

ET Business Daily

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SHARES

Closing prices on London Stock Exchange 06/10/09

LONDON MARKET INDICES			
Value	Change	Change (%)	
FTSE 100	5,137.98	+113.65	+2.26
FTSE 250	9,201.23	+218.70	+2.43
FTSE All-Share	2,638.29	+58.33	+2.26
FTSE TECHMARK	1,806.44	+24.26	+1.53

LOCAL SHARES				
Mid Price (p)	Change (p)	52 Week High	Low	
APM	143.2	5.4	145	75
Biofutures	1.83	-0.12	3	1
Thomas Cook	237.8	3	303	123
CSR	451.4	22.8	524	144
Dunelm	315.6	1	323	121
Ideal Shopping	86	0	119	15
Invenys	205.9	12.7	308	115
Johnston Press	35	0.5	49	5
Kier Group	1126	-11	1355	628
Persimmon	455	13.5	534	180
Pursuit Dynamics	115	-2	180	38

POPULAR SHARES

Mid Price (p)	Change (p)	52 Week High	Low	
AstraZeneca	2783	2.5	2966	2015
Aviva	450.4	-0.8	530	160
Barclays	389.9	8.15	390	47
BP	550.2	15.1	568	370
B Sky B	576	9.5	580	310
BT Group	130.85	1.1	168	70
Diageo	961.5	14.5	1003	727
GlaxoSmithKline	1236.5	17	1319	962
HSBC	702.3	12.6	810	270
Lloyds TSB	96.38	1.4	226	25
Marks & Spencer	358.4	5.2	388	194
National Grid	602.5	3.5	748	511
Prudential	609.5	21	601	195
Rio Tinto	2740	175.5	3118	822
Royal Bank Scot	49.87	1.34	202	10
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	1750	57	1854	1223
Tesco	390.8	-0.8	419	283
Unilever	1771	11	1805	1226
Vodafone	139.9	-0.2	148	96

FTSE 350 TOP FIVE RISERS

Price (p)	Change (p)	Change (%)	
Petrobravovski	1630	+143	+16.1%
Fresnillo	824.5	+74.5	+9.9%
Hochschild Mining	330	+29	+9.6%
Lamprell	190.3	+16.3	+9.4%
Ferrexpo	155.1	+13.1	+9.3%

FTSE 350 TOP FIVE FALLERS

Price (p)	Change (p)	Change (%)	
Northern Foods	67.25	-4	-5.8%
Chloride Group	167.3	-6.3	-3.8%
William Hill	167	-5.2	-3.0%
Sibrex	233.4	-6.6	-2.8%
Synergy Health	619	-14.5	-2.3%

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AUSTRALIA dollar	1.7286
CANADA dollar	1.6430
SWITZERLAND franc	1.5941
EUROZONE euro	1.0475
DENMARK krone	7.8444
MALTA lira	0.4499
NORWAY krone	8.8119
NZ dollar	2.0747
SWEDEN krona	10.77
TURKEY lira	2.2761
US dollar	1.5582



'NEXT GENERATION': Colin Blumenthal with the Windows 7 operating system installed.

Latest Windows system is bright idea

IF Vista spoiled the view, the outlook for Windows 7 is brighter. That's a summary of how Peterborough-based IT services and support organisation Complete IT views the forthcoming release of the new operating system.

"If you are a PC user, you will probably know Windows Vista was not the most popular Microsoft operating system. Microsoft is shortly releasing a new operating system (OS) called Windows 7, which will be available from October 22.

However, if your organisation is a recent purchaser of Vista, you will be able to upgrade at a favourable cost, although check with your supplier in the first

instance, advises Complete IT. Windows 7 shares many innovations from Vista's core technology. However, 92 per cent of the code is totally new. Additionally, and unusually, a new release of Windows actually requires less computing power than the last one.

In fact, Windows 7 could be described as "compact and efficient," running satisfactorily on a variety of PCs, from entry-level laptops to performance workstations.

In Windows 7, there are many small refinements, as well as a few big ones and, generally, it aims to make everyday computing faster, simpler and easier.

"Windows 7 really is the 'next generation' of client operating system software, and it will provide increased usability, functionality and performance for both home and business users," said Colin Blumenthal, managing director for Complete IT.

"I fully expect there to be great interest in this OS, as there is considerable pent-up demand for a new, feature-rich, client-operating system from Microsoft."

Complete IT is based near Marlow, with offices in Peterborough, Oxford, Swindon, Nottingham and London. ■ Call Complete on 01628 552860.

Seminar help in starting up

SERGIO Aschettino, from Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services (NWES), will be hosting a starting your own business seminar at Peterborough's Back to Business Club tomorrow.

He will join club members to give advice on issues including becoming self-employed, what makes a good business idea, and why some new businesses fail. Mr Aschettino will also speak on the support which NWES can offer those who are currently out of work.

Speaking on NWES, he said: "We specialise in helping people who have a good idea for a business to make it a reality, by offering fully-funded professional advice and an excellent start-up business training programme, leading to the completion of a business plan."

The club meets every Thursday at Peterborough College of Adult Education, from 2pm to 5pm, with seminars hosted by employment experts on a fortnightly basis.

■ To find out more, visit www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/backtobusiness.php, join the LinkedIn group Back to Business, call 01733 207348 or e-mail backtobusiness@gpp-peterborough.org.uk

Care funding is future challenge

CARE funding is "one of the major challenges of the next 10 to 20 years" was the message given to owners and managers of care homes at a recent seminar at Roythornes Solicitors' Spalding offices.

Brian Fisher, who contributed to the Government's latest Green Paper on care fees funding, explained that the number of people aged over 85 was forecast to nearly double in the next 10 years, and this could have a considerable impact on the state of the economy.

Private client partner Graham England said: "The seminar highlighted the many challenges care homes face from a funding perspective, and how important it is to maintain health and safety standards. "With a General Election on the horizon, the issue of whether funding is provided by the state or by individuals will come under close scrutiny."

Network at a black-tie ball

THE Federation of Small Businesses - Peterborough branch - is to hold its third annual grand ball on November 21.

It's a black tie event at the Holiday Inn Peterborough-West, in Thorpe Wood, with tickets costing £30 and proceeds going to The Prince's Trust.

Billed as an evening of good food, good music and good company, there will be dancing by The Motivators, supported by Rick Santini's Disco.

For more details, call branch chairman Colin Parnell on 077 111 08170.

Junction links to major bank

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CITY-BASED Junction has announced a new five-year contract with banking giant Santander to deliver a new online home insurance product, plus additions including legal expenses and home emergency cover.

Under the deal, the UK's leading insurance affinity specialist will provide one of the banking group's first Santander-branded insurance products in the UK market.

Santander Home Insurance is available via the Alliance & Leicester and Abbey websites. In addition to managing direct online business, Junction will be responsible for placing the Santander home insurance product



'PROUD': Junction managing director Peter Thompson.

on the UK's top aggregators.

"The Santander home insurance product uses an open panel model, with Axa, Groupama, RSA and Zurich among the underwriters.

Managing director of Junction Peter Thompson said: "Sant-

tander is now the UK's third largest bank in terms of deposits.

"We are proud to be working with such a major player in the marketplace to deliver a quality home product.

"With its high-profile marketing campaign around the rebrand, Santander is gaining strong brand recognition, so we expect a good performance both on aggregators and direct online."

Chief executive officer of Santander Insurance Services Miguel Sard said: "We have been selling home insurance to customers for some time, but wanted to harness the potential of the online marketplace.

"Consumers are now much more likely to research and buy insurance via aggregators and direct websites. "Junction's market leadership and expertise in this area will enable us to benefit from a whole new distribution channel."