

## press release

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Share of the week from The Share Centre

**Nick Raynor, investment adviser at The Share Centre picks higher risk stock, Axis-Shield as his share of the week, here's why:**

"Axis-Shield specialises in the supply of instruments and tests for the rapidly growing physician's office testing market. The company also develop, manufacture and market innovative proprietary diagnostics kits in areas of clinical need, including cardiovascular and neurological diseases, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

"Final results were released in mid-March and despite a fall in profits; revenues have increased to over the £100m mark for the first time. Investors should not be put off by the slightly lower profit levels, as the rest of the results were impressive and highlighted the company's potential for growth.

"We expect good growth from Axis-Shield during 2011, through mergers and acquisition activity, the development of its products and the expansion of its global reach. Emerging markets will be a key player as a newly developed sales force takes on China.

"The company has demonstrated its confidence by announcing it intends to make a maiden dividend payment. It may be a nominal 1p but it's a start and shows faith in future revenues and profits."

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