

Dow Jones STOXX Index Update

August 13, 2004

UPDATE	Sanofi-Synthelabo takes over Aventis (Phase 2)	
PHASE 2	Weightings change	
Corporate Action:	Sanofi Synthelabo increases share capital and changes name to Sanofi-Aventis*	
Effective date:	Sanofi Synthelabo rest of dividend (0.0375 EUR net)	
	September 30, 2004	
Company: SANOFI - AVENTIS		
Terms:	Main offer: 5 Sanofi Synthelabo shares and 115.08 EUR for 6 Aventis shares. Subsidiary offer: 1.16 Sanofi Synthelabo shares for 1 Aventis shares. Or: 68.11 EUR for 1 Aventis share.	
Index Adjustments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Share increase and possible free float factor change	
	Old:	New:
ISIN; Sedol; Ticker:	FR0000120578; 5671735; -	
Global Sector Classification Standard¹:	Healthcare / Healthcare / Pharmaceuticals / Pharmaceuticals	
Close as of August 12, 2004:	55.55 EUR	
Shares:	732,848,072	To be announced 2 trading days ahead
Free Float:	0.4925	To be announced 2 trading days ahead
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Comments:		
	*As stated previously in our press release from July 22. 2004. In the second phase, Sanofi Synthelabo's weightings in the Dow Jones STOXX Indices will be adjusted. This will happen once the old Sanofi Synthelabo share line and the new Sanofi Synthelabo share line, created for the Aventis shareholders who brought their shares to the offer, will be fungible.	

1) Economic Sector / Market Sector / Industry Group / Sub-Group

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