

# INVESTMENTS PERFORMING WELL DESPITE FEARS OVER MARKET PLACE

SHAREHOLDERS are seeing good return for their investments, despite international fears over the economy, a Preston financial adviser has revealed.

According to current figures, companies in most sectors, including defence and retail, are doing well and in some cases outperforming predictions.

Now Glynn Bartley, director at Taylor Patterson Wealth Management, has revealed that despite the international credit crunch and high-profile business failures such as Northern Rock, the market is still healthy for many investors who put their money into shares.

In particular, he says, the aerospace and retail industries are weathering the storm.

Mr Bartley said: "Recently we have seen some very healthy dividend yields – the rate of return shareholders get from an investment – from a number of market places which means that it's not all doom and gloom.

"Investments should still be made carefully, as always, but this is a sign that the outlook for the marketplaces in the long-term may not be as negative as some fear.

"The aerospace sector in particular, which is obviously vital for many thousands of BAE Systems workers in Lancashire who may also hold shares, is doing well. Payouts are doing well for investors and crucially, the order books are looking strong indicating a good long-term future.

"Retail businesses are paying out well, but there is some concern over the long-term future as many high street companies seem to be struggling."