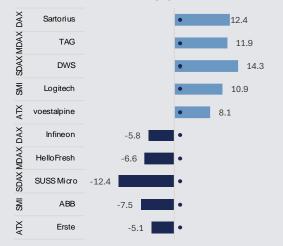


Capital Markets Weekly

Saturday, 01 February 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR	Where	Date
RBI Wr Börse Zurich	ZUR	5-Feb
Baader Virtual AT Day	VIR	19-Feb
Barclays Industrial Select	MIA	19-Feb
Wr Börse AT Day Madrid	MAD	25-Feb
GS European Technology	LON	26-Feb
JPMorgan Global EM Conference	MIA	26-Feb
Raymond James & Associates	MCO	2-Mar
Berenberg EU Opportunities Confe	r LON	4-Mar

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Short Interest



OPTIONS MONITOR

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Barry Callebaut	Puts	13.2%
Swatch	Puts	4.3%
Swisscom	Puts	1.7%
Hello Fresh	Puts	1.6%
Helvetia	Puts	1.2%

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Market wrap last week

The European Markets, led by the STOXX 600 (+1.8%), posted its fifth consecutive weekly gain, up 8% in January, with the DAX and FTSE 100 reaching record highs. Gains were driven by expectations of ECB rate cuts, softer inflation data, and better-than-expected Eurozone PMIs. While US tech stocks struggled after China's DeepSeek AI launch, European equities outperformed, led by Retail (+5.4%), Telecom (+4.7%), and Media (+4.7%). Bond yields dropped as inflation prints in Germany and France reinforced rate cut expectations. The ECB cut rates to 2.75% but signaled a cautious easing path, while France reached a tentative budget deal. European gas prices surged to €51/MWh on energy security concerns. Looking ahead: Eurozone HICP, BoE policy decision, and earnings from AstraZeneca, Santander, L'Oréal, and UBS.

What you should know

Support us in improving the current corporate access landscape. The implementation of MiFID II in 2018 has significantly transformed **corporate access** in Europe. This regulatory shift has led to a reduction in available research, increased cost pressures on brokers, and a decrease in corporate access offerings, particularly impacting small and mid-cap companies. As a result, investor relations teams may need to adopt a more proactive approach, directly engaging with investors to maintain visibility, despite facing cost and resource constraints. A group of students from FH St. Pölten, under the guidance of Professor Kovarova-Simecek, is currently conducting a study on this topic. We are collaborating on this important topic and invite you to share your perspective on this study, in order to support especially small- and mid-cap corporations get better access to investors. Link is here

MARKET UPDATE	<u>link</u>
Trump orders for tariffs on goods from Mexico, Canada, China	ଚ
German migration bill fails amid storm of controversy	ଚ
Europe cuts rates as growth grinds to a halt	Ø

BUY-SIDE AND INVESTOR RELATIONS NEWS	
RBC: Post-inauguration update	ଚ
MFS: International large cap value - the forgotten asset class	ଚ
MSCI: Unpacking active ETFs	ଚ

SUSTAINABILITY & GOVERNANCE CORNER	
Sustainable bond market with record high as per ICE analysis	Ô
IFRS publishes climate-first guidance to companies (S1/S2)	ଡ
Deloitte: 2025 board agenda and a focus on geopolitical changes	P

M&A, IPO & ACTIVIST WATCH	
Barclays' Rossman dives into 2024 activism year and outlook	Ø
SNP: Offer period for voluntary public takeover bid by Carlyle begins	Q
FTI on board governance, AI and activism from a US perspective	ල

MARKETS	Close	YTD %	QTD %	P/E (T12M)	P/B
DAX	21 732	9.2%	9.2%	18.1	1.9
MDAX	26 731	4.5%	4.5%	15.7	1.5
SDAX	14 618	6.6%	6.6%	18.9	1.2
SMI	12 597	8.6%	8.6%	19.7	4.3
ATX	3 864	5.5%	5.5%	10.0	1.1

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