

Press Release

Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes

A cooperation of Dow Jones Indexes, STOXX Ltd. and SAM Group

Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes to be launched on October 15, 2001

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Dow Jones Indexes, STOXX Limited and SAM Group today announce the launch of the new Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes on October 15. The DJSI STOXX Indexes will track the leading European companies in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria.

Join John Prestbo, Chief Editor of Dow Jones Indexes, Scott Stark, Managing Director of STOXX Limited, and Ivo Knoepfel, Head of Index Research at SAM Group, in a webcast to learn more about sustainability investing in general and the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes in particular. To participate in this webcast, please log onto <http://www.sustainability-indexes.com> on October 15. The webcast will be available starting at 11:30 am CET time.

Note to business editors

Launched in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index is the first global index tracking the performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. It covers the top 10% of the biggest 2,500 companies in the Dow Jones Global Index in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria. On October 15, a new set of indexes – the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes – will be added to the DJSI family to benchmark European sustainability portfolios.

The selection of index components follows a rule based process defined in the DJSI Guidebook and is verified externally. Full details of the design philosophy, review methodology and index composition are freely available at www.sustainability-indexes.com.

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