

**RAIFFEISEN CENTROBANK LICENSES
DOW JONES EURO STOXX SUSTAINABILITY 40 INDEX
FOR FIRST DJSI-BASED CERTIFICATE IN AUSTRIA**

ZURICH (October 18, 2007) — SAM Indexes today announced the licensing of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) to Raiffeisen Centrobank. The new licensee will use the Dow Jones EURO STOXX Sustainability 40 Index (DJSI EURO STOXX 40) as the underlying for an index certificate. Raiffeisen Centrobank is the first Austrian institution to offer a DJSI-based structured product and overall SAM's third DJSI licensee in Austria.

Introduced in 2006, the DJSI EURO STOXX 40 measures the financial performance of the 40 largest sustainability leaders in the Euro zone. The index components are determined by SAM's comprehensive annual sustainability assessment that identifies the leading companies from each sector based on long-term economic, environmental and social criteria. The DJSI EURO STOXX 40 tracks the performance of the largest 40 companies that make this cut. In addition, the component weightings are calculated in proportion to their sustainability score. As a result, the index reflects the increasing impact of sustainability trends both through the component selection and their weightings.

Measuring general as well as industry-specific sustainability criteria, the annual SAM Sustainability assessment reflects the growing recognition among investors of the impact long-term economic, environmental and social trends can have on corporate financial performance. The DJSI family captures the "best in class" companies and is used by financial institutions in 15 countries with over USD5.5 billion managed against the index series. Additionally, a growing number of listed companies have defined DJSI inclusion as a corporate goal.

"The DJSI EURO STOXX 40 has been designed to satisfy investors seeking exposure to a focused portfolio of sustainability leaders in the Eurozone. The performance of this index compared to traditional benchmarks, as well as its growing adoption among European financial institutions, is evidence investors are making the connection between sustainability and investment performance. We are delighted Raiffeisen Centrobank has chosen the index and in doing so becomes SAM Indexes' first Austrian licensee for a structured product." said **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes.**

"We have responded to the growing interest among our clients to integrate sustainability issues into their investments by focusing on sustainability as our investment theme of the month. Launching this new index certificate is an example of our commitment to this important investment opportunity. The construction and purpose of the DJSI EURO STOXX 40, allied to SAM's expertise in the sustainability investment field, made this index the logical choice to underly this certificate" said **Heike Arbter, Deputy Senior Manager, Equities and Derivatives, Raiffeisen Centrobank.**

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SAM was established in Zurich in 1995 as the first investment group focused exclusively on the integration of economic, environmental and social criteria into investing. The company's services comprise asset management and indexing. In 1999, SAM teamed up with Dow Jones Indexes to launch the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) – the first benchmarks tracking the performance of sustainability leaders on a global scale. Two years later, European index provider STOXX Limited joined this cooperation to expand the DJSI family with European and Eurozone sustainability benchmarks – the DJSI STOXX and DJSI EURO STOXX. In 2005, the DJSI family grew further with the introduction of the DJSI North America and DJSI United States, with the DJSI STOXX and DJSI EURO STOXX 40 indices following in 2006. The selection of index components follows a rules-based process defined in the DJSI Guidebooks. It is based on a thorough assessment of general and industry-specific sustainability criteria. The analysis is assured by an external auditor. Full details about the design philosophy, review methodology and index components are freely available at www.sam-group.com and www.sustainability-indexes.com.