

**New components of the
Dow Jones Sustainability World Index**

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Dow Jones Indexes and SAM Group today announced the results of the Annual Review 2001 for the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World). Effective October 5, 2001, the DJSI World will include 312 companies from 62 industries in 26 countries with a combined market capitalization of more than 6.2 trillion EUR.

The Annual Review of the DJSI World is based on SAM Research's comprehensive assessment of the 2,500 largest companies in the Dow Jones Global Index. Covering over 30 criteria in the three sustainability dimensions, it rates a company's economic, environmental and social performance.

According to **Ivo Knoepfel, Head of Index Research at SAM**, this year's review showed a significant increase of the average sustainability performance since 2000. "It is encouraging to see the progress different sectors and companies made during the last twelve months. The increasing level of sustainability competition creates value for the companies and for investors."

Mike Petronella, Managing Director of Dow Jones Indexes, adds: "Sustainability has moved into mainstream asset management. A growing number of investors now share our conviction that integrating economic, environmental and social success factors into business strategy can result in competitive advantages."

This development is also mirrored by the increasing demand of investors for DJSI World based products. "During the last twelve months we have nearly doubled the number of asset managers that use our index for a variety of investment products including mutual funds, equity baskets, certificates and segregated accounts. Today, there are over 30 well-known financial institutions in 12 countries that have licensed the DJSI World to manage sustainability-driven portfolios", says **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director of SAM Indexes**.

Note to the editor

Launched in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index is the world's first global index tracking the performance of the leading sustainability-driven companies worldwide. It covers the top 10% of the biggest 2,500 companies in the Dow Jones Global Index in terms of economic, environmental and social criteria. On September 17, a new set of indexes – the Dow Jones STOXX Sustainability Indexes – will be added to the DJSI family to benchmark European sustainability portfolios.

The selection of index components follows a rule based process defined in the DJSI Guidebook and is verified externally. Full details of the design philosophy, review methodology and index composition are freely available at www.sustainability-indexes.com.