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Aim-listed miners can be a bit hit and miss to say the least, but one to keep an eye on is **Stratex International**, at 3.125p. The company's chief executive is the well respected Bob Foster who has 35 years of experience as a professional geologist. Stratex initially concentrated on Turkey but has been expanding into Ethiopia. Just before Christmas it unveiled a significant new gold prospect in the Afar Region of Ethiopia. In the past, Stratex has linked up with partners to fund its developments, and analysts believe a similar strategy will be used with the new discovery. Westhouse Securities, a house broker, has an 8p price target on the business. Risky but could be rewarding.