

press release

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The forward look from The Share Centre

Graham Spooner, investment adviser at retail stockbroker, The Share Centre, gives his thoughts on what to expect from companies announcing results w/c 29 June.

■ Monday

N/a

■ Tuesday

Drax (Trading update)

The operator of Europe's largest coal fired power station. The share price is geared to the relationship between the price of power, coal and carbon. The company's last update in April stated that trading was in line with expectations. Look especially for news and thoughts on commodity prices. The Share Centre currently do not have a rating on Drax.

Petrofac (Trading update)

Petrofac is a FTSE 100 oil support services group, which has been winning its fair share of contract wins over the last year. Investors will be looking for an update on those contracts and if there is any further pressure from customers to extract lower prices from service companies.

We currently list Petrofac as a BUY

■ Wednesday

Marks and Spencer (Quarterly update)

There are hopes that a seasonal uplift and better weather may have helped sales. Any news on future management structure will also be of interest to analysts. The retail sector remains under pressure and Marks & Spencer has seen customers drift away to cheaper providers.

We currently list Marks as a SELL

■ Thursday

Amec (Trading update)

The group has been looking to expand its operations. Expect more news on talks with Australian engineering group GRD regarding a possible offer. Like most companies the group has seen a slowdown in some parts of the business. Investors will be keen to know if this trend has continued and if the targets for improved margins remain on track.

We currently list Amec as a BUY

■ Friday

N/a

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