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**Amerisur Resoures (BUY) – Indico-1 discovery opens up Mariposa**  
AMER LN (98.5p, TP 22p from 21p), Market Cap: £161.4m  
(Flash Note Published)

*Our view:* Amerisur announced a new oil discovery on Monday at the Indico-1 exploration well on the CPO-5 Block. The well encountered a 209ft (net) oil column in the LS3 sands of the Lower Une formation. These are the same sands that are productive at the nearby Mariposa-1 well, which is producing more than 3,200bopd. Initial wireline logs have shown no indication of the oil water contact (OWC) seen, demonstrating that this well has encountered the lowest oil for this structure. Further logs will be run, before the well is tested, and put on production (assuming commercial flow rates). The rig will be moved to drill the Sol-1 well once operations at the Indico-1 well are complete.

For more detail see our published Flash Note.

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**Leclanché (BUY) – Financing programme completed**  
LECN SW (CHF1.97, TP CHF 3.4), Market Cap: CHF150m  
(Corporate Stock)

*Our view:* Leclanché has completed its funding programme with approval of the final debt to equity conversion, reducing debt to manageable levels. The trading update gives us comfort in our forecasts with e-Transport emerging as an area of major potential. We reiterate our BUY recommendation and target price of CHF 3.4.

- **Conversion approved** – Leclanché shareholders have approved the debt to equity conversion which concludes the financing changes announced in July, reducing gross debt to under CHF 30m. We have already factored in these changes in our forecasts but it is reassuring to see the plan being executed. While the company is now funding for growth in our view, additional opportunities remain with the company continuing ongoing discussions with strategic investors and a rights issue remaining on the table. We would expect any deal here to be genuinely strategic, adding more value than a simple cash raising.
- **E-Transport represents an emerging opportunity** – CEO, Anil Srivastava, used the EGM to update on trading with the e-Transport business building strongly with the order book from this segment now at 1m cells in 2019 and over 3m in 2020. The stationary market remains strong with more than 100MWh of projects in completion. The company is planning a tripling of production and assembly capacity in Germany and Switzerland.
- **We value the company at CHF 3.4** – Given the growth potential of the company we continue to use a DCF valuation with a WACC of 8.8% to get a valuation of CHF 3.4. The main risks to our valuation are failure to gain market traction and competitive response.

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## Ocean Wilsons Holdings (BUY) – Further investments in container terminal equipment OCN LN (1,125p, TP 1,600p), Market Cap: £400m (Corporate Stock)

*Our view:* Ocean Wilsons' maritime and logistics operating subsidiary, Wilson Sons, has announced a significant investment in new cranes for its Salvador container terminal. We calculate the value of the investment at USD37m; this is already built into our medium term capex estimates. There is no update at this time on the strategic review of container terminals but this further investment will add to the value of the assets. Ocean Wilsons, the holding company, is good value, trading on a 2019e PE of 10x vs. the wider global logistics & maritime sector on 13x, or a 23% discount. The holding company P/NAV discount to underlying assets, at 30%, remains above the long-term average of 27%. Ocean has an estimated dividend yield of 5.1%, twice covered. Reiterate BUY, TP 1,600p.

- **Investment in new container terminal equipment** -Wilson Sons (WSON33 BZ- BUY – TP BRL50) has announced its container terminal subsidiary Tecon Salvador S.A. has signed an agreement with Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries to purchase three Ship-to-Shore (STS) quay cranes and five Rubber-Tyred Gantry (RTG) yard cranes, together with other equipment and spare parts. The equipment is expected to arrive in Q2 2020. After installation the terminal will have a total of nine STSs and 16 RTGs. We estimate the total value of this contract at USD37m; this is already built into our medium term capex assumptions. This investment is part of the wider Salvador terminal expansion plan. There is no update on the strategic review of the container terminals at this stage. For background on this story see our August note: Strategic or tactical, Ocean is good value, 16 August 2018.
- **Valuation, risks and TP** – Ocean Wilsons, the holding company, is good value, trading on a 2019e PE of 10x vs. the wider logistics & maritime sector on 13x, or a 23% discount. The holding company P/NAV discount to underlying assets, at 30%, remains above the long-term average of 27%. Ocean has an estimated dividend yield of 5.1%, twice covered. Risks include demand for trade-linked and offshore energy logistics services in Brazil, container terminal strategic review execution, and currency volatility. Our TP is derived using a 10-year DCF of net cash flows. Our P/NAV calculation includes Ocean's 58.2% stake in Wilson Sons and 100% of the OWIL investment portfolio.

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## Superdry (HOLD from BUY) – A Disappointing First Half & Weak start to H2 SDRY LN (572p, TP Under Review from 1,300p), Market Cap: £466m

*Our view:* Today's results mark a difficult first half for Superdry with H1 PBT down 49% to £12.9m. As previously flagged, the drop was partly due to challenging trading and partly due to an own goal as a result of an ineffective FX hedging policy. New news today flags that recent trading in the run up to peak has been very weak and management have guided that FY'19 PBT is now expected to be in the range of £55m to £70m. This suggests further significant consensus downgrades today. We are reducing our recommendation to HOLD from BUY and place our estimates and target price under review.

- **Underlying H1 PBT of £12.9m** – Adjusted H1 PBT came in at £12.9m (vs CFE £11.0m), a decrease of 49% year-on-year. Adjusted EPS was 11.9p with H1 DPS held at 9.3p. Within these results Group revenue rose 3.1% to £414.5m. As reported H1'19 Wholesale sales increased by 7.8% to £171.8m helped by further sales through the customer base and the opening of a further net 33 franchise stores across 22 different countries. Retail sales were flat at £242.8m. Stores saw sales fall by 2.3% to £177.4m, as footfall was impacted given the unseasonable weather. Average retail space rose 9.4% implying high single digit in store LFL declines. Ecommerce sales rose 6.9% to £65.4m. Group gross margin fell by 70bps to 56.4% principally driven by the strong participation of relatively lower margin Wholesale sales and some additional promotional activity. Underlying Retail profit before exceptionals was £5.8m (vs CFE £4.3m & £17.6m LY), Wholesale profit was £52.3m (vs CFE £53.0m & £50.8m LY) with net Central costs of £43.2m (vs CFE £45.0m & £41.4m LY). Adjusted Group operating profit fell 45% to £14.9m (vs CFE £12.3m) with an adjusted operating margin of 3.6% (vs 6.7% LY).
- **Impact on forecasts** – Management comment that unseasonably warm weather has continued through November and December (the Group's two largest trading months) resulting in an adverse £11m profit impact in November and a similar amount expected in December. With the consumer outlook clouded they also remain cautious on the outlook for the final four months of the year. Management have guided that they now expect FY'19 PBT to be in the range of £55m to £70m. Prior to today's results our FY'19 PBT forecast stood at £83.0m with consensus at £83.0m. Further significant consensus downgrades are likely and we will review our estimates following the results meeting.
- **Valuation & recommendation** – Prior to the changes anticipated above, Superdry traded on a cal'19 PER of 6.7x. The first half performance is very disappointing after a sustained period of stability and profit advancement in recent years. The recent trading performance and resultant downgrades make unpalatable reading and are likely to cause investor concern. We downgrade our recommendation to HOLD from BUY and place our Target Price under review,
- **Risks** - Our forecasts will be impacted by any further strengthening in the dollar, a material downturn in consumer sentiment and any further increases in minimum wage rates.

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