



European Equity Strategy The post-election rally: five push-backs

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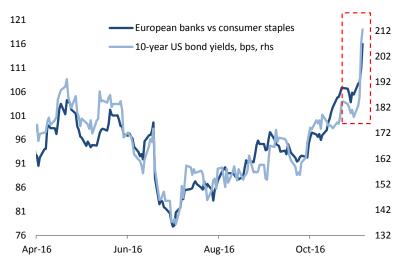


- The market is giving Trump the benefit of the doubt: bond yields, financials and metal prices have moved up sharply following the election, driven by the hope for fiscal stimulus. Our <u>US economists</u> believe such stimulus (focused on infrastructure spending, corporate tax cuts and lower individual income taxes) in combination with reduced business regulation could lead US GDP growth to accelerate to above 3% in H2 next year.
- However, we remain cautious on the outlook for European equities, given that we see five stumbling blocks that could prevent this optimistic projection from translating into meaningful upside for the market. We maintain our cautious year-end target of 325 for the Stoxx 600 (around 4% below current levels).
 - 1) The Italian referendum: our <u>European economists</u> now see a 60% probability of a "No" vote in the Italian referendum on December 4th. Peripheral bond spreads have already widened by 20bps over the past week, but European equities have yet to react. As a consequence, peripheral spreads now point to <u>5% downside for European equities</u>.
 - 2) Intensifying Chinese capital flight: our <u>Asian FX analysts</u> argue that Chinese capital flight is now as intense as in H2 2015, pointing to an increased risk of a disorderly Chinese FX devaluation, especially if the Fed hikes rates on December 14th.
 - 3) The risk of lower oil prices: the oil price has fallen by 17% from its mid-October peak, as the broad USD trade-weighted index has risen back above its January peak. The historical relationship between the USD and oil (R² = 95% over the past five years) point to a fair-value oil price of around \$30/bbl (significantly below the current \$44/bbl) and our FX strategists expect a further 5% upside for the USD index. If the oil price drops back below \$40/bbl, this is likely to lead to renewed financial stress via widening US high-yield spreads (especially given the reduced support from low bond yields).
 - 4) The impact of higher rates on valuations: the fact that European P/Es are around 20% above their 10-year average is due to extraordinarily low real bond yields (i.e. the discount rate for equities), according to our models. The 40bps rise in European real bond yields since the end of October has already reduced the fair-value P/E by 5%. If bond yields keep rising, this will put further pressure on equity and credit valuations. It is also likely to lead to renewed EM capital outflows and, hence, tighter EM financial conditions at a time at which EM corporate leverage is still close to its mid-1990s peak levels.
 - 5) Trump tail risks remain: the market has focused on the benign elements of Trump's agenda so far, but tail risk remain that these will be watered down or delayed in the legislative process or that the less economically helpful aspects of his agenda (such as import tariffs or branding China a currency manipulator) return to the fore.
- Trade recommendations: we remain underweight autos (on CNY concerns), energy (given our worries about oil) and <u>our EM proxy basket</u>, as well as overweight pharma (a USD beneficiary). We also show screens with: 1) <u>beneficiaries of increased US infrastructure spending</u>; 2) stocks that tends to benefit from rising US inflation expectations; and 3) European defence companies, set to benefit from a possible increase in defence spending following the US election.

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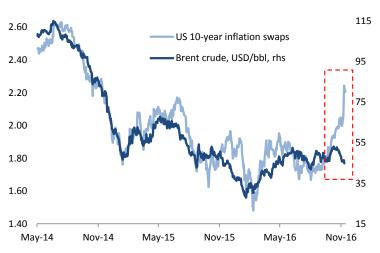
Trump's election victory has led to a spike in bond yields – and an even more intense sector rotation from consumer staples into banks



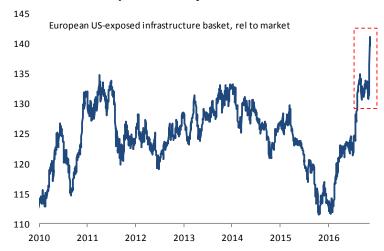
The iron ore price has jumped by 15% following Trump's election victory, even as the USD has strengthened



US inflation expectations have hit a two-year high even as the oil price has rolled over



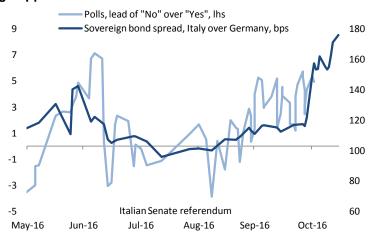
Our basket with European US-exposed infrastructure names has outperformed by 5% since the US election



The post-election rally – 5 push-backs: 1) The Italian referendum



Italian bond spreads have reached the highest level since late 2013, driven by rising support for a "No" vote in the Senate referendum on 4 December



A rise in Euro area macro uncertainty following a "No" vote in the Italian referendum could put renewed downward pressure on bond yields



Peripheral bond spreads have risen by 20bps over the past week – and now points to around 5% downside for European equities



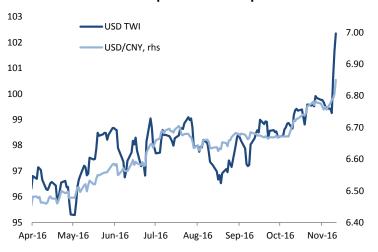
European macro uncertainty is set to stay elevated in 2017 due to a busy political events calendar

*Dependent on outcome of Senate referendum

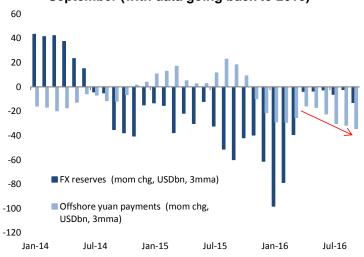
The post-election rally – 5 push-backs: 2) The CNY disruption risk is increasing



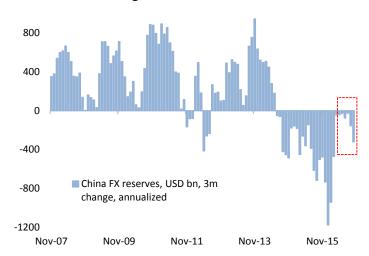
A rising USD, a likely Fed hike in December and worries about Chino-US trade tensions should put downward pressure on the CNY



Yuan-denominated outflows reached a record level in September (with data going back to 2010)



Three-month annualized Chinese FX reserve outflows are at the highest level in seven months



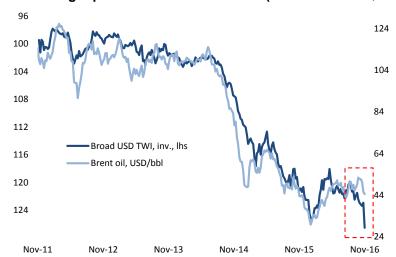
Episodes of sharp CNY depreciation has been associated with falling equities since mid-2015



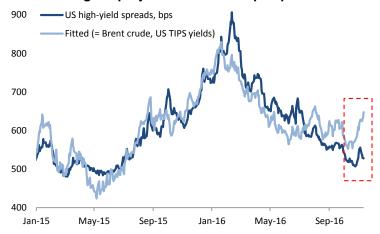
The post-election rally – 5 push-backs: 3) The risk of falling oil prices



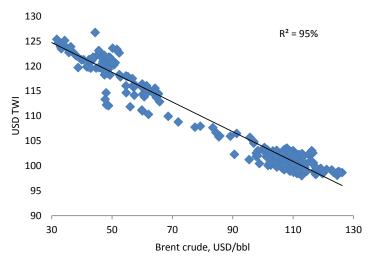
The oil price has dropped by 17% since mid-October – but the recent USD strength points to further weakness (fair value now <\$30/bb)



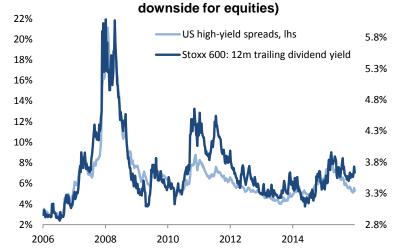
Our model of US high-yield spreads (based on US TIPS yields and the oil price) points to 120bps upside, while our US credit strategists projects a further 80bps upside



The relationship between the oil price and the broad USD TWI has been extraordinarily tight over the past five years ($R^2 = 95\%$)



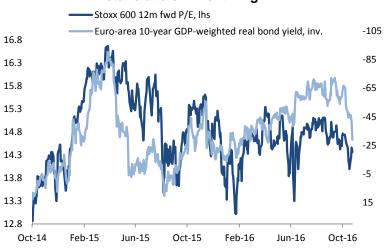
A 100bps increase in high-yield credit spreads is typically associated with a 20bps increase in the European dividend yields (around 4%



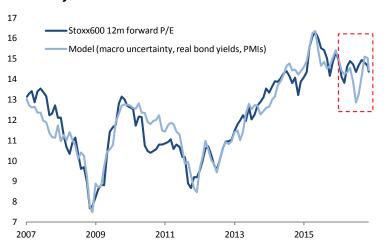
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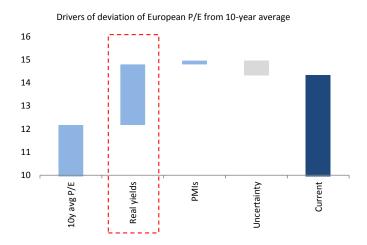
Euro area real bond yields have risen by 40bps – and now stand at a six-month high



Our P/E model suggests the 40bps rise in Euro area real bond yields have taken 5% off the fair-value P/E



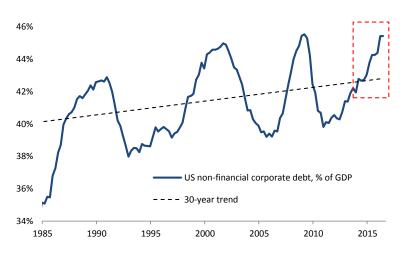
Our models suggest the European P/E, at 14.4x, is 20% above its 10-year average because real bond yields are 130bps below their 10-year average



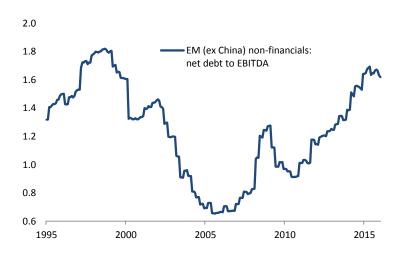
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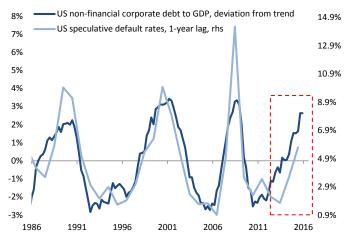
Bond yields are rising against the backdrop of corporate debt to GDP close to an all-time high



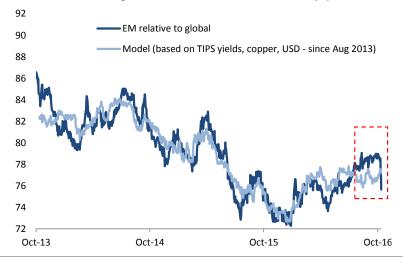
EM corporate leverage is still close to 1990s peak level



Corporate debt to GDP 3 percentage points above trend points to an underlying default rate of 8%, but so far low interest rates have kept default rates subdued



EM is likely going to be a loser from higher US real rates, a stronger USD and weaker commodity prices



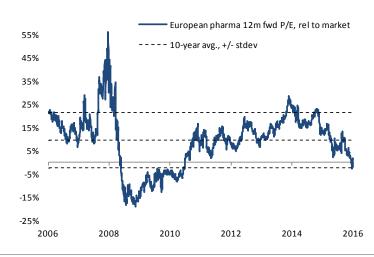
Overweight pharma: a play on a stronger USD



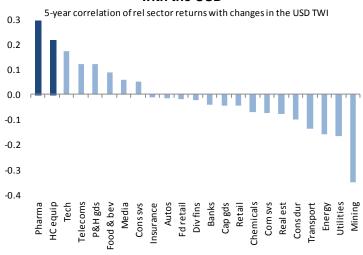
European pharma tends to outperform when the dollar rises, but has recently underperformed despite the strengthening USD



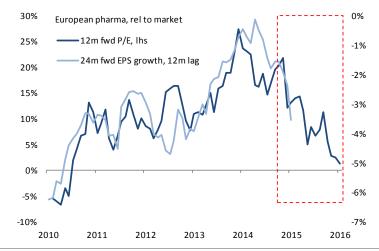
Pharma's relative P/E are significantly below their long-run average and in line with the market for the first time in five years



Pharma is the European sector most highly correlated with the USD



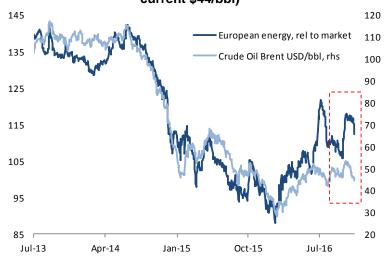
Relative consensus EPS growth projections for the next 24 months have fallen from 0% to -3.5% over the past nine months, but the relative P/E is already priced for a further fall to -5%



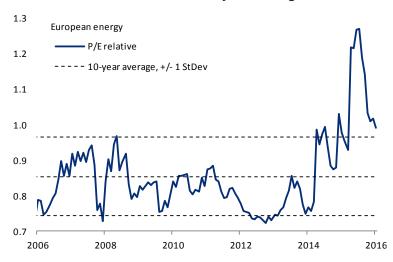
Underweight energy: still priced for the oil price to rise to \$65/bbl



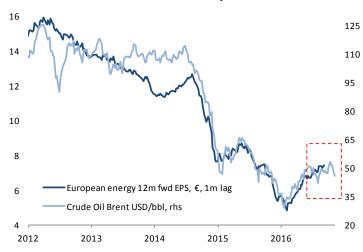
European energy is priced for Brent at \$65/bbl (compared to the current \$44/bbl)



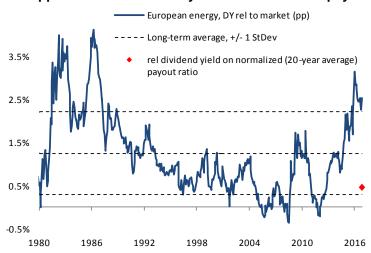
Energy's relative P/E still looks elevated at one standard deviation above its 10-year average



Energy consensus earnings have 2% downside given the latest fall in the oil price



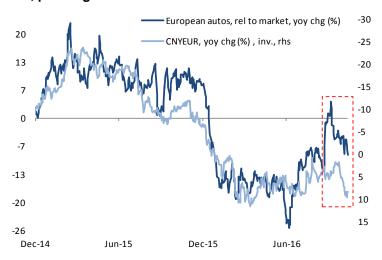
Energy's relative dividend yield is high – but this attraction disappears if we look at the yield on a normalized payout ratio



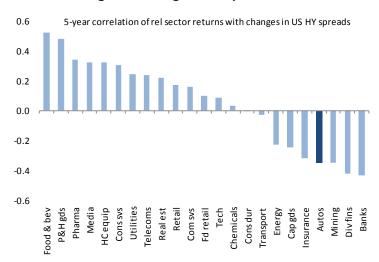
Underweight autos: vulnerable to further CNY weakness



German OEMs (more than 50% of sector market cap) are significantly geared into China, pointing to further downside if the CNY continues weakening



Autos' negative correlation with widening HY spreads is one of the highest among all European sectors



Autos' relative earnings are already at an 18-year high, suggesting that further upside potential is limited



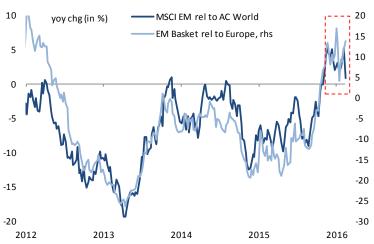
Concerns about autos' earnings sustainability are already reflected in low relative P/Es



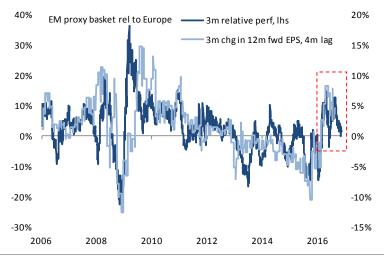
Underweight our EM proxy basket (DBCGEMEX Index on Bloomberg)



Our European EM proxy basket tracks EM's performance relative to global equities



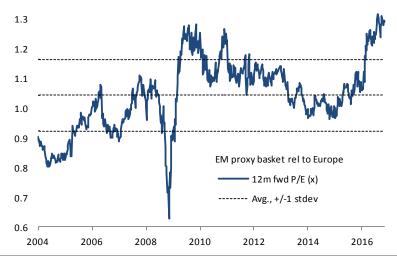
The basket's relative earnings momentum has risen to a 6-year high, but relative performance is already priced for this improvement to fade



Our European EM proxy basket has decoupled from the US dollar



Our EM proxy basket is already trading on a 30% P/E premium to the market



Aerospace and defense could benefit from US infrastructure spending



The European aerospace and defence sector has outperformed by 5% since the US election result



If sizeable US fiscal stimulus were to come, leading to stronger DM growth momentum relative to EM, European defence names could see further upside from current levels



The sector is now trading on a 13% P/E premium, with the relative P/E now at an eight-year high



Screen: European US-exposed infrastructure basket



European companies exposed to US infrastructure spending

								Val		Valuations	aluations			
	MSCI sector		DB recomm	MCap	Price (local)	Sales in USA (% of total,		12m fwd PE	Rel 12m fwd PE, sd	12m trl PB	Rel 12m trl PB, sd		Rel 12m trl DY, sd	Avg of sd from
Company name	level 2	Country	endation	(eur, mn)	11/11/16	2015)	Comments**	(x)	from LTA	(x)	from LTA	(%)	from LTA*	LTA
Ashtead	Capital goods	GB	Sell	8017.48	1385	84%	Industrial equipment rental company mainly serving US customers	13.1	-0.5	4.4	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
MTU	Capital goods	DE	Hold	4950.39	95.2	73%	Engineering solutions for the US-based gas turbine industry	13.8	-0.4	3.2	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.4
Wolseley	Capital goods	GB	Hold	13176.79	4498	63%	Major US distributor for heating, ventilation and waterwork products	15.3	0.0	3.8	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.7
Pearson	Media	GB	Sell	7068.68	741.5	63%	Provider of higher education services in the US	11.8	-2.3	1.0	-1.8	0.1	-2.9	-2.3
CRH	Materials	GB	Hold	26584.96	31.96	53%	Largest US manufacturer of building products and materials	17.8	0.2	1.9	1.9	0.0	1.2	1.1
Meggitt	Capital goods	GB	Hold	3994.39	444.2	52%	Specialist in aerospace and defence equipment	12.8	-0.6	1.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.6	-0.6
Hochtief	Capital goods	DE	Hold	8143.59	126.65	50%	One of the largest general construction company in the US	22.8	-0.2	3.5	3.2	0.0	1.2	1.4
Acerinox	Materials	ES	Hold	3270.02	11.85	46%	Largest fully integrated stainless steel producer in the US	21.2	0.4	1.5	0.0	4.0%	-0.2	0.1
Balfour Beatty	Capital goods	GB	NR	2318.59	289.9	44%	Provider of construction services and infrastructure investments mainly in the UK and US	18.3	1.1	2.4	0.2	0.0	1.7	1.0
Buzzi Unicem	Materials	IT	Hold	3174.70	19.2	41%	One of the leading cement manufacturing companies in the US	13.9	-0.6	1.3	1.5	0.7%	1.0	0.6
Skanska	Capital goods	SE	NR	8218.97	202.7	39%	One of the largest construction and infrastructure development companies in the US	15.6	-0.7	3.3	2.2	0.0	1.5	1.0
BAE Systems	Capital goods	GB	Buy	21741.66	590.5	38%	The largest foreign investor in the US defence industry	13.9	0.4	6.5	2.3	0.0	0.6	1.1
Schneider Electric	Capital goods	FR	Buy	37237.18	62.93	27%	Global exposure in building automation and energy management	16.2	0.3	1.7	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.3
Rolls-Royce Group	Capital goods	GB	Sell	15788.69	740.5	26%	Manufacturer and distributor for the aviation industry with strong foothold in the US	23.4	2.5	2.8	0.7	0.0	1.5	1.5
ThyssenKrupp	Materials	DE	Buy	11952.6	21.12	23%	Material distribution and elevator technology with strong focus to the US	13.9	-0.2	4.1	2.1	0.0	1.0	1.0
Siemens AG	Capital goods	DE	Hold	91927.44	108.15	23%	Leading US supplier of systems for power generation and transmission	14.2	-0.3	2.5	0.9	0.0	-0.3	0.1
LafargeHolcim	Materials	СН	Buy	31071.27	54.9	14%	One of the largest manufacturer and supplier of cement components in the US	18.5	0.9	1.0	-1.0	0.0	-1.0	-0.4

^{*} inverted the sign for comparison purpose

^{**} as per companies' own description

Screen: our EM proxy basket (DBCGEMEX Index on Bloomberg)



European companies with high sales exposure to emerging markets and a positive correlation with EM relative growth momentum

						Correl	Correl with		Valuations						
		DB		Price			EM rel perf	Sales in		12m fwd PE		12m trl PB rel		12m trl DY rel	Aggregate
		recomm	МСар	(local)	Rel perf	over DM	over AC	GEM (%,	12m fwd	rel to market	12m trl	to market sd	12m trl	to market sd	valuation - avg
Company name	MSCI sector level 2	endation	(eur, mn)	11/11/16	(3m, %)	PMI	World	2015)	PE (x)	sd from LTA	PB (x)	from LTA	DY (%)	from LTA*	of sd from LTA
Fresnillo	Materials	Sell	12,262	1,435.00	-25.3	0.3	0.6	100%	26.4	-0.6	5.2	-0.4	1.2%	0.5	-0.2
Tullow Oil	Energy	Hold	2,611	246.80	14.6	0.6	0.4	100%	18.6	-0.8	1.0	-1.3	0.0%	1.1	-0.4
Polymetal	Materials	Hold	4,143	836.50	-26.9	0.2	0.5	94%	8.2	-1.3	4.9	1.2	4.0%	-0.6	-0.3
Petrofac	Energy	Hold	3,042	758.50	-6.6	0.5	0.4	86%	8.4	-1.3	2.6	-1.3	6.8%	-2.6	-1.7
DKSH	Com & prof svs	Hold	4,003	66.00	-2.8	0.6	-0.1	84%	20.2	-0.6	2.8	-0.9	2.2%	-1.3	-0.9
Kone B	Capital goods	NR	18,628	41.40	-10.9	0.7	0.5	83%	21.0	0.0	7.9	0.7	3.6%	-0.7	0.0
ASML	Semis & equ	Hold	39,516	91.19	-5.5	0.5	0.0	77%	23.0	1.0	4.4	0.7	1.1%	-0.4	0.4
Old Mutual	Insurance	NR	10,615	185.70	-12.1	0.7	0.3	75%	9.2	0.2	1.3	1.2	4.1%	0.3	0.5
Saipem	Energy	NR	4,089	0.40	2.6	0.4	0.5	72%	19.4	0.0	0.3	-1.8	0.4%	1.8	0.0
Standard Chartered	Banks	Sell	23,502	617.20	-4.3	0.6	0.2	72%	16.4	0.6	0.6	-1.8	0.6%	2.3	0.4
ams AG	Semis & equ	Buy	1,855	27.10	-17.8	0.5	0.4	65%	16.6	0.5	2.4	0.2	1.8%	-0.1	0.2
BHP Billiton	Materials	Hold	31,799	1,299.50	26.5	0.5	0.4	60%	19.3	1.4	1.1	-1.5	2.2%	0.7	0.2
LafargeHolcim	Materials	Buy	31,071	54.90	9.3	0.4	-0.1	57%	18.5	0.9	1.0	-1.0	2.9%	-1.0	-0.4
Casino	Food & staples retail	Buy	4,829	43.51	-1.8	0.4	0.1	55%	14.0	-0.4	0.7	-1.5	7.2%	-3.1	-1.7
Metso Corporation	Capital goods	NR	3,912	26.02	3.6	0.3	0.6	54%	21.1	2.5	2.7	1.3	4.0%	0.7	1.5
Atlas Copco	Capital goods	Buy	23,540	276.70	15.9	0.3	0.7	54%	22.5	2.0	6.6	1.1	2.3%	2.1	1.7
Yara International ASA	Materials	Hold	9,562	320.00	15.3	0.1	0.5	49%	15.4	1.2	1.2	-1.1	4.1%	-1.0	-0.3
Sandvik	Capital goods	Hold	13,540	106.50	15.3	0.4	0.6	49%	19.3	0.4	3.6	0.7	2.4%	1.3	0.8
Antofagasta PLC	Materials	Hold	8,071	706.00	36.3	0.5	0.7	49%	38.4	3.6	1.3	-1.3	0.7%	1.8	1.4
Andritz	Capital goods	Buy	5,039	48.46	11.3	0.8	0.6	43%	15.8	-0.6	3.8	-0.2	3.0%	-0.7	-0.5
LVMH	Cons durables & app	Buy	82,138	162.00	6.5	0.2	0.5	33%	19.0	0.0	3.1	1.2	2.4%	0.0	0.4

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Screen: European aerospace & defense stocks



European aerospace & defense stocks with a Buy- or Hold-rating by DB analysts

										Valuations			
Company name	DB recomm endation	MCap (eur, mn)	Price (local) 11/11/16	•	Rel perf since Nov 8, 2016		12m fwd PE (x)	12m fwd PE rel to market sd from LTA	12m trl PB (x)	12m trl PB rel to market sd from LTA	12m trl DY (%)	12m trl DY rel to market sd from LTA*	Aggregate valuation - avg of sd from LTA
Airbus Group NV	Buy	42,314	54.76	8.5	4.0%	-3.3%	15.2	-0.3	6.2	2.3	2.4%	-0.8	0.4
BAE Systems Plc	Buy	21,742	590.50	15.1	8.1%	4.1%	13.9	0.4	6.5	2.3	3.6%	0.6	1.1
Cobham	Hold	3,210	162.10	3.9	9.9%	-3.4%	13.0	-0.8	2.3	-1.0	5.0%	-2.0	-1.2
Dassault Aviation	Buy	9,450	1,035.95	10.2	6.6%	-0.9%	19.7	-0.3	2.2	1.6	1.2%	0.4	0.6
Leonardo Finmeccanica	Hold	7,007	12.12	23.5	12.9%	11.5%	11.7	-0.3	1.5	1.3	0.8%	0.9	0.7
Meggitt	Hold	3,994	444.20	-1.0	3.2%	2.0%	12.8	-0.6	1.6	-0.6	3.4%	-0.6	-0.6
MTU	Hold	4,950	95.20	6.2	3.3%	7.0%	13.8	-0.4	3.2	0.8	2.0%	0.7	0.4
Thales SA	Hold	19,291	91.12	12.4	7.2%	4.3%	19.3	2.4	3.8	3.2	1.7%	1.7	2.4
Ultra Electronics	Hold	1,628	1,995.00	18.2	10.3%	2.0%	14.6	-0.9	4.3	-0.4	2.4%	-0.4	-0.6
Zodiac	Hold	6,337	21.86	13.2	2.5%	6.6%	20.7	1.6	1.9	-0.4	1.4%	1.1	0.8

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Screen: European stocks that should benefit from rising US inflation expectations



Buy- and hold-rated names which are positively correlated with US 5Y5Y inflation expectations

								Valuations							
Company name	MSCI sector level 2	DB recommen dation	MCap (eur,	Price (local) 11/11/16	Rel perf	3m % change in 12m fwd EPS	5y correlation with US 5y5y breakeven inflation	12m fwd PE (x)	12m fwd PE rel to market sd from LTA	12m trl PB (x)	12m trl PB rel to market sd from LTA	12m trl DY (%)	12m trl DY rel to market sd from LTA*	00 -0	
Lafarge Holcim	Materials	Buy	31,071	54.90	9.3	6%	0.33	18.5	0.9	1.0	-1.0	2.9%	-1.0	-0.4	
Renault SA	Autos & comp	Buy	21,901	74.06	-1.1	5%	0.32	5.5	-0.7	0.7	0.1	3.8%	-0.2	-0.3	
Credit Suisse Group	Div financials	Hold	26,953	13.83	23.4	1%	0.29	15.5	2.2	0.6	-1.6	4.6%	-1.0	-0.1	
ArcelorMittal	Materials	Hold	19,532	6.37	15.2	100%	0.29	14.5	0.2	0.6	-0.3	0.0%	2.0	0.6	
Norsk Hydro	Materials	Hold	8,924	39.44	10.6	4%	0.29	19.8	0.4	1.0	0.6	2.5%	0.5	0.5	
HeidelbergCement	Materials	Hold	17,286	87.12	13.6	4%	0.28	14.9	0.4	1.1	0.2	1.7%	-0.5	0.0	
Daimler	Autos & comp	Buy	69,291	64.77	5.5	2%	0.27	7.7	-0.8	1.2	0.0	5.1%	-0.9	-0.6	
Covestro	Materials	Buy	11,271	55.66	25.4	23%	0.27	15.7	1.3	3.0	1.8	1.9%	0.6	1.2	
AkzoNobel	Materials	Buy	14,791	58.79	1.7	-3%	0.26	14.0	-1.1	2.2	0.7	2.7%	0.9	0.2	
Faurecia	Autos & comp	Buy	4,285	31.08	-10.5	12%	0.25	8.1	-0.6	1.5	-0.2	2.7%	-1.6	-0.8	
BHP Billiton	Materials	Hold	31,799	1,299.50	26.5	64%	0.25	19.3	1.4	1.1	-1.5	2.2%	0.7	0.2	
Credit Agricole SA	Banks	Buy	30,017	10.69	32.3	2%	0.24	10.4	0.6	0.5	-0.5	5.7%	-0.9	-0.2	
CRH	Materials	Hold	26,585	31.96	17.3	4%	0.24	17.8	0.2	1.9	1.9	2.1%	1.2	1.1	
Boliden AB	Materials	Buy	6,182	223.00	19.1	44%	0.24	14.1	1.1	2.2	1.8	1.7%	1.0	1.3	
Voestalpine	Materials	Buy	6,115	34.96	17.3	2%	0.24	11.9	0.1	1.1	-0.2	3.0%	0.4	0.1	
BNP Paribas	Banks	Buy	68,244	54.75	25.0	5%	0.24	9.3	-0.4	0.7	-0.8	4.8%	-0.9	-0.7	
Societe Generale	Banks	Hold	32,136	39.79	26.9	6%	0.24	9.2	-0.3	0.6	-0.7	5.4%	-1.1	-0.7	
Legal & General	Insurance	Hold	15,873	229.90	10.8	1%	0.23	10.9	-0.2	2.0	0.8	6.2%	-0.8	-0.1	
BMW	Autos & comp	Hold	48,226	80.11	2.4	3%	0.23	8.0	-0.9	1.1	-0.5	4.2%	-1.5	-0.9	
Saint Gobain	Capital goods	Buy	22,747	40.99	7.0	4%	0.23	15.1	0.6	1.2	1.0	3.1%	0.7	0.8	
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles	Autos & comp	Hold	9,168	7.14	19.0	5%	0.23	4.4	-0.6	0.6	1.0	0.1%	0.8	0.4	
Carrefour	Food & staples retail	Hold	16,887	22.33	1.4	2%	0.23	12.5	-1.5	1.6	-1.8	3.3%	-0.2	-1.1	
ENI	Energy	Buy	45,609	12.55	-5.9	4%	0.22	24.4	1.9	0.9	-1.3	6.4%	-0.5	0.0	
Commerzbank	Banks	Hold	8,451	6.75	19.8	-44%	0.22	14.0	0.4	0.3	-1.1	1.2%	0.2	-0.2	
Repsol	Energy	Hold	17,815	12.16	5.0	9%	0.22	10.9	-0.5	0.6	-1.6	6.1%	-0.3	-0.8	
Banco Popolare	Banks	Buy	1,899	2.29	4.4	-2%	0.22	27.1	3.0	0.2	-0.9	0.8%	1.0	1.1	
Schneider Electric	Capital goods	Buy	37,237	62.93	5.0	3%	0.22	16.2	0.3	1.7	-0.1	3.2%	0.6	0.3	
Leonardo Finmeccanica	Capital goods	Hold	7,007	12.12	23.5	11%	0.22	11.7	-0.3	1.5	1.3	0.8%	0.9	0.7	
GKN	Autos & comp	Buy	5,956	299.60	-0.1	8%	0.22	9.4	-1.3	2.8	0.9	3.0%	0.2	0.0	

^{*} inverted the sign for comparison purpose



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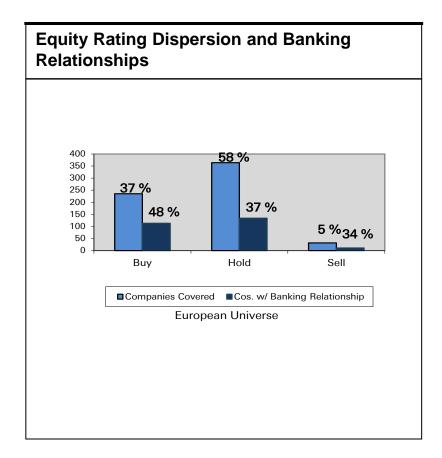
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