

BARCLAYS CAPITAL LICENSES DOW JONES SUSTAINABILITY INDEXES

ZURICH (16 January, 2008) — SAM Indexes today announced the licensing of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI) to Barclays Capital. The new licensee has selected the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) as the underlying for investment certificates that are being distributed in Germany and Switzerland, as well as a note issued in the Netherlands.

Introduced in 1999, the DJSI World measures the financial performance of global sustainability leaders. Created cooperatively by Dow Jones Indexes, a leading global index provider, STOXX Limited, the leading European index provider and a joint venture of Dow Jones & Company, Deutsche Boerse and SWX Group, and SAM, the DJSI provide reliable and objective benchmarks to measure and manage sustainability portfolios. The index components are selected based on a comprehensive assessment process conducted by SAM that identifies the leading companies from each sector based on long-term economic, environmental and social criteria. Measuring general as well as industry-specific sustainability criteria, the annual SAM Sustainability assessment reflects the growing recognition among investors of the impact that long-term economic, environmental and social trends have on corporate financial performance. The DJSI family captures the “best in class” companies and is used by financial institutions in 16 countries with more than USD5.5 billion managed against the index series. Additionally, a growing number of listed companies have defined DJSI inclusion as a corporate goal.

“Investors increasingly aim to account for the impact of sustainability issues such as climate change and water scarcity on financial returns and risks. We are delighted a global investment bank with the standing of Barclays Capital has joined our growing list of banking and asset management clients to meet this demand based on the DJSI as reference point,” said **Alexander Barkawi, Managing Director, SAM Indexes**.

“Barclays Capital has established itself as a market leader in Structured Assets. One of our most popular and innovative strategies is branded ‘Kinetic’, an income enhancing strategy with protection against market downturns. It can be based on a variety of underlying assets, and in response to investor demand we have structured a Kinetic based upon the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index.” said **David Moroney, Head of Equity Structured Assets, Barclays Capital**.

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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.