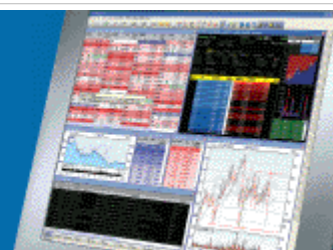


# ShareScope Training Zone

Your guide to getting the best out of ShareScope



## Tutorial 5 - Getting more from News

This week our tutorial looks at options relating to News in ShareScope.

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### Full news

To view a list of all the news stories in your copy of ShareScope, press **Shift** and **\** together (or press the  button on your toolbar if you have it). In Plus/Pro, you may like to open a new window first.

To read a news story, double click on it. To read the next story in the list, press the **Next>>** button or press the **Space bar** on your keyboard. Press **Esc**, click **Close** or click on the cross to close the window when you have finished.

To search for stories that contain certain words, such as 'announcement', simply type the word on your keyboard. To search for multiple words such as 'profit warning' and 'takeover' you can use different search methods to search for any or all words and for certain phrases:

**Space (A B)** Search for stories containing both words A and B in any order

**Comma (A,B)** Search for stories containing either word A or word B (or both).

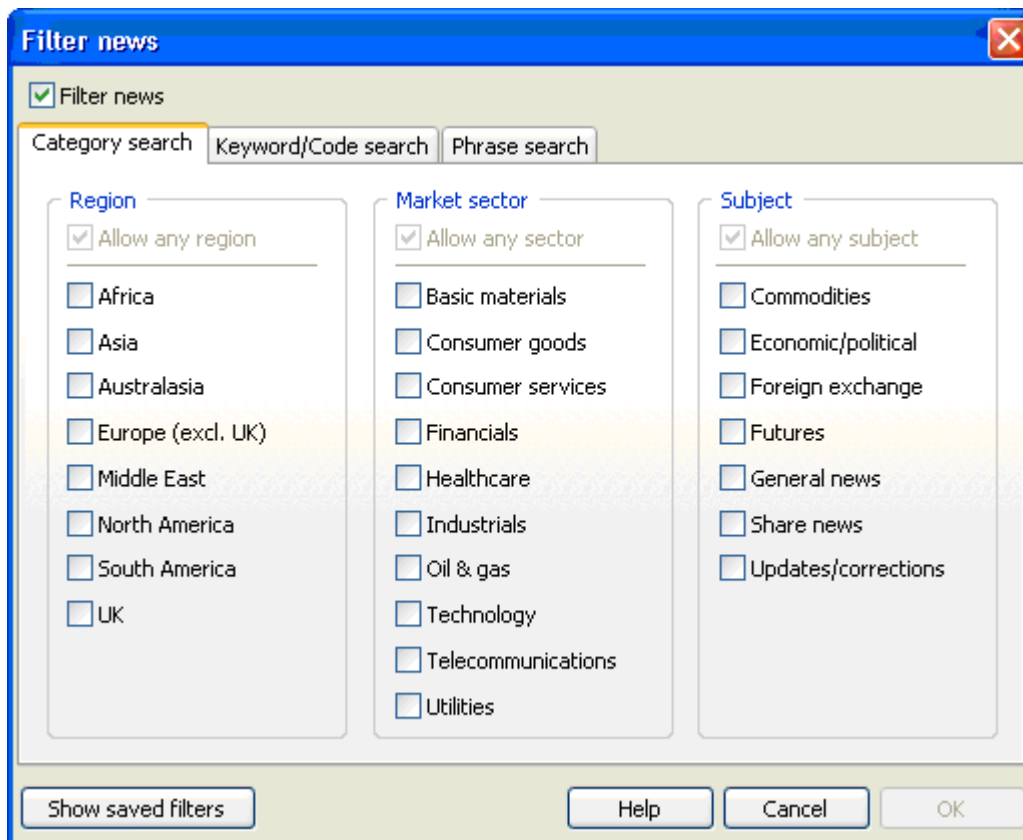
**Minus (A-B)** Search for stories containing word A but not word B

**Inverted commas ('A B' or 'A B')** Search for stories containing text exactly as it appears between the inverted commas

To return to the full list of stories after searching, press **Esc** on your keyboard.

### News Filtering

Besides searching for specific words within stories, you can also filter the news to show stories based on certain categories (regions, sectors or subjects) or by using keywords, phrases or codes. Right click to display the context menu and select **Set news filter**. The following dialog is displayed:



**Category search:** The categories are Region, Market sector, Subject. You can tick as many or few options from each category as you wish. You can select options across categories and the search will reflect this. For example if I ticked 'UK' from 'Region', 'Industrials, Oil & Gas and Utilities' from 'Market Sector' and 'Economic/political' from 'Subject' the search would resemble:

UK AND Industrials OR Oil & Gas OR Utilities AND Economic/political

**Keyword/Code search:** Using the Keywords/Codes tab you can filter news using codes and/or phrases. There are four input boxes, each input box can accept either a code or phrase. The code and phrases entered will be joined by 'AND' when searching and will return results that include only all of the items you searched for.

You can enter a code by either typing the exact code you desire or by matching one to a phrase you have entered.

Phrases can contain up to 30 letters. Phrases containing more than one word will be treated as one phrase. For example "House prices" will return results where "house prices" exists in a story and will not return news stories where the words "house" or "prices" exist separately.

You can use a combination of codes and phrases to yield results. For example, searching for R/UK AND HSBC will return news stories that have been tagged with the R/UK (UK region) code and contain the phrase HSBC - results that match only HSBC or R/UK will not be included.

Some of the most used codes are:

N/HOT – Hot news  
 P/UKMB – UK Morning Briefing  
 1011 – European Briefing  
 P/UKCA or P/UKCL – UK Calendar of Events  
 1198 – Analyst Ratings Changes-Hourly (London)  
 P/UKMC – UK Market Talk Brokers Comments

And for sports followers you could even use:

P/UKSP – UK Sport  
 J/SPO – Wall Street Journal Sport

Remember that if you use more than one code you will only see stories that contain all the codes entered. Save the codes above as separate filters, or use multiple news windows on your layout (if you have Plus/Pro).

**Phrase search:** The Phrase search tab is for searching for phrases alone. The phrase search will be

performed in a similar way to the phrase defined above; codes can not be used.

## Saved Filters

You can save your filters for future use. Click on the **Show saved filters** button to begin. This will reveal the section of the Filter news dialog used for saving and loading filters.

To save a filter enter a name for it in the News filter name input box. Once you have entered a name click the Save button. Your filter will now appear in the list below the input box where you named it. If you wish to replace a filter, simply give it the same name, click Save and when prompted click Replace.

To load a previously saved filter, click on the filter you wish to load from the list and click Load.

Once you have set your filter parameters, click on OK to apply the filter.

02 News - News table 1						
News FULL Total Stories 34401 Stories present 162 Filtered by UK, Industrials, Oil & gas, Technology and Economic/political						
Date	Company name	Headline	Region	Market sector	Subject	
13/1/10	EADS	DJ France Committed To Saving A400M Project - Defense Minister	UK	Industrials	Economic/political, C	
13/1/10	EADS	DJ German Govt Wants A400M Deal That Respects Financial Situat	UK	Industrials	Economic/political, C	
13/1/10		DJ Think-tank: UK Armed Forces To Shrink By 20% By 2016 - BBC	UK	Industrials	Economic/political an	
13/1/10	Lukoil Oil Co	=DJ UPDATE: Russian Oil Flow To Belarus Refinery Due To Stop Thu	Asia and UK	Oil & gas	Commodities, Econo	
13/1/10	Royal Dutch	=DJ UPDATE: Woodside: Finalizing Sunrise LNG Development Optic	Asia, Australa	Industrials, Oi	Economic/political, C	
13/1/10	Lukoil Oil Co	DJ Transneft: Oil Flow To Belarus Refinery Due To Stop Thursday	Asia and UK	Oil & gas	Commodities, Econo	
13/1/10	Lukoil Oil Co	*DJ Transneft Is Russia's State-owned Oil Pipeline Operator	Asia and UK	Oil & gas	Commodities, Econo	

Notice the summary bar will advise you which filters have been applied to the news table.

As with searching, to return to the full list after filtering, press **Esc**. Alternatively, right click to display the context menu and click on **Filter news** on the menu to remove the tick and so deactivate the filter.

**ShareScope Plus/Pro users** – as you receive news throughout the day when a new story is received that matches the restriction(s) they will appear in the list.

### Share's news

To access news about a certain share, press the \ (backslash) key on your keyboard. You can access Share's News from a List/Portfolio view, Historical or Intraday Graph screen, Details page, Data Mining filter, Director's Dealings screen or Trade List. To return to the screen you came from, press \ again.

You are able to use the Filter news feature when viewing stories about a specific share, however the Search facility will revert back to the full news list to search on.

You may find that when using Share's News (\) the stories that are displayed may not match completely the share you had selected. An example of this is with the company Hunting PLC. Find Hunting PLC in ShareScope and press \ to view news stories about Hunting. You may find that your list of news stories contains one similar to this:

Thu 14th Jan 2010 10:54:22

### DJ BASE METALS: LME Metals Mixed As Bargain Hunters Emerge

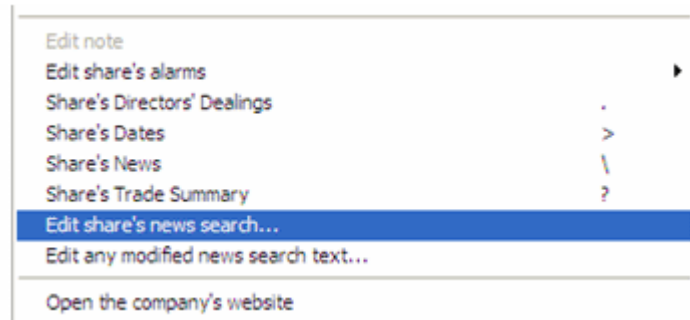
By Devon Maylie  
Of DOW JONES NEWSWIRES

--Base metals on the London Metal Exchange traded mixed Thursday in Europe but mostly held gains made late the previous session as the recent selloff was viewed as a buying opportunity. Technical buying and bargain **hunting** started late Wednesday and that helped to reverse earlier losses in the week. Tuesday's announcement that The People's Bank of China will increase the yuan

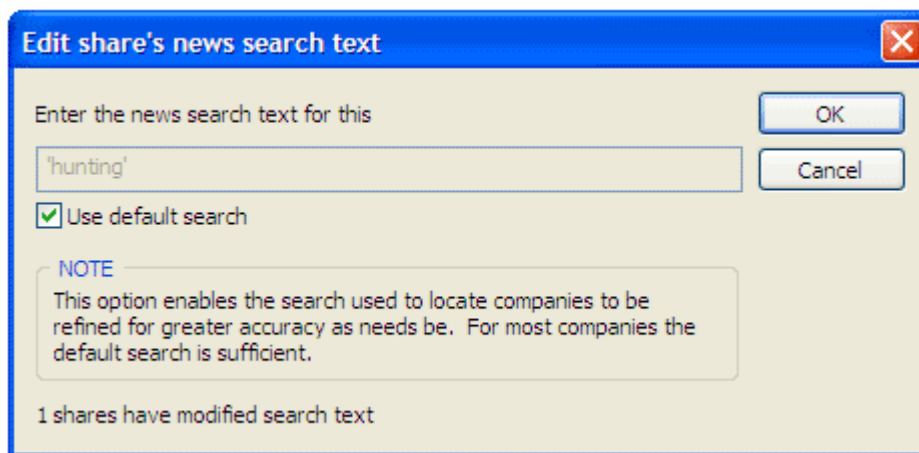
ShareScope looks for the company name within the news story. In this instance it is only searching on the word 'hunting', so finds stories that include this word in different contexts. In order to make

this facility more flexible and powerful, you are able to edit the search text being used.

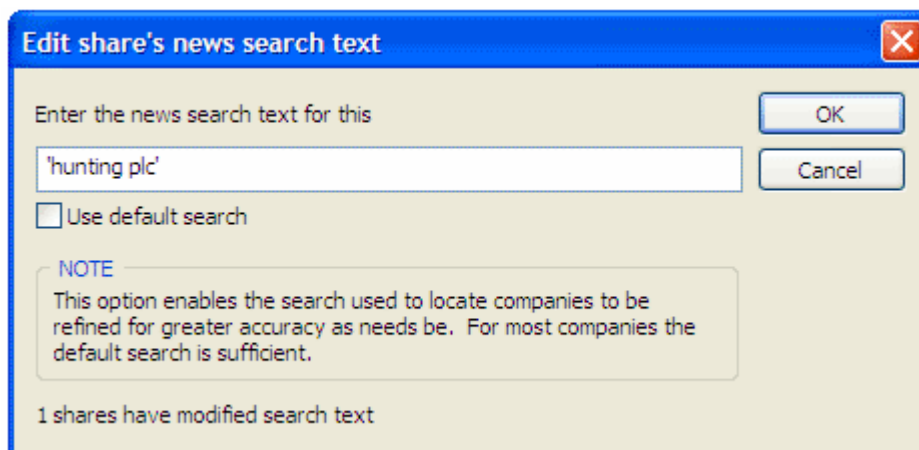
In a list view, right click to display the context menu and select **Edit share's news search**.



This dialog will be displayed:



Remove the tick from 'Use default search' and you can then edit the search text as illustrated below:



Click on OK to save the new search text. Press \ again to access news for Hunting PLC and all the stories now should relate correctly to the company.

#### Share's News Archive and News Archive (all shares)

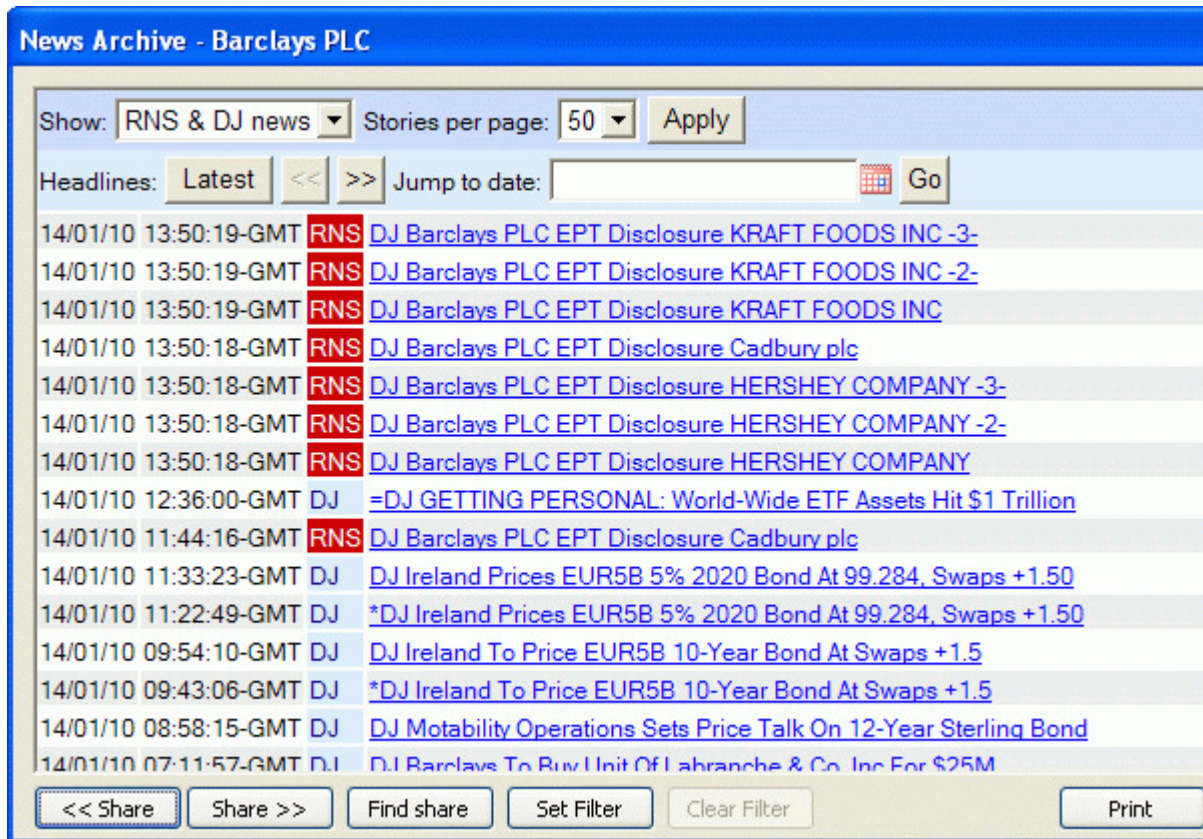
The news views discussed above allow you to access news that has been downloaded and saved to your own hard drive. If you do not have or wish to keep a lot of historical news stories, but on occasion would like to see more news you can access the News Archive.

The News Archive keeps a years' worth of Dow Jones News but also allows you access to RNS announcements back to 2006. This is stored on a remote server so you will need an internet connection to access it.

To access the Full News Archive, go to the View menu and select News Archive (all shares).

To access the News Archive for a selected share, press the CTRL and N keys together on your keyboard. Alternatively you can right click and select Share's News Archive from the menu.

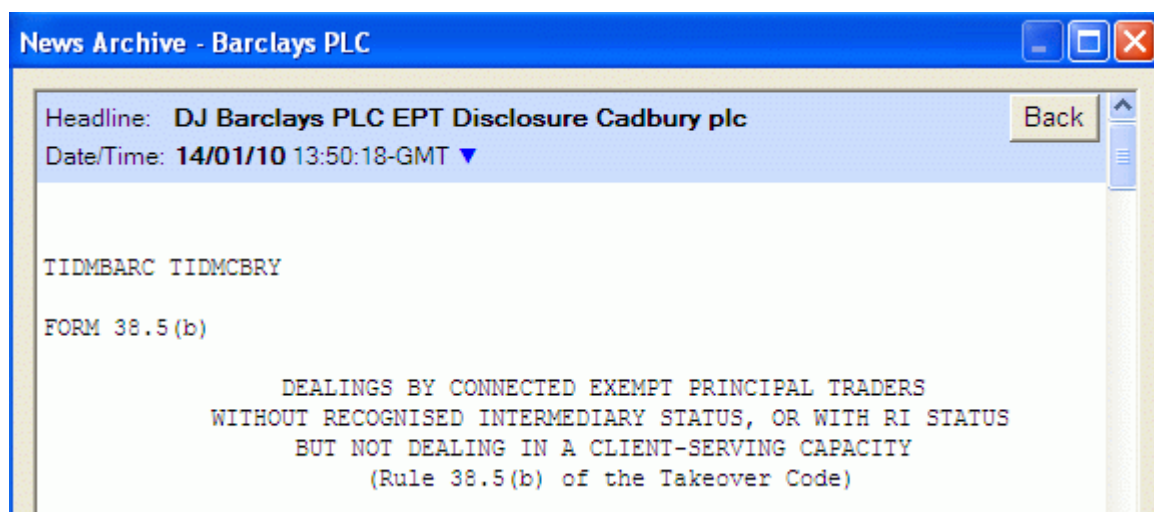
The following dialog for Share's News Archive is displayed:



The options at the top allow you to filter the news based on source, as you can now view both RNS and DJ news, and to move through the history of stories that is available.

At the bottom of the dialog, use the Share buttons to move to the previous or next share in the list, or click on **Find share** to type in the name or EPIC of another share. The same filtering options are available in the News Archive as are in the news windows within ShareScope from the **Set Filter** button.

To view a story, click on the headline. The story will open in the same window.



To return to the list of headlines, click the **Back** button which can be found at the top and bottom of each story.

### Share's News Archive and News Archive (all shares)

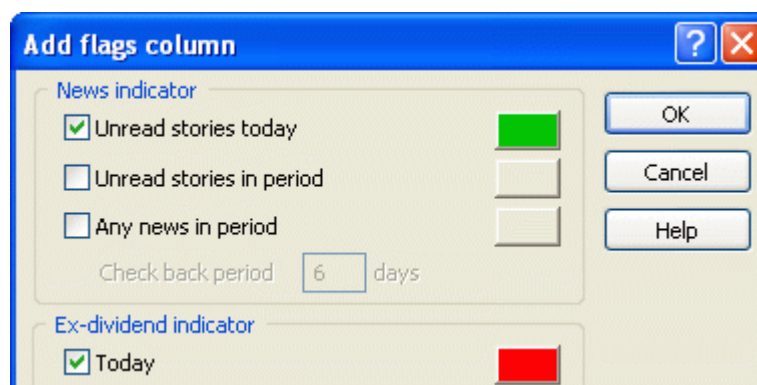
To save time when reviewing news for a group of shares you are following, you can view all the news for all the shares within a portfolio at once. This is achieved by first selecting the portfolio you wish to use, then right click to display the context menu and select **Portfolio News**:

Share's Price List	/
Share's News	\
Share's News Archive	Ctrl+N
Edit share's news search...	
Edit any modified news search text...	
Share's Trade Summary	?
Share's Trade List	'
Open the company's website	Ctrl+W
Portfolio News	

Alternatively, from the Full news list, right click to display the context menu and select **Current Portfolio: [x]**.

### News flags and events

To quickly check if any new news stories have come in for the shares you are interested in, you can add a column to your list views that will display a flag if there is a new story. To add this column, right click on a column heading, go to **Add General Column** and click on **Flags**. The following dialog is displayed:



**Unread stories today** – a flag in the colour selected will be displayed if there are any new stories for the share today.

**Unread stories in period** – select this and specify the flag colour to be informed if there are any stories you have not yet read for a share within the selected 'Check back period'.

**Any news in period** – displays a flag if there are any stories, both read and unread, in the 'Check back period'.

Once you have made your selection, click on **OK**. You may see flags like this appear in the column:

	Name
	3i Group PLC
	3i Infrastructure Ltd
N	Abbot Group PLC
N	Aberdeen Asset Management PLC
N	Aberforth Smaller Companies Trust PLC
N	Admiral Group PLC
N	Aegis Group PLC
	AGA Foodservice Group PLC
N	Aggreko PLC
N	Alliance & Leicester PLC

Hovering your mouse pointer over the flags will display a tool-tip listing the news stories identified.

Double click the flag to view the latest story, then use the **Previous** button on the dialog to view the preceding story.

The flags can also be displayed on the graphs (both Historical and Intraday in ShareScope Plus and Pro). In the graph screen, right click and select **Graph Design**. Go to the **Lines & Text** tab and click the **Edit...** button to display the Flag dialog (as above). The flag appears next to the share name at the top of the graph:



Notice the grey 'N' icons along the bottom of the graph. These also represent news stories about this company. To add these news markers, right click in the graph and select **Events** (Plus/Pro: go to **Other main graph features** and select **Events**).

### News alarms

You can set alarms on incoming news stories for specific shares (or a list of shares) or for stories that contain specific strings of text.

To receive alerts on incoming news stories for a specific share, go to the **Edit** menu, then to **Set an end-of-day alarm for [share name]** or **Set an intraday alarm for [share name]**. Tick the **News story** option (see below).

To receive alerts on incoming news stories for a list of shares (such as your portfolio), go to the **Edit** menu, then to **Set an end-of-day alarm for [list or portfolio name]** or **Set an intraday alarm for [list or portfolio name]**. Tick the **News story** option (see below).

In ShareScope Gold – go to the **Edit** menu and select either **Set an alarm for [share name]** or **Set an alarm for [list or portfolio name]**.

**Alarm event type**

**3. End-of-day alarm event type**  
Please choose a type of event to trigger the alarm

Anglo American PLC (US\$0.54945 Ords) Alarm colour

Price rise / fall
  Moving average  
 Director's dealing
  MACD  
 **News story**
 RSI  
 On this date
  Stochastic  
 ..
  ShareScript  
 Mon 25th Jan 2010

Alarm note: (optional)

Options < Back Finish Cancel Help

To set up an alarm to search for specific text within a news story, go to the **Edit** menu, then select **Add alarm on news text**. A dialog similar to the News search window opens. In this example we want to be alerted to stories that contain any of the words 'bid', 'approach' or 'speculation'.

**News search text**

**3. Intraday news text alarm**  
Please enter some text to search for in news stories

Enter the search text. The search uses the following rules:  
 A B (space) search for both A and B (in any order)  
 A,B (comma) search for either A or B  
 A - B (space & minus) search for A but exclude B  
 "A B" (quotes) search for the exact phrase A B  
 The search is for whole words and is case insensitive.

Alarm colour

News search text

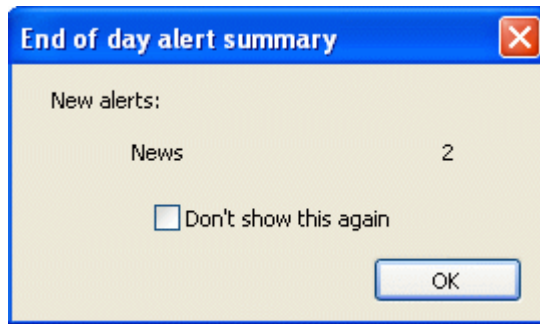
Alarm note: (optional)

Options < Back Next > Cancel Help

To review the alarms that you've set, in Gold go to the **View** menu and select **Alarms**. In Plus/Pro go to the **View** menu, then to **New Window** and select **Alarms**.

05 Alarms - Alarms table 1			
Name	Alarm Type	Description	End-of-Day / Intraday
Barclays PLC	News	News alarm	Intraday
Home Retail Group PLC	News	News alarm	End-of-day
Marks & Spencer Group	News	News alarm	End-of-day
Marks & Spencer Group	News	News alarm	Intraday
Portfolio: My Shares	News	News alarm	Intraday
News search 1	News text search	News on 'bid,approach,speculation'	Intraday

If you've set an end-of day alarm on a news story, you can be notified of any new stories in the alert summary that appears after the end-of-day update:



In ShareScope Plus/Pro you are able to have pop-ups as alarms are triggered throughout the day.



To view a list of the alerts that have been triggered from the alarms you set up, in Gold go to the **View** menu and select **Alerts**. In Plus/Pro go to the **View** menu, then to **New Window** and select **Alerts**.

04 Alerts - Alerts table 2						
EPIC	Name	Alert description	End-of-Day / Intraday	Alert Date	Colour	New
BP.	BP PLC	News alarm	Intraday	18/1/10		*
BP.	BP PLC	News alarm	Intraday	18/1/10		*
HOME	Home Retail Group PLC	News alarm	End-of-day	18/1/10		*
MKS	Marks & Spencer Group PLC	News alarm	Intraday	18/1/10		*
MKS	Marks & Spencer Group PLC	News alarm	End-of-day	18/1/10		*
MKS	Marks & Spencer Group PLC	News alarm	Intraday	18/1/10		*

Remember, if you have any trouble finding or using any of these features, please don't hesitate to call our Customer Support team. They will be delighted to help.

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