

The FTSE 100 and their pension disclosures A Quarterly Report from Pension Capital Strategies July 2008

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Executive Summary

- The total deficit in FTSE 100 pension schemes at 30 June 2008 is estimated to be £8 billion. This is a deterioration of £12 billion on the position 12 months ago.
- More significantly, we estimate that the total buyout solvency deficit in the FTSE 100 pension schemes has improved to £110 billion from a deficit of £200 billion 12 months ago. In part, this is due to insurance company prices becoming significantly more competitive with the arrival of several new entrants to the market.
- There is significant evidence emerging of moves in the last year to reduce the mismatching of assets to liabilities. 14 FTSE 100 companies increased their bond allocations by more than 10%, with Rolls-Royce alone switching more than £3 billion into bonds. Overall, the average pension scheme asset allocation to bonds has increased from 35% to 40% in just 12 months. This represents the largest 12-month shift in investment strategy for 20 years.
- Lonmin became the first FTSE 100 company to offload its pension liabilities to an insurance company. Friends Provident also completed a £350 million deal with Norwich Union to cover its current pensioners. The PCS publication, 2008 Survey of Analysts' Views on Pensions, showed that 72% of analysts in the survey were neutral to such moves (despite the apparent cost). The PCS Buyout Market Watch, July 2008, indicates that many more buyouts are expected to materialise in the next 18 months.

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- 20 FTSE 100 companies are now reporting an irrecoverable surplus. The total reported irrecoverable surplus for FTSE 100 companies is now £2.4 billion. For British Airways, the irrecoverable pension surplus is equivalent to 47% of the market value of the company. New IAS19 guidance (IFRIC14) could dramatically affect pension surpluses or deficits published in 2008 accounts.
- 36 companies disclosed a pension surplus in their most recent annual report and accounts; 55 companies disclosed pension deficits. However we estimate that about 30 companies would disclose a surplus if they had a year-end of 30 June 2008.
- In the last 12 months, the total disclosed pension liabilities of the FTSE 100 companies have edged up from £379 billion to £381 billion. 13 companies have pension liabilities of more than £10 billion, the largest of which is BT with pension liabilities of £35 billion. 21 companies have pension liabilities of less than £100 million, of which 8 companies have no defined benefit pension liabilities.
- As pension funding positions have improved, so the financial significance of pension scheme deficits has reduced. However, British Airways, Invensys, BT, ITV, Royal & Sun Alliance, FirstGroup and BAE Systems all have total pension liabilities greater than their equity market value.
- In total, the amount contributed to FTSE 100 company pension schemes in their last financial year was £12.6 billion, down from £14.3 billion in the previous year. This is more than the £7.9 billion cost of benefits provided to employees during the year. It therefore represents £4.7 billion of funding towards reducing pension scheme deficits.

The appendix at the end of this report contains a full list of all the FTSE 100 companies analysed and their relevant pension disclosures



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Funding Position

The overall funding position of pension schemes of FTSE 100 companies has deteriorated slightly over the year covered by their latest annual report and accounts.

Including all pension arrangements, both UK and overseas, whether funded or unfunded, the FTSE 100 companies with the best funded pension schemes overall were as follows:

Name	Rank	Assets £m	Liabilities £m	Surplus/(Deficit) £m	Funding Level
Old Mutual Royal Dutch Shell AMEC Cable & Wireless Lonmin Experian Associated British Foods Sainsbury Land Securities	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	855 38,168 1,328 2,342 78 525 2,474 4,171 139	675 31,318 1,091 1,951 66 451 2,164 3,676 124	180 6,850 237 391 12 74 310 495	127% 122% 122% 120% 118% 116% 114% 113%
Enterprise Inns	10	19	17	2	112%

The FTSE 100 companies with the worst funded pension schemes overall were as follows:

Name	Rank	Assets £m	Liabilities £m	Surplus/(Deficit) £m	Funding Level
AstraZeneca WPP SABMiller Thomas Cook BG Sage Group Vedanta Resources Ferrexpo Eurasian Natural Resources Shire	91	4,355	5,337	-982	82%
	92	504	638	-134	79%
	93	670	854	-184	78%
	94	636	812	-176	78%
	95	591	792	-201	75%
	96	13	18	-5	70%
	97	13	35	-21	39%
	98	1	10	-10	5%
	99	0	52	-52	0%

Last year, new guidance on irrecoverable surpluses was issued in a statement – IFRIC14*. 20 FTSE 100 companies are now reporting an irrecoverable surplus. The total reported irrecoverable surplus for FTSE 100 companies is now £2.4 billion. For British Airways, the irrecoverable pension surplus is equivalent to 47% of the market value of the company. The largest reported irrecoverable surpluses in the FTSE 100 were as follows:

Name	Rank	Irrecoverable surplus £m
British Airways Cable & Wireless Scottish & Southern Energy Thomson Reuters Rolls-Royce Compass Anglo American BHP Billiton British American Tobacco Associated British Foods	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1,159 405 211 119 114 92 68 55 44

Commentary

Adjusting these figures up to the quarter-end, we estimate that the total pension deficit in the FTSE 100 as at 30 June 2008 was £8 billion. This is an estimated deterioration of £12 billion on the position 12 months ago.

More significantly, we estimate that the total buyout solvency deficit in the FTSE 100 pension schemes has improved to £110 billion from a deficit of £200 billion 12 months ago. In part, this is due to insurance company prices becoming significantly more competitive with the arrival of several new entrants to the market.

^{*} For more information on IFRIC14, see PCS publication – IAS19: A Quarterly Guide for Finance Directors, at 30 June 2008.

Investment Mismatching

Recent legislation has clarified that pension liabilities are a form of corporate debt. Despite the fact that there is an increasing weight of opinion from academics and analysts that mismatched investment strategies in pension schemes reduce shareholder value, many companies are still running very large mismatched equity positions in their pension schemes. This has the impact of creating balance sheet volatility which some academic evidence might suggest flows through to share price volatility. Inevitably, analysis of mismatching is limited to the information disclosed in the annual report and accounts. Given the bond-like nature of pension liabilities, the allocation of pension assets to bonds gives an indication of the level of investment mismatching that exists.

The FTSE 100 companies with the highest allocation to bonds were:

Name	Rank	Assets £m	% of Assets in Bonds
Lonmin	1	78	100%
Sage Group	2	13	83%
London Stock Exchange	3	233	82%
ICAP	4	6	76%
Rolls-Royce	5	6,903	74%
Royal & Sun Alliance	6	5,244	71%
Compass	7	1,442	69%
HSBC	8	15,175	67%
Standard Chartered	9	1,252	66%
Invensys	10	4,722	65%

The FTSE 100 companies with the lowest allocation to bonds were:

Name	Rank	Assets £m	% of Assets in Bonds
Capita Tesco Unilever Thomas Cook Centrica BP BG Wood Group International Power Hammerson	91	488	26%
	92	4,089	25%
	93	12,654	25%
	94	636	24%
	95	3,327	24%
	96	21,427	22%
	97	591	15%
	98	89	15%
	99	264	14%

The FTSE 100 companies with the greatest change in equity-to-bonds allocation were:

Name	Rank	Current bond allocation	Previous bond allocation	Switch to bonds
Rolls-Royce Lonmin Morrison Supermarkets AMEC Royal & Sun Alliance Diageo Sage Group	1	74%	32%	42%
	2	100%	75%	25%
	3	41%	17%	24%
	4	58%	36%	22%
	5	71%	50%	21%
	6	32%	14%	18%
	7	83%	68%	16%
Ferrexpo	8	54%	40%	14%
FirstGroup	9	31%	20%	12%
Smith & Nephew	10	31%	20%	12%

Commentary

There is significant evidence emerging of moves in the last year to reduce the mismatching of pension assets to liabilities. Morrison is the latest company to report a big switch, increasing from 17% of assets in bonds to 41%. 25 FTSE 100 companies now have more than 50% of assets in bonds. However, company disclosures reveal little of the extensive activity there has been by a number of companies to reduce mismatching risk by LDI (liability-driven investment) strategies, which frequently make use of derivatives and other financial instruments. Overall, the average pension scheme asset allocation to bonds has increased to 40%, from 35% in the previous year's accounts. This represents the largest 12-month shift in investment strategy for 20 years.

We can also expect IFRIC14 to impact on pension scheme investment strategies. If shareholders see none of the upside of pension scheme investment in equities and all of the downside, there will inevitably be further pressure on company management to encourage moves towards lower risk investments in pension schemes.

Size of Pension Scheme

In recent years, pension schemes have grown significantly. Attempts by many companies to stem the growth of their pension liabilities by closing defined benefit pension schemes to new entrants have had little impact. Changes in economic conditions and increasing life expectancy have contributed to the spiralling growth in pension liabilities. More recently, persistent problems in the credit markets have maintained a high spread on corporate bonds. This has countered the effects of rising inflation and increasing life expectancy, stifling the growth in pension liabilities over the last year.

The FTSE 100 companies with the largest pension scheme liabilities (all those over £10 billion) are as follows:

Name	Rank	Total Pension Liabilities £m	Equity Market Value* £m
BT Royal Dutch Shell Royal Bank of Scotland BP Barclays BAE Systems Lloyds TSB National Grid HSBC British Airways Unilever	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	34,669 31,318 27,322 19,997 17,476 17,109 16,795 16,391 16,128 13,550 12,879	15,634 129,825 34,905 109,703 19,072 15,521 17,496 16,587 93,126 2,475 43,000
GlaxoSmithKline Aviva	12 13	10,338 10,017	59,741 13,143

* as at 30 June 2008

The FTSE 100 companies with the smallest pension liabilities (all those under £100 million) are as follows:

Name	Rank	Total Pension Liabilities £m	Equity Market Value* £m
Wood Group	80	94	2,580
British Land	81	80	3,624
Lonmin	82	66	4,941
Liberty International	83	59	3,126
Hammerson	84	53	2,592
Eurasian Natural Resources	85	52	17,166
Vedanta Resources	86	35	6,255
Alliance Trust	87	19	2,101
Sage Group	88	18	2,705
Enterprise Inns	89	17	2,062
Ferrexpo	90	10	2,425
ICAP	91	7	3,490
Shire	92	2	4,606

In addition, Admiral, Antofagasta, BSkyB, Cairn Energy, Carphone Warehouse, Kazakhmys, Petrofac and Tullow Oil all reported no defined benefit pension liabilities.

* as at 30 June 2008

Commentary

In the last 12 months, the total disclosed pension liabilities of the FTSE 100 companies have edged up from £379 billion to £381 billion. 13 companies have pension liabilities of more than £10 billion, whilst 21 companies have pension liabilities of less than £100 million. Lonmin became the first FTSE 100 company to offload its pension liabilities to an insurance company. Friends Provident also completed a £350 million deal with Norwich Union to cover its current pensioners. The PCS Buyout Market Watch, July 2008, indicates that many more buyouts are expected to materialise in the next 18 months. The PCS publication, 2008 Survey of Analysts' Views on Pensions, showed that 72% of analysts in the survey were neutral to such moves (despite the apparent cost).

Despite relatively stable aggregate pension liabilities and funding levels, many companies face in excess of a 50% increase in Pension Protection Fund (PPF) levy premium rates. The PPF's scaling factor for the 2008/9 risk-based levy has increased to 3.77 from 2.47; and the funding level at which schemes will pay no risk-based levy increased from 125% to 140%, subjecting more companies to the levy. Actual levy amounts charged may decrease for companies with an improved Section 179 funding position, but overall the PPF Board estimates to collect £675 million for both 2007/8 and 2008/9. This compares with a 2006/7 levy of £271 million.

Significance of the Pension Scheme in the Board Room

The impact of the pension liabilities on corporate decision-making and its importance in the boardroom depends on the relative size of the pension scheme. In the analysis below, the pension scheme deficit and liabilities are expressed as a percentage of the equity market value of the company.

The FTSE 100 companies with the most significant pension scheme liabilities are as follows:

Name	Rank	Equity Market Value* £m	Deficit as a % of Equity Market Value	Liabilities as a % of Equity Market Value
British Airways	1	2,475	-29%	547%
Invensys	2	2,074	9%	237%
BT	3	15,634	-18%	222%
ITV	4	1,738	6%	150%
Royal & Sun Alliance	5	4,152	-4%	122%
FirstGroup	6	2,505	-5%	111%
BAE Systems	7	15,521	13%	110%
Rolls-Royce	8	6,956	0%	99%
National Grid	9	16,587	-1%	99%
Rexam	10	2,487	3%	97%
Lloyds TSB	11	17,496	4%	96%
Barclays	12	19,072	-3%	92%
Marks & Spencer	13	5,261	-10%	86%
Royal Bank of Scotland	14	34,905	-1%	78%
Aviva	15	13,143	1%	76%

* as at 30 June 2008

The FTSE 100 companies with the least significant pension scheme liabilities are as follows:

Name	Rank	Equity Market Value* £m	Deficit as a % of Equity Market Value	Liabilities as a % of Equity Market Value
Man Group Lonmin Alliance Trust Enterprise Inns Sage Group Vedanta Resources Ferrexpo Eurasian Natural Resources	83 84 85 86 87 88 89	10,692 4,941 2,101 2,062 2,705 6,255 2,425 17,166	0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0% 0%	2% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 0%
ICAP Shire	91 92	3,490 4,606	0% 0%	0% 0%

In addition, Admiral, Antofagasta, BSkyB, Cairn Energy, Carphone Warehouse, Kazakhmys, Petrofac and Tullow Oil all reported no defined benefit pension liabilities.

* as at 30 June 2008

Commentary

Whilst there are eight FTSE 100 companies with no defined benefit pension liabilities, seven FTSE 100 companies have pension scheme liabilities that are bigger than the total equity value of the company. Two FTSE 100 companies have pension deficits bigger than 10% of the equity value of the company.

Impact of the Pension Scheme on the Company's Share Price

As already mentioned, there is some evidence that balance sheet volatility caused by pension schemes flows through to share price volatility. Changes in the balance sheet position resulting from pensions can be separated into expected changes and unexpected changes. Expected balance sheet changes arise largely from the contributions paid by the company and the costs shown in the company's income statement. Unexpected balance sheet changes arise largely from actuarial gains and losses (due to stock market volatility) and changes to actuarial assumptions.

In the analysis below, the unexpected change in balance sheet position (net of change in irrecoverable surplus) is expressed as a percentage of the equity market value of the company. We are not suggesting that the balance sheet impact will translate into a £ for £ impact on a company's share price (not least because of the impact of deferred tax), but this analysis gives a good indication of those companies most positively (and negatively) affected by their pension schemes in their last financial year.

The FTSE 100 companies most positively affected by their pension schemes were:

Name	Rank	Equity Market Value* £m	Unexpected Balance Sheet Gain (£m)	Impact as a % of Equity Value
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BT	1	15,634	2,616	17%
British Airways	2	2,475	329	13%
Marks & Spencer	3	5,261	699	13%
Invensys	4	2,074	221	11%
Sainsbury	5	5,528	540	10%
Rexam	6	2,487	239	10%
Lloyds TSB	7	17,496	1,128	6%
ITV	8	1,738	111	6%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9	34,905	2,222	6%
Rolls-Royce	10	6,956	393	6%

^{*} as at 30 June 2008

And the FTSE 100 companies most negatively affected by their pension schemes were:

Name	Rank	Equity Market Value* £m	Unexpected Balance Sheet Gain (£m)	Impact as a % of Equity Value
Smith & Nephew	91	4,967	-23	0%
Morrison Supermarkets	92	7,129	-36	-1%
Royal & Sun Alliance	93	4,152	-27	-1%
Cobham	94	2,243	-18	-1%
Severn Trent	95	2,992	-28	-1%
Rio Tinto	96	60,180	-769	-1 %
3i	97	3,157	-41	-1%
United Utilities	98	5,997	-152	-3%
Cable & Wireless	99	3,732	-95	-3%
British Energy	100	7,492	-198	-3%

^{*} as at 30 June 2008

Commentary

Over the year covered by their latest report and accounts, 66 companies felt the benefit of an unexpected gain to their balance sheet as a result of their pension schemes, whilst 24 companies suffered an unexpected loss to their balance sheet as a result of their pension schemes.

British Airways were ranked bottom in this analysis as at 30 June 2007, with an impact of -9% of equity value. The rise of British Airways to rank 2nd in this analysis further emphasises the volatility caused by their pension liabilities.

Contributions Paid Into Pension Schemes

This analysis compares the pension scheme contributions actually paid by companies, with the cost of pension benefits provided by companies to their employees during the year. Surplus pension contributions paid in excess of the cost of benefits will reduce pension scheme deficits. But where the contributions paid are less than the cost of benefits, this will increase pension scheme deficits (or reduce pension scheme surpluses).

The increases in pension scheme contributions seen in recent years seem to have come to a halt, with the amount contributed in the most recent accounting year being £1.7 billion lower than the amount contributed the previous year.

Of those companies with defined benefit pension schemes, only one FTSE 100 company (Enterprise Inns) made no pension scheme contributions in their last financial year. Only contributions actually paid in the relevant accounting year are included in the analysis below.

The FTSE 100 companies who have made the largest surplus contributions to their pension schemes were as follows:

Name	Rank	Pension Contributions £m	Cost of Benefits £m	Surplus Contributions £m
British Airways Unilever Rolls-Royce National Grid BAE Systems GlaxoSmithKline HSBC BP Morrison Supermarkets BT	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	944 790 707 465 487 504 635 583 193 708	199 241 258 132 175 249 404 433 44 576	745 549 449 333 312 255 231 150 149

The FTSE 100 companies who made the lowest surplus contributions were as follows:

Name	Rank	Pension Contributions £m	Cost of Benefits £m	Surplus Contributions £m
SABMiller Johnson Matthey Eurasian Natural Resources Reckitt Benckiser Diageo Thomson Reuters Rio Tinto United Utilities Royal Bank of Scotland Tesco	91 92 93 93 95 96 97 98 99	12 26 1 10 95 50 116 16 599	16 31 6 15 102 59 134 56 706 461	-4 -4 -5 -5 -7 -9 -18 -40 -107

Commentary

As funding levels improve, we are seeing evidence of a slowing down of additional funding. In total, the amount contributed to FTSE 100 company pension schemes was £12.6 billion, down from £14.3 billion in the previous accounting year. This is still more than the £7.9 billion cost of benefits provided to employees during the year. It therefore represents £4.7 billion of funding towards reducing pension scheme deficits.

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Surplus Funding	40 17 6
Previous Funding £m	01 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -
Current Funding £m	9 38 38 38 38 38 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39 39
Balance Sheet Impact as % of Market Value	
Unexpected Balance Sheet Impact £m	(41) (11) (11) (13) (61) (13) (63) (63) (63) (63) (73) (63) (73) (73) (73) (73) (73) (73) (73) (7
Liabilities as % of Market Value	16% 33% 33% 34% 35% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36% 36
Deficit as % of Market Value	(60%) (729%) (730%) (73
% Bonds	4 4 4 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
Funding Level	888 888 888 888 888 888 888 888 888 88
Surplus / (Deficit) £m	(38) 237 237 237 237 237 (1982) (1982) (1983) (198
Pension Liabilities £m	515 101 1,091 1,548 1,091 1,548 1,017 10,017 17,109 17,476 13,550 2,926 2,926 2,926 2,926 1,951 2,625 1,951 2,625 1,951 2,625 1,148 1,512 5,269 1,148 1,512 1,512 1,512 1,512 2,625 1,512 1,512 1,512 2,626 1,148 1,512 1,512 2,792 1,148 1,512 1,513 3,230 1,148 1,
Pension Assets £m	477 1,328 1,524 2,474 4,355 19,110 18,020 18,020 18,020 18,020 18,020 18,020 18,020 18,020 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 2,342 1,442 1,240 10,182 1,240 10,182 1,240 10,182 1,240
Equity Market Value £m	3,157 2,086 2,101 2,951 46,739 6,487 6,007 31,173 15,634 4,237 16,634 17,166 3,732 8,505 17,166 3,411 1,788
Year End	31-Mar-2008 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Mar-2008 31-Dec-2007
Name	Admiral Alliance Trust AMEC Anglo American Antofagasta Associated British Foods Aviva BAE Systems BAF Systems BAF Systems BAP Billiton BP British American Tobacco British American Tobacco British American Tobacco British Land BNAB BT Bunzl Cable & Wireless Cable & Wireless Cable & Wireless Cable & Wireless Carin Energy Capita Camival Carphone Warehouse Centrica Cobham Compass Diageo Drax Enterprise Inns Eurasian Natural Resources Experian Control Friends Provident G4S GlaxoSmithKline Hammerson HBOS HSBC IrrstGroup Friends Provident G4S GlaxoSmithKline Hammerson HBOS HSBC ICAP Imperial Tobacco InterContinental Hotels International Power Invensys ITV Johnson Matthey

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Surplus Funding £m	(0) 22 0 1 1 1 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
Previous Funding £m	4 4 4 5 5 5 6 6 7 7 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Current Funding £m	2 6 7 4 6 7 8 8 9 8 8 9 8 9 8 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9
Balance Sheet Impact as % of Market Value	(0%) (0%) (0%) (1%) (1%) (1%) (1%) (1%) (1%) (1%) (1
Unexpected Balance Sheet Impact £m	(12) (12) (128 (128) (289 (369) (369) (369) (369) (369) (369) (37) (27) (27) (28) (28) (28) (28) (28) (28) (29) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20) (20
Liabilities as % of Market Value	2 C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
Deficit as % of Market Value	(0%) (10
% Bonds	201 834 835 837 838 838 838 838 838 838 838
Funding Level £m	2001 \$\$ \$\$ \$001 \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$001 \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$
Surplus / F (Deficit) £m	(182) (683) (683) (12 (12 (683) (683) (683) (184) (603) (603) (603) (603) (77) (184) (603) (184) (603) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (184) (185) (186)
Pension Liabilities £m	124 1,384 1,785 1,786 1,787 1,811 1,811 1,811 1,920 1,963 1,1964 1,964 1,964 1,369 1,369 1,369
Pension Assets £m	139 1,202 1,202 16,112 233 233 16,112 1,939 16,536 1,853 1,853 1,853 1,853 1,244 2,7662 38,168 8,234 6,903 1,334 1,332 1
Equity Market Value £m	5,731 6,104 1,7496 2,143 4,941 1,936 4,935 1,936 1,938
Year End	31-Mar-2008 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Dec-2007 31-Mar-2008 30-Sep-2007 31-Mar-2008 31-Mar-2008 31-Dec-2007
Name	Land Securities Legal & General Liberty International Lloyds TSB London Stock Exchange Marks & Spencer Marks & Spencer Marks & Spencer Marks & Spencer Mational Grid Next Old Mutual Pearson Petrofac Old Mutual Pearson Petrofac Prudential Reckitt Benckiser Reed Elsevier Reed Elsevier Read Group Sainsbury Schroders Scottish & Southern Energy Schroders Schroders Schroders Tullow Oil Unilever United Utilities Vodafone Whitbread Wood Group WPP Xstrata

* The deficit for TUI Travel is taken from pro-forma accounts as at 30 September 2007. Further details are not currently available.

Notes

- All of the analysis contained in this report is based on the IAS19 numbers disclosed in a company's most recently published annual report and accounts.
- No adjustment is made for the fact that companies have applied different interpretations of IAS19 and have used different actuarial assumptions (for example, different mortality assumptions can make a significant difference to a company's pension liabilities).
- No adjustment is made in the individual analysis for the fact that companies have different year ends. Inevitably, different market conditions applying at different year ends will affect the comparisons.
- The assets and liabilities shown are the total global pension assets and liabilities, not just the UK figures.
- The figures shown in this report are before adjustment for IFRIC14 (and before adjustment for any other unrecognised pension surpluses), except for Unanticipated Balance Sheet Impact, which is shown net of the change in irrecoverable surplus.

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