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Olympus to be removed from regional Dow Jones Sustainability Index

Effective December 20, 2011, Olympus Corporation (Olympus) will be removed from the regional Dow Jones Sustainability Asia Pacific Index (DJSI Asia Pacific) of which it has been a member since September 19, 2011. A review of Olympus' position in the regional index was prompted by the recent disclosure of a long-term accounting scandal at the company.

Potentially problematic issues relating to any DJSI component company automatically trigger a Media & Stakeholder Analysis (MSA), which examines the extent of the company's involvement and how it manages the issue. Following the MSA, the issue is then reviewed by the Index Design Committee which is charged with deciding whether or not the company remains in the Index, based on DJSI [guidelines](#).

In the Olympus matter, the Index Design Committee reviewed the MSA and ultimately decided to remove the company from the DJSI Asia Pacific.

DJSI Asia Pacific Key Facts:

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