

**STOXX LTD. WILL ADOPT THE CHANGES TO THE NEW INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION BENCHMARK (ICB)**

**Zurich, (April 25, 2008)** - In line with the announcement of the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB) on December 3, 2007, to enhance their four-tier industry classification system with additions to the supersector, sector and subsector levels and to be fully integrated with Dow Jones Indexes, STOXX Ltd. will adopt the new system in September 2008.

The changes will be implemented together with the quarterly review 2008 Q3 becoming effective on **September 22, 2008**.

Prior to these changes, the ICB database had under its structure 10 industries, 18 supersectors, 39 sectors and 104 subsectors. Changes have been made within the current financials, oil & gas, and utilities industry, concluding now in 10 industries, 19 supersectors, 41 sectors and 114 subsectors.

Beginning with the elevation of real estate to a supersector level, ICB has recognized two real estate sectors, making a separation between real estate investment services which will include holding & development, and REITs. The new subsectors that will be added under the classification of REITs will include industrial & office, retail, residential, diversified properties, specialty properties, mortgage companies, and hotels & lodging. This will allow a more assured and accurate classification using a broader range of options within the sector and a differentiation from real estate firms and financial services firm.

The second change is the introduction of a new sector under the oil & gas supersector, which will include companies engaged in alternative energy businesses, differentiating between two new subsectors including renewable energy equipment and alternative fuels. Moreover, ICB has distinguished between two types of electricity generating and distributing companies: conventional electricity and alternative energy, adding this new subsector under the utilities subsector.

STOXX Ltd. will publish the new ICB codes and the new identifiers for its components and indexes in the course of the quarterly review Q3 2008. Preliminary files showing the impact on our major indices will be made available in advance.

The Dow Jones STOXX annual Blue-Chip review announced on September 1, 2008 will be based on the new ICB structure. Preliminary selection lists will be provided in advance.

Information about Dow Jones STOXX Periodic Review Dates can be found under [http://www.stoxx.com/indices/review\\_dates.html](http://www.stoxx.com/indices/review_dates.html)

The ICB breakdown and its respective sector definitions are available on <http://www.icbenchmark.com>

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