

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 w/c 17 August.

■ Monday

Hill & Smith (Interims)

Hill & Smith is an international solutions provider for the infrastructure, galvanizing, building and construction markets. In particular, the M25 is one of Hill & Smith's largest contracts and has been recognised for its road safety barriers and street lighting columns.

Hill & Smith has a programme of acquisitions, which enable the company to build its operations in the UK as well as in France, the US, Thailand and China. We are hoping the interim announcement may confirm further contracts.

We currently list Hill & Smith as a BUY

■ Tuesday

British Land (Q1 results).

British Land is one of UK's oldest property groups investing in prime and modern properties. Although we are only expecting a quarter one update, we are hoping for good news about the state of the sector; recent share price movements suggest things are looking up.

We currently list British Land as a HOLD

■ Wednesday

N/a

■ Thursday

Rio Tinto (Interims)

Confidence appears to be returning to the mining sector. However, Rio Tinto's results may well pass investors by as market watchers will be looking for developments in its spat with China.

Fellow miner, BHP Billiton recently issued poor results, but its debt situation is much better than Rio Tinto's. It will also be interesting to see how Rio has been addressing their debt situation.

We currently list Rio Tinto as a HOLD

■ Friday

Rightmove (Interims)

Rightmove's share price has been improving in parallel with growing confidence in the housing sector. We expect Rightmove's interim figures to back this up, but they will need to be impressive to justify the 150% rise in the company's share price since February.

We don't currently provide a published opinion on Rightmove. However, customers of The Share Centre, registered for its advice service can call to speak to its advisers about Rightmove in more detail.

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