5.2%	7.0%
EBITDA	2,056	2,185	2,440	2,640
EBIT	1,646	1,765	2,000	2,200
% change		7.2%	13.3%	10.0%
Net income	1,017	1,098	1,293	1,464
% change		8.0%	17.8%	13.2%

	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	14.2	14.7	15.8	16.3
Net margin	8.8	9.2	10.2	10.8
ROE	8.7	8.5	9.4	10.3
ROCE	5.8	6.1	6.8	7.5
Gearing	37.7	27.1	21.9	21.2

(EUR)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	8.05	8.69	10.15	11.40
% change	-	8.0%	16.8%	12.3%
P/E	17.9x	16.5x	14.2x	12.6x
FCF yield (%)	1.6%	3.1%	4.3%	5.2%
Dividends (EUR)	4.00	4.30	4.70	5.20
Div yield (%)	2.8%	3.0%	3.3%	3.6%
EV/Sales	1.9x	1.7x	1.6x	1.5x
EV/EBITDA	10.7x	9.6x	8.4x	7.7x
EV/EBIT	13.3x	11.9x	10.2x	9.3x



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**ANALYSIS**

Kering will report its H1 sales and results on Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup> after market closure. We anticipate Q2 sales to be up 3.7% organically, slightly lower than Q1 (+4%). The main driver for this slowdown is the Luxury division, with a 0.7% increase in Q2 vs +2.7% in Q1, which implies +1.6% in H1. First of all, **Gucci** (almost 60% of Group EBIT) should report a slight slowdown in Q2 (+1.3% vs +3.1% in Q1), due to much more demanding comp (-8% in Q1 15 but +4.6% in Q2 15) and this is particularly true for Retail (-4% vs +10% respectively). Nevertheless, Q2 sales momentum illustrates that **Gucci** brand transformation is underway and in line with management expectations and Q3 comp will much less demanding. On the other hand, the situation is more complex for **Bottega Veneta** (20% of Kering EBIT) as we expect sales to be down 11% in Q2 following -8.3% in Q1. The Italian high-end brand is particularly affected by current market conditions (much less tourists as around 75% of brand sales are from Asian clients). Hopefully, **YSL** is in a far better shape with again expectations of very positive sales momentum (we anticipate 22% sales growth). Lastly **Puma**, we guess that this quarter has been again very well oriented given the brand recovery and the EURO football positive impact. Therefore, we factor in Q2 a slight acceleration vs Q1 (+10% vs +8.1%) with likely a softer trend in Q3.

**Quarterly organic sales growth**

in %	Q4 15	FY 15	Q1 16	Q2 16e	H1 16e
Gucci	4.8	0.4	3.1	1.3	2.2
Bottega Veneta	-3.1	3.2	-8.3	-11.0	-9.6
YSL	27.5	25.8	26.5	21.7	24.0
Autres	10.6	3.1	-3.3	-4.6	-4.0
<b>Total Luxe</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>
PUMA	11.5	6.8	8.1	10.0	9.0
<b>Kering Group</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>

Source : Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

Kering's H1 profitability should come under slight pressure, with an EBIT margin at 13.8%, implying a 20bp decline vs H1 15. This is the consequence of margin erosion for the Luxury division of 50bp (20.9%), but +40bp for Puma (2.8%). The slight deterioration in Luxury's profitability should mainly come Bottega Veneta with an expected 270bp decline to 25.4% (operating deleverage given sales decline and higher costs) while Gucci brand should report 70bp margin gain to 27.2% (mainly due to less negative FX impact). YSL is expected to achieve a significant margin improvement (+150bp to 15%) thanks to operating leverage. For FY 16, we slightly lower our EBIT expectations (-2/3%) mainly due to BV profitability deterioration. This implies a 40bp margin gain vs +70bp previously expected.

**VALUATION**

Following our estimates adjustments, we lower our Fair Value from EUR174 to EUR170. Nevertheless, we reiterate our Buy recommendation as we are convinced that the Gucci brand's turnaround is underway that should be more obvious in coming quarters. At 11.9x 2016 EV/EBIT, the stock is trading in line with our luxury stocks sample. The share price is down 6% on 3m (-9% for our luxury sample).

**NEXT CATALYSTS**

H1 results to be reported on July 28<sup>th</sup> (after market closure).

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Food & Beverages

**Danone**

Price EUR63.31

**Acquisition of WhiteWave**

Fair Value UNDER REVIEW

BUY

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**ANALYSIS**

- This morning, Danone has announced that it will acquire WhiteWave for USD56.25 per share in cash, ie a premium of around 24% over the 30-day average closing trading price. This represents an EV of USD12.5bn and a multiple of EV/EBITDA of 15.2x after synergies. The transaction has been approved by both board of directors and is expected to close by the end of the year. It will be fully financed with debt. Danone says it expects to maintain its investment grade rating.
- WhiteWave generates USD4bn of sales. Danone indicated it will be able to realize synergies of USD300m by 2020, representing 8% of WhiteWave 2015 sales and 80% of WhiteWave 2015 EBIT. It expects total EPS accretion of 10% based on expected synergies. We should see some accretion in the first year after closing.
- This transaction will increase the weight of the United States as percentage of group's sales, from 12% to 22%, and create a leading US dairy refrigerated player. It will also improve the adequation between consumer trends (towards healthier and sustainable drinking options) and Danone's portfolio.
- WhiteWave is a global company with platforms in North America and Europe and a portfolio of high-growth food and beverage categories which focus on premium organic dairy, non-GMO, plant-based alternatives to milk & yogurt, fresh foods, and coffee creamers. Its leading brands are Silk, So Delicious, Vega, Alpro, Provamel, Horizon Organic, Wallaby Organic, Earthbound Farm and International Delight. Since it went public in 2012, it has reported average sales growth of 19% and a doubling of its operating income.

**VALUATION**

- Fair Value under review.

**NEXT CATALYSTS**

- Conference call at 9am CEST

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12-month High / Low (EUR)	66.3 / 53.1
Market Cap (EUR)	41,525
Ev (BG Estimates) (EUR)	48,722
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	1,648
3y EPS CAGR	6.2%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	0.8%	2.8%	4.3%	1.7%
Food & Bev.	0.3%	2.3%	0.0%	-1.6%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	22,412	21,785	22,722	23,792
% change		-2.8%	4.3%	4.7%
EBITDA	NM	NM	NM	NM
EBIT	2,892	2,978	3,183	3,388
% change		3.0%	6.9%	6.4%
Net income	1,791	1,844	1,988	2,144
% change		3.0%	7.8%	7.9%

	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	12.9	13.7	14.0	14.2
Net margin	8.0	8.5	8.7	9.0
ROE	10.2	15.4	15.4	15.3
ROCE	10.7	10.8	11.4	11.9
Gearing	61.6	55.8	47.3	39.5

(EUR)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	2.93	3.02	3.26	3.51
% change	-	3.1%	7.8%	7.9%
P/E	21.6x	20.9x	19.4x	18.0x
FCF yield (%)	4.0%	4.1%	4.3%	4.5%
Dividends (EUR)	1.60	1.65	1.78	1.92
Div yield (%)	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
EV/Sales	2.2x	2.2x	2.1x	2.0x
EV/EBITDA	x	x	x	x
EV/EBIT	17.1x	16.4x	15.1x	14.0x



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Sector View

**Insurance**

**Top Picks Q3: Blind spot**

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Insurance	-17.2%	-14.5%	-25.4%	-28.4%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

\*Stoxx Sector Indices

Companies covered

Company	Recommendation	Market Cap
<b>AEGON</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>EUR6</b>
Last Price	EUR3.036	Market Cap. EUR6,546m
<b>ALLIANZ</b>	<b>BUY</b>	<b>EUR180</b>
Last Price	EUR119.2	Market Cap. EUR54,474m
<b>AXA</b>	<b>BUY</b>	<b>EUR29</b>
Last Price	EUR16.305	Market Cap. EUR39,527m
<b>CNP ASSURANCES</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>EUR15</b>
Last Price	EUR12.375	Market Cap. EUR8,497m
<b>COFACE</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>U.R.</b>
Last Price	EUR4.336	Market Cap. EUR682m
<b>EULER HERMES</b>	<b>BUY</b>	<b>EUR99</b>
Last Price	EUR70.6	Market Cap. EUR3,011m
<b>HANNOVER RE</b>	<b>SELL</b>	<b>EUR110</b>
Last Price	EUR89.35	Market Cap. EUR10,775m
<b>MUNICH RE</b>	<b>SELL</b>	<b>EUR185</b>
Last Price	EUR141.2	Market Cap. EUR22,741m
<b>SCOR</b>	<b>BUY</b>	<b>EUR38</b>
Last Price	EUR25.365	Market Cap. EUR4,870m
<b>SWISS RE</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>CHF100</b>
Last Price	CHF80.55	Market Cap. CHF29,860m
<b>ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	<b>CHF270</b>
Last Price	CHF226.6	Market Cap. CHF34,110m

**LOOKING BACK ON Q2 2016**

The DJ Stoxx Insurance lost 11% over the quarter, underperforming the market by more than 800bps (DJ Stoxx600 down 2.3%). Companies we cover have lost 10% on average, and 5% including dividends. The top performers were Zurich, CNP, Swiss Re and Euler Hermes whereas the worst performers were Aegon, Munich Re, Coface and Scor.

Of course the major event of Q2 was market turbulence associated with Brexit, which overnight disrupted most financial markets around the world and created a massive flight to quality (lower rates on major benchmarks, stress on credit spreads and equities, higher volatility).

The strong market reaction by insurance stocks we cover was not based primarily on potential operating issues (UK is not a central part of the business of the companies we cover, basically between 5% and 10% of operating profit), nor due to FX (in most cases the potential negative impact of the drop in the GBP was more than offset by the rise in the USD, where the share of business is much higher, up to 45%), nor earnings (potential losses on assets are minimal at this stage), but due to solvency.

Indeed, flight to quality and stress on more risky assets represent a major stress scenario for solvency margins in a Solvency II environment, which only came into force a few months ago (i.e. still a limited market education and back-testing). And of course potential pressure on solvency margins means potential pressure on dividend prospects, which have acted as a powerful catalyst for the sector in the last years. Remember most insurance companies gave precise dividend guidance as long as their solvency margin remains in a comfort area. Should they break it, dividends might be at risk.

Considering Q1 solvency margins levels and Q2 market events, our view is that the impact on solvency margins is only limited, at this stage. But the more rates go down, the higher the pressure will be...

**WHAT WE SEE FOR Q3 2016**

Please tell me about financial markets... Q3 2016 is a particularly tough call in general, and more particularly for insurance, as it remains very sensitive to very nervous financial markets.

Since Brexit, we experienced a few days of intense market stress, followed by some relief (screaming buys, hope of central bank interventions...), and then another round of market pressure. In this context, the insurance sector should remain very volatile, which is consistent with the mountain of uncertainties we are currently facing. And we all know how scary financial markets could be during the summer ...

On top of that, Q2 2016 results should come under pressure across the board. Underwriting results should suffer from i/ higher claims experience, mainly driven by higher natcats, with significant earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador, a devastating fire in Canada, and major flooding in western Europe and ii/ lower commissions on asset management and unit-linked products (S&P500 down only 1% yoy on average but Stoxx50 down 18% yoy on average). We may also see lower capital gains and some equity impairments.

**CONCLUSIONS AND TOP PICKS**

Considering poor short-term visibility, at least until companies report their Q2 numbers (starting end-July), we believe it is wise to restrain from any insurance companies in our quarterly Top Pick list.

For longer term investors, and provided the stress on financial markets does not increase too much, we believe current prices offer very attractive (re)entry points, especially for AXA and Allianz. On the other side, if the markets remain bumpy during the summer, reinsurers, Zurich and Allianz offer more defensive profiles than average.



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TMT

**Altice**

Price EUR12.75

**Altice said to explore sale of SFR Belgium**

Fair Value EUR16.3 (+28%)

BUY

Bloomberg	ATC NA
Reuters	ATCA.AS
12-month High / Low (EUR)	31.3 / 10.0
Market Cap (EURm)	13,952
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	1 912

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	-16.7%	-6.1%	-11.6%	-3.8%
Telecom	-10.1%	-7.9%	-15.5%	-17.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
P/E	NS	NS	17.2x	11.2x
Div yield (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM

**ANALYSIS**

- According to *The Financial Times*, Altice is exploring a sale of its Belgian unit "SFR Belgium". The deal could value the unit at as much as much as €500m, people informed about the process said. We think it is a maximum, as the unit makes an **EBITDA of EUR50m**, and this would value the company at 10x EBITDA. SFR Belgium has about **110k customers and more than 200k cable sockets**.
- We believe **most likely buyers include Telenet or Mobistar (Orange)**. Mobistar could enjoy having some cable infrastructures, rather than relying solely on expensive wholesale agreements. And Telenet could find in SFR Belgium a nice complement to its infrastructures.
- We view this operation, if confirmed, as **positive** as it allows Altice to **raise cash** by divesting small activities and **focus on major countries of operation** where it aims to be number 1 or 2. We believe proceeds from the sale could be used by Altice to **deleverage** or **acquire companies**, in the media or telecom field to **reinforce its position** in countries where the group is already present.

**VALUATION**

- We stick to our Fair Value of EUR16.3 with BUY recommendation.

**NEXT CATALYSTS**

- H1 results on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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TMT

**Worldpay**

Price 262.70p

**Payment processing issues with the Worldpay platform hit some Etsy sellers for days**

Fair Value 278p (+6%)

NEUTRAL

Bloomberg	WPG LN
Reuters	WPG.L
12-month High / Low (p)	316.8 / 240.0
Market Cap (GBPm)	5,254
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	7,389

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	-6.1%	-7.1%	-15.2%	-14.5%
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SVS	-8.3%	-5.6%	-7.5%	-9.8%
DJ Stoxx 600	-6.9%	-3.6%	-10.0%	-12.9%

	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
P/E	38.0x	23.2x	19.7x	16.3x
Div yield (%)	NM	0.7%	1.0%	1.4%

**FACTS**

- Since 1st July, many users of the Etsy Inc. online marketplace have been hit by lingering transactional problems. What Etsy has described it as a "third-party payments processing issue" has left thousands of purchases in limbo. A thread in the "Bugs" section of the Etsy online community forum has registered more than 4,000 complaints from buyers and sellers who cannot complete transactions. Etsy began posting official updates about the issue in the Bugs forum thread on 1st July: "One of our partners is having a technical issue that is delaying the last step of payment processing. We're working with them to help resolve the issue. Once it is cleared up on their end, all the payments that currently say 'processing' will be able to finalize."
- According to Tech Crunch, the outage does not appear to be affecting any Etsy transactions conducted with PayPal. Some Etsy users have posted that they are having processing issues with the Worldpay platform. Worldpay has come forward after 6 days of silence, acknowledging that it is experiencing a service disruption (delay in settling some deposits and refunds, affecting a certain number of customers). The group has just issued a press release saying: "Worldpay is aware of an isolated issue impacting one of our gateways, resulting in a delay to settlement for a small number of our customers. We are working to resolve this issue urgently and we have proactively communicated with all affected customers".

**ANALYSIS**

- These kind of glitches afflicting payments can happen, but of course they have to be resolved very quickly in order not to impact the business and the reputation of the company. For Worldpay, it is all the more disappointing as this PSP has invested a lot in its proprietary payment platform in recent years (total investment plan from 2012 to 2017e at around GBP500m) to be fully independent from Royal Bank of Scotland (the group remains currently dependent on RBS for the clearing & settlement components).

**VALUATION**

- We maintain our Neutral rating and our FV of 278p.** Despite our far-from-pessimistic estimates, the share is not cheap, even taking into account only EV/EBITDA (it trades at 16.7x in FY16e whereas in our SOTP it deserves 16.1x, taking into account a 12.5% premium on the UK).

**NEXT CATALYSTS**

- H1 earnings results:** 9 August (before trading).

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## BG's Wake Up Call

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