



## NETHERLANDS BASED THEODOOR GILISSEN LICENSES DOW JONES EURO STOXX SUSTAINABILITY INDEX

**ZURICH (July 21, 2008)** — SAM today announced Netherlands based Theodoor Gilissen Bankiers has signed a license agreement to track the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI). On 1 July 2008 Theodoor Gilissen launched a DJSI EURO STOXX ex Alcohol, Gambling, Tobacco and Armaments passive fund expanding its range of products tracking the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, following the launch of a DJSI World ex All fund in 2003.

Introduced in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes are the longest-running benchmarks that track the performance of sustainability leaders on a global scale. Based on a comprehensive assessment of general as well as industry-specific sustainability criteria they reflect the growing interest among investors in long-term economic, environmental and social trends. Today, the DJSI family is used by asset managers for approximately 6 billion USD in managed investments.

“Issues such as climate change and commodity scarcity increasingly concern investors. As a consequence, sustainability investing is high on the agenda of a growing number of mainstream asset owners and we continue to support this development with professional benchmarks. We are delighted that Theodoor Gilissen has complemented its successful DJSI World ex All product with a fund investing into the Euro Zone’s sustainability leaders identified by SAM’s highly regarded assessment”, says **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes.**

“We have been delighted with the asset growth in our DJSI World ex All tracker fund. It was a logical next step to offer a similar management capability to Euro Zone focused investors looking for companies leading the way in sustainability, while avoiding companies operating in specific sectors like the weapon industry. We are convinced the DJSI EURO STOXX ex All Index provides us with the most solid and thoroughly researched tool to take this step” says **Marcel Leegwater, Asset Manager, Theodoor Gilissen.**

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