

## press release

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### Catering group compass see's share price rise

- Compass group's share price increases by 1.2% to 532.50p
- The Share Centre lists Compass as a 'buy' due to solid global exposure

**This morning, Compass Group's positive trading statement boosted it's share price by 1.2%. Nick Raynor, investment adviser at The Share Centre, comments on the contract caterer and explains what this mean to investors.**

"Over the last six months, Compass' share price has been experiencing an upward trend as the Group continue to win new business and retain existing clients. Today's positive trading statement saw it rise again by 1.2% in early morning trading.

"The contract caterer is ideal for investors looking for good overseas exposure. We really like their global presence as they operate in more than 50 countries worldwide.

"Their healthy presence in North America is the most positive with almost 45% of revenue coming from this part of the world. Europe accounts for 25% of revenue, the UK 14% and the rest of the world 17%.

"The Groups efficiency measures have improved operating margins by around 50 basis points. This continued cost saving strategy looks to increase organic growth by 2% in the first half of the year in North America alone.

"Compass is in a good position to benefit further from the trend of companies choosing to outsource their catering in a bid to cut operating costs. The Group has long term attractions for investors looking for a balance of income and growth from a large cap company."

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**Note to editors:**

Figures correct as of 10.30am on 30 March 2010.

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**Top buys**

1. BG
2. BP
3. Royal Dutch Shell
4. Talisman Energy
5. Exxon Mobil
6. Marathon Oil Corporation
7. Desire Petroleum
8. RBS
9. Lloyds
10. Antisoma

**Top sells**

1. Lloyds
2. RBS
3. Barclays
4. Desire petroleum
5. Xstrata
6. Altona Energy
7. Antisoma
8. Rockhopper Exploration
9. Cable & Wireless Communication
10. Healthcare Locums

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