

Press Release

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Results of the first regular quarterly review to be effective Mar. 21, 2016

STOXX Limited, a leading provider of innovative, tradable and global index concepts, today announced the new composition of **STOXX Benchmarks** and their sub and sector indices, among them the **STOXX Europe 600 Index**, **STOXX North America 600 Index** and **STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index**.

Effective as of the open of European markets on Mar. 21, 2016, the following stocks will be added to and deleted from the **STOXX Europe 600 Index** and its respective size and sector indices:

Additions	Deletions
WORLDPAY GROUP (U.K., Industrial Goods & Services, WPG.L)	ASHMORE GRP (U.K., Financial Services, ASHM.L)
POSTE ITALIANE (Italy, Insurance, PST.MI)	MORPHOSYS (Germany, Health Care, MORG.DE)
ONTEX GROUP (Belgium, Personal & Household Goods, ONTEX.BR)	SULZER (Switzerland, Industrial Goods & Services, SUN.S)
SARTORIUS PREF. (Germany, Industrial Goods & Services, SATG_p.DE)	SEADRILL (Norway, Oil & Gas, SDRL.OL)
FABEGE (Sweden, Real Estate, FABG.ST)	MELROSE INDUSTRIES (U.K., Industrial Goods & Services, MRON.L)
ITALCEMENTI (Italy, Construction & Materials, ITAL.MI)	SAIPEM (Italy, Oil & Gas, SPMI.MI)

The sector classification for the STOXX Europe 600 Index component AA PLC (U.K., Retail, AAAA.L) will change to Industrial Goods & Services.

As of Jan. 29, 2016, the total free-float market cap of the reconstituted **STOXX Europe 600 Index** decreased

from 7.2751 trillion euros to 7.2396 trillion euros due to the extraordinary deletion of BG Group.

The **STOXX Global 1800 Index**, **STOXX North America 600 Index** and **STOXX Asia/Pacific 600 Index** are also part of this regular quarterly review. Additions to and deletions from these indices can be found at:

http://www.stoxx.com/download/indices/methodology/fixed_component_changes.xls.

Furthermore, the **STOXX Europe Total Market Index**, **STOXX EU Enlarged Total Market**, **STOXX Eastern Europe Total Market** and **STOXX Eastern Europe 300 indices** are also part of this regular quarterly review. Their new composition can be found on the respective page at www.stoxx.com on Mar. 21, 2016.

Changes are being announced today after the conclusion of a regular quarterly component review. The adjusted component weightings, including the number of shares and free-float factors, will be announced on Mar. 11, 2016 after the close of markets. All changes will be effective as of the open of markets on Mar. 21, 2016. In the case of upcoming mergers and acquisitions occurring until the final implementation date, the composition of the indices may change.

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