



PRESS RELEASE

ORACA's Research Expertise Increases to 10 Sectors

CleanTech, Extractives and Life Sciences coverage launched, Macroeconomics added

London, 22nd December 2009: Independent equity research house, ORACA, announced today the addition of coverage in Macroeconomics. ORACA has already added seven new equity sectors to its research capability during 2009. Adding to its core TMT independent equity research business, the new sectors covered are: CleanTech, Oil, Gas and Mining (Extractives industry group), Pharma, Biotech, Nanotech (Life Sciences industry group).

"We have used a soft launch approach for our new sectors to bed them in but today are delighted to announce formally the extension of our sector coverage," said Christopher Nicholson, Director and Lead Equity Analyst, ORACA.

He continued: "Innovation and improved technology in the CleanTech and Life Science sectors is creating great demand for products and services. We expect our Life Sciences weekly note to go live in early January 2010. ORACA's unique internal organization has created a culture of cross pollination between team members and sectors, which makes for richer and broadly contextualized research. This approach helps differentiate us from brokers and other research

houses where sector knowledge generally sits in silos.” ORACA has carried out macroeconomic research for internal use integrating it into its equity research products since it was founded. Now it is making elements of its marco research available directly to clients.”

Next month, ORACA will go live with its Daily Bonds Note, a market commentary on key macro-economic news items with an interpretation of their impact on South African bond prices bringing our coverage products up to 10 research sectors.

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About ORACA: Founded in November 1999, ORACA, first of the independent equity analyst groups in London, has a completely independent ethos. We have a reputation for delivery on time and in budget. Our brand and service proposition is unbiased, highly credible, effective high quality equity research with a technologically savvy team. We have developed a highly regarded equity research & distribution service and offer a wide range of capital markets & consultancy products and services. Our collective expertise covers TMT (Telecom/Media/Tech), Extractives (Oil/Gas/Mining), CleanTech (Bio fuels/Solar/Winds), Life Science (Pharma/Bio/Nanotech) and Macroeconomic sectors.