

# Europe Morning Call: Mar 17, 2025

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On Goldman Sachs' Europe morning call today, we discuss our latest **Rates market views**; as well as sector and single-stock updates across Luxury (**recent sector trends**), Telcos (**Sell Swisscom**), Utilities (**Neutral Solaria**), Insurance (**Buy Beazley**, **Lancashire**; **Neutral Hiscox**), and Industrials (**Buy Smiths Group**).

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## **Featured Analysts:**

- **(00:14)** George Cole Latest Rates Views; Bunds price the German fiscal package, with other catalysts needed for higher yields
- (01:17) <u>Louise Singlehurst</u> Luxury sector update; **Buy Watches of** Switzerland, Sell Kering
- (01:42) <u>Andrew Lee</u> **Swisscom** (**Sell**) limited returns improvement within challenging Swiss and Italian market structures
- (02:26) <u>Alberto Gandolfi</u> Solaria (Neutral) execution delays, rising leverage, and risk of lower power prices likely continue to cap price performance
- (03:11) <u>Anthony Yang</u> Considerations on reserving, solvency and performance of London Market Insurers as cycle slows down (**Buy Beazley**, **Lancashire**; **Neutral Hiscox**)
- (04:18) <u>Christian Hinderaker</u> <u>Smiths Group</u> (Buy) addressing investor FAQs; continue to see valuation as compelling

## Notes on the Call:

- Global Rates Trader: Data to Decide
- <u>Europe Branded Consumer Goods: Luxury Wrap: Post 4Q24: 5 Key Questions</u>
   <u>with Investors</u>

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 Swisscom (SCMN.S): Limited returns improvement and rerating potential as Swiss weakness outweighs benefits from potential Italian consolidation; maintain Sell

- Solaria (SLRS.MC): Execution, balance sheet and prices; stay Neutral
- United Kingdom Insurance: Property & Casualty: Considerations on reserving,
   solvency and performance of London Market insurers as cycle slows down
- Smiths Group (SMIN.L): Addressing investor FAQs; Reiterate Buy, scaling the potential buyback returns

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