

Carlsquare/Vontobel weekly trading note: Geopolitical tensions light the fuse for Saab

This week's case is Saab, which should benefit from the announcement at the Munich Security Conference that Europe can no longer trust the United States and must quickly build up its own military defence. Saab is also undervalued relative to peers such as BAE Systems and Rheinmetall. On Friday 21st February, the G7 PMIs for February may provide some insight into the current state of the global economy.

The war in Ukraine and the major developments at last week's security conference in Munich, which raised concerns about the US commitment to European security, have significantly altered defence policy across Europe. Saab AB, Sweden's leading aerospace and defence company has solid financial fundamentals and a growing order book. As global defence spending increases, particularly in Europe, the company is well positioned to benefit from military modernisation efforts. Despite strong fundamentals, Saab's shares remain undervalued compared with other European and US defence companies.

On Friday the 21st, the macroeconomic agenda will be dominated by the February PMIs from Japan, India, France, Germany, Italy, the Eurozone, the UK and the US, which could provide equity markets with some insight into the current state of the global economy.

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