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Ascential

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Reuters	ASCL	Recommendation	Hold
Bloomberg	ASCL LN	Target Price	GBP 240.00
ISIN	GB00BYM8GJ06	Current Price, exchange	269.4 London

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<u>03 April 20</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>Hold</u>	<u>2020-04-06 07:12</u>	

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