

Diary Information

FTSE INDEX REVIEWS - MARCH 2004

London, 2 March 2004 - FTSE Group, the global index provider, will announce the regular quarterly changes to the **FTSE UK Indices** (including the FTSE 100, FTSE 250 and FTSE All-Share indices) on Wednesday **10th March 2004**.

The review of the FTSE UK Indices will be prepared by FTSE Group, the global index provider, using close of business figures from Tuesday 9th March 2004. The review will then be presented to the independent FTSE Committee for its approval at its meeting the following afternoon.

There will be an early change to the FTSE 100 index at the close of the UK markets on the 5th March 2004 as a result of Morrison/Safeway deal. Morrison will remain in the FTSE 100 index while the highest-ranking company on the reserve list that was set at the December quarterly review will replace Safeway. The six companies on the FTSE 100 reserve list are: Antofagasta, Burburly Group, Hammerson, Kelda Group, LogicaCMG and Peninsular & Orient Steam Nav Co. The highest-ranking company from the FTSE 250 reserve list will also be promoted from the FTSE Small-Cap index.

The resulting changes to the FTSE UK will take effect after the close of the UK market on Friday 19th March 2004. Full details of companies joining or leaving FTSE UK indices will be available from the FTSE Press Office or from www.ftse.com.

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