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SPOTLIGHT ON SMALL CAPS



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Small caps just can't escape being dragged into the quagmire by the main market at present, with the indices losing another couple of per cent yesterday.

On the up side, commodities investment group Commoditrade has acquired AMCO Management Services for £4m, while a rare spark of Aim IPO activity is in the offing for serviced office provider **Citibase**, due to release a ten-day announcement to the market today. The company saw a 50 per cent upsurge in profits for the six months to August, so watch this space.

But among the fallers were snack foods group **Zetar**, which shed 6.2 per cent after it revealed Woolworths owed the firm almost £1m on going into administration, and sports marketing firm **Essentially**. Shares in the group, which works in the cricket, rugby union and Formula One arenas, lost a quarter of their value on the back of a profit warning.

RISERS AND FALLERS

TOP 5 RISERS

Name	%+/-
FRONTIER REG S	+50.00
VENUE SOL	+45.45
PORTRAIT	+25.00
COBRA CAP	+23.08
AFRICAN COPPER	+18.18

TOP 5 FALLERS

Name	%+/-
MUSIC COPY	-61.54
AMUR MINERALS	-53.85
TITAN EUR.	-38.30
URANIUM	-36.36
PARK PLAZA	-35.64

