

August European Insider Trading Highlights and Summary Report

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Insider buying (Directors and Officers) increased substantially in August 2011 vs. July, as insiders took advantage of lower stock prices. Overall activity was similar to late 2008/early 2009. During the month, we ranked 41 stocks (versus 15 in July), based on what we felt was unusual and/or significant insider activity. We begin September with 154 ranked stocks.

INSIDER BUYING

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There were approximately 1,530 purchases in August, up about +135% from July. August's buy volume was the highest since November 2008. We found 39 stocks to highlight with interesting buying, ending the month with 128 positively ranked stocks (+1 and +2). The figures mentioned represent filtered data.

INSIDER SELLING

There were approximately 245 sales in August, down about -30% versus July. Overall selling declined to the lowest levels since February 2009 (since 2009, average 415, high 704, low 189). We ended the month with 26 negative ranked stocks (-1 and -2), having added just 2 in August.

INSIDER SENTIMENT

Insider sentiment for Europe combined improved dramatically in August, on heavy buy volume. Our Insider Sell/Buy ratio was a very bullish 0.16 in August, improving from averaging approximately 0.7 in the first seven months of 2011.

Previous Bullish readings near August 2011 levels: Oct 2008-Mar 2009 (averaged 0.20)

SECTOR AND INDUSTRY COMMENTS AND TRENDS

	Upgrades	Downgrades
Real Estate	2	0
Energy	2	0
Health Care	2	0
Telecom	3	0
Retail	3	0
Industrial	13	1
Financial	7	0
Technology	3	1

Insider buying into price strength/near 52wk high: Eurodrip Sa; Icelandair Group Holding; Jeronimo Martins Sgps; Breedon Aggregates Limited

Insider buying in higher yield stocks: BNP Paribas (6.3%); Nieuwe Steen Investments NV (9.8%); Stolt-Nielsen SA (5.1%); Banco Santander SA (5.6%); Admiral Group (5.7%); Lancashire Holding Limited (14.8%); Inmarsat (6.3%); Royal Dutch Shell PLC (5.1%); RSA Insurance Group (8.6%)

Market cap trends: Of the 39 newly ranked stocks, 8 had market caps greater than €25 billion; 17 were between 1B-25B; 7 were between €250mm-€1B; 9 were below €250mm.

COUNTRY ANALYSIS

The UK (23% of buy volume), led activity with 16 upgrades, followed by Germany (14%) with 7 upgrades. France (2 upgrades), Greece (2 upgrades, 1 downgrade), Italy (2 upgrades), Sweden (1), and Switzerland (1 downgrade) each had about 8% of buying volume. See the attached list of stocks added in August by country.

Most favorable S/B ratios: most countries ranged from 0.1 to 0.2; France 0.3

Favorable S/B ratios: Poland 0.5

TRENDS AND LOOKING AHEAD

August was a volatile and painful month for anyone who owned stocks, including insiders. Yet, they responded by aggressively buying their stocks on heavy volume. As a result we upgraded 39 stocks, the most we have upgraded in a single month since we began analyzing activity in UK/Europe (Sept 2010). The sell/buy ratios also reflect this bullishness. While the U.K. led in terms of volume and upgrades, the improvement in buying, and lack of selling, was prominent in all countries. Most of the buying was into weak stock prices, which we would categorize as value buying.

In late 2008/2009, insiders showed similar bullishness, however over several months. While the buying was early back then, most of the purchases proved profitable and represented great low risk entry points. It will be interesting to see if insider's current bullishness continues for multiple months as it did back then.

European Stocks Added in August 2011, Sorted by Country

Rank	Ticker	Company	Rank Date	Rank price (Download)	Mkt cap (mm Euro)	Industry	52wk (Low)	52wk (High)	PE (ttm)	Yield (ttm)
France										
+1	BNP:FP	BNP Paribas	8/25/2011	34.36	40,236	Diversified Banking Institution	32.1	59.93	5	6.3%
+1	ALU:FP	Alcatel-Lucent	8/9/2011	2.43	5,290	Telecommunications Equipment	1.96	4.47	14.6	
Germany										
+1	SY1:GR	Symrise AG	8/12/2011	17.50	2,153	Chemicals-Diversified	16	23	17.7	3.3%
+1	EKT:GR	Energiekontor Ag	8/10/2011	5.54	84	Energy-Alternate Sources	3.6	6.71		
+1	DEX:GR	Delticom AG	8/8/2011	58.50	767	Retail-Auto Parts	39.95	79	17.1	4.2%
+1	FRE:GR	Fresenius SE	8/8/2011	63.50	10,418	Medical Products	54.5	76.6	16.1	1.3%
+1	MEO:GR	Metro AG	8/8/2011	31.90	10,128	Food-Retail	28.8	58.8	11.8	4.3%
+1	SMH:GR	Suss MicroTec AG	8/8/2011	6.70	133	Semiconductor Equipment	4.3	13.9	6.3	
+1	BAS:GR	BASF SE	8/2/2011	59.76	53,060	Chemicals-Diversified	40.74	70.22	8.5	3.8%
Greece										
+1	TITK:GA	Titan Cement Co.	8/10/2011	13.40	1,080	Building Prod-Cement/Aggregates	13.2	18.24	18.8	0.6%
-1	FRIGO:GA	Frigoglass SA	8/3/2011	8.72	351	Machinery-General Industrial	8.3	12	13.8	
+1	EDRIP:GA	Eurodrip Sa	8/1/2011	1.18	52	Machinery-Farm	0.69	1.37	15.1	
Iceland										
+1	ICEAIR:IR	Icelandair Group Holding	8/22/2011	5.32	165	Airlines	3	5.38	1.5	
Italy										
+1	DAN:IM	Danieli & C Officine Meccaniche SpA	8/30/2011	16.75	1,091	Machinery-Constr&Mining	13.72	25.07	6.13	1.9%
+1	DIA:IM	Diasorin SPA	8/9/2011	27.90	1,500	Diagnostic Kits	25.72	36.59	14.4	1.5%
Netherlands										
+1	NISTI:NA	Nieuwe Steen Investments Nv	8/31/2011	12.49	528	REITS-Diversified	9.5	15.35	12.8	9.8%
+1	BRNL:NA	Brunel International NV	8/22/2011	20.13	482	Human Resources	19.27	34.98	14.4	3.9%
+1	DSM:NA	DSM NV	8/17/2011	34.71	5,961	Chemicals-Diversified	31.65	47.42	8.5	4.3%
Norway										
+1	SNI:NO	Stolt-Nielsen S.A.	8/10/2011	110.00	925	Transport-Marine	84	155	12.2	5.1%
Portugal										
+1	JMT:PL	Jeronimo Martins Sgps	8/15/2011	13.66	8,388	Food-Retail	8.35	14.83	25.9	1.6%
Spain										
+1	VIS:SM	Viscofan SA	8/5/2011	24.75	1,124	Food-Misc/Diversified	22.37	30.27	12.4	2.1%
+1	SAN:SM	Banco Santander SA	8/3/2011	6.66	53,756	Commercial Banks Non-US	6.37	10.48	7.1	5.6%
+1	IBE:SM	Iberdrola Sa	8/2/2011	5.43	32,506	Electric-Integrated	5.22	6.5	10.3	0.5%
Sweden										
+1	NEWAB:SS	New Wave Group Ab	8/25/2011	29.30	216	Apparel Manufacturers	23.8	58.25	9.8	3.5%
Switzerland										
-1	MYRN:SW	Myriad Group Ag	8/15/2011	3.04	116	Computer Software	2.73	5.35		
United Kingdom										
+1	BLT:LN	BHP Billiton PLC	8/30/2011	2042.50	145,519	Diversified Minerals	2047	2112.5	7.98	3.0%
+1	ADM:LN	Admiral Group	8/25/2011	1279.00	4,080	Property/Casualty Insurance	1249	1754	16.2	5.7%
+1	TEP:LN	Telecom Plus PLC	8/17/2011	636.50	495	Telecom Services	345	705	20.6	3.9%
+1	RWA:LN	Robert Walters	8/16/2011	247.50	218	Human Resources	227	347	17.5	2.2%
+1	BLND:LN	British Land Co.	8/12/2011	561.00	5,715	REITS-Diversified	442	639	5.7	4.7%
+1	RSA:LN	RSA Insurance Group	8/12/2011	118.00	4,733	Property/Casualty Insurance	109	145	10.1	8.6%
+1	ULE:LN	Ultra Electronics Holdings PLC	8/12/2011	1409.00	1,117	Electronics-Military	1271	1903	13.5	2.7%

+1	PNN:LN	Pennon Group	8/11/2011	653.00	2,700	Water	554	750	13.6	4.2%
+1	LRE:LN	Lancashire Holdings Limited	8/11/2011	646.00	1,175	Property/Casualty Insurance	436	720	5	14.8%
+1	GHT:LN	Gresham Computing	8/10/2011	49.50	35	Data Processing/Mgmt	17	61	28.9	
+1	BREE:LN	Breedon Aggregates Limited	8/9/2011	18.63	120	Building Prod-Cement/Aggregates	12.5	19.62		
+1	ISAT:LN	Inmarsat	8/5/2011	402.70	2,096	Satellite Telecom	366	750	8.6	6.3%
+1	LLOY:LN	Lloyd's Banking Group	8/5/2011	32.85	26,056	Commercial Banks Non-US	30.5	79.15		
+1	BARC:LN	Barclays	8/5/2011	186.00	24,590	Diversified Banking Inst.	172	339	8.1	3.5%
+1	FENR:LN	Fenner PLC	8/4/2011	325.40	733	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	197.5	426.7	17.6	2.5%
+1	RDSA:LN	Royal Dutch Shell PLC	8/3/2011	2112.50	144,662	Oil Comp-Integrated	1688	2345	7.3	5.1%

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