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## **STOXX LAUNCHES NEW GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDEX**

*New index has been licensed to underlie an exchange-traded fund in the U.S.*

**ZURICH (October 9, 2013)** - - STOXX Limited, a leading provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, today announced the launch of the STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index, which captures the performance of the largest companies in the global infrastructure industry.

The STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index has been licensed to FlexShares, managed by Northern Trust, for an exchange-traded fund (ETF).

"With the global need for infrastructure estimated to be about 40 trillion US dollar, market participants require a well-defined approach to understand the listed global infrastructure universe," said Hartmut Graf, chief executive officer, STOXX Limited. "The STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index identifies these companies and combines them in a transparent index concept, offering users an efficient, rules-based and diversified solution for their benchmarking and passive investment needs."

Shundrawn Thomas, head of Northern Trust's Exchange Traded Funds Group, noted that "We saw great synergy with STOXX's new index and our own philosophy of flexible indexing. The index offers low historical correlation, defensive nature and income generation benefits of infrastructure securities."

The index universe for the STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index is defined as all emerging and developed markets stocks in the STOXX Global Total Market Index. To be eligible for inclusion, companies must have a minimum average daily trading volume (ADTV) of 1 million US dollar and generate at least half of their revenues from the following five supersectors: Communications, Energy, Government Outsourcing/ Social, Transportation and Utilities. To identify eligible firms and ensure they derive 50% or more of their revenues from infrastructure-related business, STOXX has partnered with FactSet, a global provider of financial analytics and information, to use the FactSet Revere Sector and Industry Classifications and FactSet Supply Chain Relationships datasets.

The STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index currently has 155 components. Top companies by free-float market capitalization include AT&T Inc., Canadian National Railway Co. and Deutsche Post.

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The STOXX Global Broad Infrastructure Index is weighted by free-float market capitalization and calculated in price, net return and gross return versions. The index is available in Euro and US dollar. The index is reviewed annually in January. Daily historical data is available back to March 16, 2007.

For more information on this index please visit [www.stoxx.com](http://www.stoxx.com).

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**Note to Editors:**

**About STOXX Limited**

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In addition, STOXX Ltd. is the marketing agent for the indices of Deutsche Boerse AG and SIX, amongst them the DAX and the SMI indices.

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