

Changing times

Anyone involved in this sector will relate to the words 'All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward'. We are the oldest industry in the world and change is a way of life. Over the last six months we have seen two major changes in our sector. The first, in our view, is fundamental, the second something we are slightly more used to. Both though, in Chavereys view, warrant a moment of your time.

Do you have the energy?

The last six months has seen the birth of a new kid on the block as far as our sector is concerned.

Renewables have always been there in some shape or form but suddenly everyone is renewables mad.

It is Chavereys job to be at the financial forefront of all that is happening in this sector so that we can properly and proactively advise you. With renewables though it is not just about numbers it is about understanding the risks attached to new technologies and concepts.

Despite what most are saying this is early days and in many cases the financial returns are overstated and the risks understated.

We are therefore investing heavily in various members of our team to ensure they understand all aspects of Solar and Wind energy in particular. We will also be holding various renewables seminars over the course of the next six months to ensure that clients who are interested can understand their options and the practical, property and financial issues attached to renewables.

We urge you to tread carefully on any renewables project and we will be happy to help you on any aspect we can.

When volatility becomes taxing

Commodity prices are more volatile than ever and who knows whether this is a spike or a correction. Depending on your sector of the industry this is either good news or bad news, there aren't many caught in the middle. It is our job to ensure you keep as much of what you earn as possible and if times are hard that you get back any you have paid. Over the next month your usual Chavereys contact will be bothering you not only to get the tax return information you haven't provided yet but also asking you to look ahead to your year end. Tax planning has to start now, in six months it is too late. There is no doubt it is going to get more difficult to avoid tax despite the fact that by the time the spending cuts have happened the only person motivated enough to answer the phone at the Revenue will be the Chancellor himself.

And finally on to the Single Payment. Hedging is not gambling, it is a way to protect the value of your single payment. If certainty of cashflow is a must then hedging is a must. Unless you have other Euro exposure it is at least worth considering the merits of hedging. All of our team are now well versed in the options available and we are happy to help where we can.

Thank you for your time.

Please contact your usual Chavereys contact if you have any specific questions on the above.

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