



Changes to the Dow Jones STOXXSM Blue Chip, Broad, Size & Sector Indexes

Blue Chip Component Carrefour (FR) Takes Over Promodes (FR)

Increase in Blue Chip Component Carrefour (FR) Weightings in the Dow Jones STOXXSM Indexes

Deletion: Promodes (FR)

Zurich, October 21, 1999: STOXX Limited, the operating company of the Dow Jones STOXXSM indexes, announces the following changes to all the relevant Dow Jones STOXXSM indexes due to the following recently announced corporate action.

The French retail – blue chip component - company Carrefour (FR0000120172) will take over the French non-cyclical goods and services - component – company Promodes (FR0000121105):

- The Carrefour takeover of Promodes is effective October 26, 1999.
- Carrefour (FR0000120172) number of shares will increase by more than 10% from 233,069,544 shares necessitating changes to its weightings in all the relevant Dow Jones STOXXSM indexes effective October 26, 1999*.

The market capitalisation of Carrefour (FR0000120172) will increase from 34 BEUR effective October 26, 1999*.

The final number of shares will be officially published on October 25, 1999 and will then be available on the STOXX Limited website (www.stoxx.com).

- Promodes (FR0000121105) – with 18,872,575 shares and a market capitalisation of 17 BEUR – will be deleted from all the relevant Dow Jones STOXXSM broad, size and sector indexes effective October 26, 1999*.

* NOTE: The implementation of this change is in line with the “Guide to the Dow Jones STOXXSM Indexes” (Version 4.0, October 1999, Section 5.3, 5.4 & 5.8, “Ongoing Review: Mergers & Takeovers, Changes to Weightings”). It states: If, due to a merger or takeover, the block ownership exceeds 75%, then the company will be deleted from all the relevant indexes immediately. If, due to an extraordinary corporate action, the number of shares outstanding for an index component changes by more than 10%, then the current number of shares is adjusted immediately. All additions and deletions to the blue chip indexes, deletions to the broad, size and sector indexes, changes in the sector classification and weighting changes of more than 10% - due to delistings, bankruptcy, spin-offs, mergers and takeovers - are effective immediately; i.e., on the same day the corporate action is effective following a notification period of at least 2 trading days.

The latest monthly blue chip selection lists for the Dow Jones STOXX 50SM, Dow Jones EURO STOXX 50SM and Dow Jones STOXX Nordic 30SM blue chip indexes are downloadable from the STOXX Limited website (www.stoxx.com). The “Guide to the Dow Jones STOXXSM Indexes” (Version 4.0, October 1999) is available from STOXX Limited (e-mail: stoxx@stoxx.com) and downloadable from the STOXX Limited website (www.stoxx.com). The STOXX Limited Customer Service is available on weekdays from 09:00 to 18:00 CET on Tel: +41 – 1 – 229 23 80 and e-mail: stoxx@stoxx.com.

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