

press release

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The forward look from The Share Centre

Nick Raynor, investment adviser at retail stockbroker The Share Centre, gives his thoughts on what to expect from companies announcing results week commencing 9 March.

Monday

N/a

Tuesday

N/a

Wednesday

Tullow Oil (Finals)

Tullow are famed for positive results. Whether or not its new oil finds, upgrades of existing oil fields or new developing sites being acquired. No doubt there will be some element of this in the figures but it will be interesting to see how Tullow has been coping with the falling price of oil.

We currently list Tullow as a BUY

Thursday

Home Retail (Trading statement)

Home Retail owns various retail companies, Argos being one of them. Recently it was announced that plans had been abandoned to roll-out the Argos brand in India. This could be seen in two ways, good that costs are now going to be kept down in 2009 but also it could be a negative as the company does need to look for other areas to grow in.

We currently list Home Retail as a SELL

Morrisons (Prelims)

Recent figures released from market data sources note that Morrisons have increased their recent market share from 11.6% to 11.8%. However, it will be interesting to see how the recent price wars between all the major UK grocers will have affected the bottom line and whether it will have a major effect on profits.

We currently list Morrisons as a HOLD

Standard Life (Prelims)

Aviva released recent figures and the share price plummeted. The rest of the insurance sector fared the same, as the threat of rights issues looms. It will be interesting to see if Standard raise this issue and also what their policy on its divided payments.

We currently list Standard Life as a HOLD

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Friday
N/a

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