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## **STOXX LIMITED NAMED "MOST INNOVATIVE ETF INDEX PROVIDER FOR EUROPE" FOR FOURTH TIME**

**ZURICH (April 22, 2013)** –STOXX Limited, the market-moving provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, today announced that it has been named "The Most Innovative ETF Index Provider Europe 2012". This is the fourth consecutive year that STOXX has received this award. The award was presented at the 9th Annual ETF Global Awards Dinner and Workshop hosted by [ExchangeTradedFunds.com](http://ExchangeTradedFunds.com) in New York. Award winners were determined by special voting forms which were sent in by 480 organizations worldwide. The results are a good representation of the views of the industry.

"Winning the award for most innovative index provider for the fourth consecutive year is a great honor, and acknowledges our dedication to develop state of the art index concepts," said Hartmut Graf, chief executive officer, STOXX Limited. "Our most recent, innovative index launches include the STOXX Minimum Variance Indices. STOXX has also teamed up with Eurex Repo to develop the STOXX GC Pooling Indices which are based on the daily transactions on the regulated GC Pooling market; and are designed to provide transparent, rules-based alternatives to unsecured interbank benchmarks such as LIBOR and EURIBOR/EONIA."

Our most recent, innovative index launches include the STOXX Emerging Markets Indices, based on the transparent STOXX market classification model which is the first of its kind to offer market participants a completely rules based and transparent classification for Developed and Emerging Markets in five comprehensible steps."

There are currently 286 ETFs based on STOXX, DAX and SMI indices, including the flagship EURO STOXX 50, STOXX Europe 600 Supersector and STOXX Select Dividend indices. Recent index launches by STOXX include the STOXX GC Pooling Indices as well as the STOXX Global 3D Printing, STOXX China A 50 and iSTOXX Efficient Capital Managed Futures 20 indices.

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**Note to Editors:**

**About STOXX Limited**

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To provide market participants with optimal transparency, STOXX indices are classified in three different categories. The regular "STOXX" indices include all standard, theme and strategy indices that are part of STOXX's integrated index family and follow a strict rules-based methodology. The "iSTOXX" brand typically comprises less standardized index concepts that are not integrated in the STOXX Global Index Family, but are nevertheless strictly rules-based. While indices that are branded "STOXX" and "iSTOXX" are developed by STOXX for a broad range of market participants, the "STOXX Customized" brand covers indices that are specifically developed for clients and do not carry the STOXX brand in the index name."

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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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