Stockbrokers

- FTSE 250 hots up as UBS narrows the gap at the top
- Seymour Pierce takes sole AIM lead
- JP Morgan Cazenove holds on in tight FTSE100 tussle
- Brewin Dolphin and Pamure Gordon make most headway overall

AIM

The top four have all slipped since February but Seymour Pierce continues to gain an edge on its nearest competitors and is now sole leader with 89 clients, down just one on last time.

Previous joint leader Collins Stewart shares second place with KBC Peel Hunt just two behind while renamed BlueOar, which appeared as Corporate Synergy in our previous Guides, remains fourth.

Brewin Dolphin Securities has gained clients for the second quarter in a row, this time adding two to reach 72. The biggest gain in our table, though, has been recorded by Panmure Gordon, which is up six to 54.

We have one newcomer this time, with Investec Securities entering the top 20.

Collins Stewart has leapt to the top of the market capitalisation table with the aggregate for its clients totalling nearly £12bn and Arbuthnot Securities has also seen a particularly happy quarter for its clients on this basis.

In terms of profitability of clients, Brewin Dolphin retains its lead with KBC Peel Hunt propelled from 11th to second as its aggregate total has more than quadrupled since February.

Small Cap/Fledgling

JPMorgan Cazenove is still well ahead at the smaller end of the main stockmarket board, as it has been in every guide so far, although its tally of clients is down just one compared with February.

Investec Securities retains second place with its total steady but there is a jockeying for positions in a tight bunch making up the rest of the top slots, with former number three UBS Investment Bank dropping back to seventh with nine fewer clients at this level.

Hoare Govett and Dresdner Kleinwort now lead the chasing pack ahead of Panmure Gordon and Winterflood Investment Trusts. Numis Securities has come into the reckoning with the addition of four clients to reach 32 while Brewin Dolphin and Cenkos Securities have both made a couple of gains.

There is one newcomer to the top 20 in the shape of Oriel Securities.

Cazenove is also once again leader in terms of market capitalisations but Investec has snatched pole position when the rankings are calculated on the basis of clients' profitability, with Numis Securities leaping eight places up this table to second.

FTSE 250

Competition is hotting up among the midcaps although JPMorgan Cazenove retains its comfortable lead in all three tables at this level.

Cazenove has Four fewer clients this time while second placed UBS Investment Bank has gained six to narrow the gap to 16 clients. Hoare Govett retains third place with a gain of two.

Positions in the client numbers table are generally unchanged although Citigroup's extra client is enough to take it up to fifth behind Merrill Lynch. Deutsche Bank has added two to its tally.

UBS has also narrowed the gap in the market caps and profits tables.

FTSE 100

It's tough at the top as JPMorgan Cazenove clings to its leadership at the biggest end of the market but the gap is whittled down to one as Cazenove remains steady while second placed UBS regains the client it lost in our February survey.

Merrill Lynch remains third while Citigroup has gained a client to claim sole right to fourth position. Morgan Stanley & Co International has also gained one to share fifth place with Deutsche Bank AG.

Lehman Brothers, the other stockbroker to gain a client at this level, now joins Brewin Dolphin and Panmure Gordon in making up the final position in the table with two clients apiece.

The market caps and profits tables have remained remarkably steady this time.

Total Stock Market

JPMorgan Cazenove has picked up two more clients overall to retain its undisputed dominance of the stockbroker tables, heading all three rankings for the total market.

This quarter's star performer, though, is Brewin Dolphin, which only three months ago looked as if it would lose third place. Instead it has captured eight extra clients and moved into the runner up slot ahead of UBS.

Another notable performer this time is Panmure Gordon. Its addition of seven extra clients not only moves it up three places to eighth but also gives it the status of having over 100 clients for the whole market.

UBS cannot be denied second place in the rankings based on market capitalisations while Merrill Lynch retains that honour in the profits table.

Stockbrokers by AIM clients

Profit of AIM clients

RANK STOCKBRO	KER	CLIENT PROFIT (£m	
1 (1) BREWIN DO	LPHIN SECURITIES	147.2	(108.0)
2 (11) KBC PEEL H	UNT	91.1	(20.7)
3 (2) DAVY STOC	KBROKERS	86.9	(99.7)
4 (4) HSBC BANK		85.5	(76.4)
5 (3) ALTIUM CAI	PITAL	78.5	(77.2)

6	(5)	DANIEL STEWART & CO	76.6	(75.7)
7	_	NUMIS SECURITIES	70.4	-
8	_	PANMURE GORDON & CO.	67.4	_
9	(6)	TEATHER & GREENWOOD	64.4	(57.1)
10	(7)	SEYMOUR PIERCE	58.8	(38.3)
11	(18)	CREDIT SUISSE	43.9	(8.6)
12	(16)	MORGAN STANLEY & CO INTERNATIONAL	39.9	(14.5)
13	(9)	JPMORGAN CAZENOVE	39.7	(30.8)
14	(8)	CANACCORD ADAMS	34.3	(31.9)
15	(14)	SHORE CAPITAL	23.1	(17.0)
16		BLUEOAR SECURITIES	23.0	_
17	(12)	CITIGROUP	21.7	(19.6)
18	(10)	ORIEL SECURITIES	21.6	(27.7)
19	(12)	UBS INVESTMENT BANK	19.6	(19.6)
20	_	CENKOS SECURITIES	11.3	_

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Total number of Stock Market clients

RAN	K	STOCKBROKER		NO.0	LIENTS
1	(1)	JPMORGAN CAZENOVE		222	(220)
2	(3)	BREWIN DOLPHIN SECURITIES		136	(128)
3	(2)	UBS INVESTMENT BANK		132	(138)
4	(4)	TEATHER & GREENWOOD	ני	125	(126)
5	(5)	KBC PEEL HUNT		115	(119)

6	(6)	COLLINS STEWART	111	(116)
7	(7)	HOARE GOVETT	103	(103)
8	(11)	PANMURE GORDON & CO.	101	(94)
9	(9)	NUMIS SECURITIES	98	(98)
10	(10)	SEYMOUR PIERCE	94	(95)
11	(9)	EVOLUTION SECURITIES	92	(99)
12	(12)	BLUEOAR SECURITIES	84	(92)
13	(13)	INVESTEC SECURITIES	83	(80)
14	(13)	DRESDNER KLEINWORT	76	(80)
15	(16)	ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES	71	(72)
15	(17)	MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL	71	(71)
17	(15)	BRIDGEWELL	69	(74)
18	(18)	W H IRELAND	65	(69)
19	-	CITIGROUP	58	_
20	(19)	CANACCORD ADAMS	54	(60)
20	_	DAVY STOCKBROKERS	54	_

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Total Market Cap of Stock Market clients

RANK		K	STOCKBROKER CLIENT MARK		P (£m)
	1	(1)	JPMORGAN CAZENOVE	766665 (76	65412)
	2	(2)	UBS INVESTMENT BANK	638342 (64	47166)
	3	(3)	MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATION	AL 408314 (42	78538)
	4	(4)	GOLDMAN SACHS EQUITY SECURIT	TIES (UK) 312530 (3	14964)
	5	(5)	CREDIT SUISSE	293817 (28	85012)

6	(6)	HOARE GOVETT	251176	(249230)
7	(7)	DEUTSCHE BANK AG LONDON	232826	(219890)
8	(8)	MORGAN STANLEY & CO INTERNATIONAL	216978	(211644)
9	(9)	CITIGROUP	163334	(150565)
10	(10)	HSBC BANK	119372	(123981)
11	(11)	DRESDNER KLEINWORT	111770	(118985)
12	(13)	LEHMAN BROTHERS INTERNATIONAL (EUROPE	82391	(44696)
13	(12)	DAVY STOCKBROKERS	72235	(70029)
14	(14)	PANMURE GORDON & CO.	32326	(29353)
15	(15)	GOODBODY STOCKBROKERS	24587	(23681)
16	(17)	BREWIN DOLPHIN SECURITIES	21511	(20354)
17	(16)	ABN AMRO	21404	(22294)
18	(19)	NUMIS SECURITIES	19880	(17706)
19	(18)	INVESTEC SECURITIES	19174	(18444)
20	_	COLLINS STEWART	16958	

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