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## **FTSE Licenses Index Futures to be Listed Against the FTSE DIFX UAE 20**

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**Dubai & London – Wednesday 19 November 2008** – FTSE Group (FTSE), the award-winning global index provider, announced that it has licensed NASDAQ Dubai to launch cash settled futures based on the FTSE DIFX UAE 20 Index.

FTSE and NASDAQ Dubai (formerly called the DIFX), are working together to develop a range of equity indices, both conventional and Shariah compliant. These indices, such as the FTSE DIFX UAE 20, have become leading equity benchmarks for the region and the launch of futures against FTSE DIFX UAE 20 is a major step towards making the index available for use by investors in the Middle East.

Imogen Dillon Hatcher, Managing Director, FTSE EMEA, said, "We are delighted to see the expansion of the successful FTSE/NASDAQ Dubai partnership. FTSE is committed to extend our index offering for this region and provide investors with new opportunities to access this exciting market. Today's index futures launch provides both domestic and international investors with an additional investment tool that facilitates the application of increasingly sophisticated investment strategies. "

Peter FitzGerald, Chief Operating Officer of NASDAQ Dubai said, "The creation of derivatives will make NASDAQ Dubai a more attractive trading venue for investors. We are delighted to bring these important risk management tools to our region."

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For further details on the FTSE/DIFX methodology and ground rules please refer to [www.ftse.com](http://www.ftse.com).

## **Notes to Editors**

### **About FTSE Group**

FTSE Group is a world-leader in the creation and management of indexes. With offices in Beijing, London, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Madrid, Paris, New York, San Francisco, Boston, Shanghai and Tokyo, FTSE Group services clients in 77 countries worldwide. It calculates and manages the FTSE Global Equity Index Series, which includes world-recognized indexes ranging from the FTSE All-World Index, the FTSE4Good series and the FTSEurofirst Index series, as well as domestic indexes such as the prestigious FTSE 100. The company has collaborative arrangements with the Athens, Cyprus, Euronext, Johannesburg London, Madrid, NASDAQ and Taiwan exchanges, as well as Nomura Securities and Xinhua Finance of China.

FTSE indexes are used extensively by investors world-wide for investment analysis, performance measurement, asset allocation, portfolio hedging and for creating a wide range of index tracking funds. Independent committees of senior fund managers, derivatives experts, actuaries and other experienced practitioners review all changes to the indexes to ensure that they are made objectively and without bias. Real-time FTSE indexes are calculated on systems managed by Reuters. Prices and FX rates used are supplied by Reuters.

### **About NASDAQ Dubai**

NASDAQ Dubai is the international financial exchange serving the region between Western Europe and East Asia. It welcomes regional as well as global issuers that seek regional and international investment. The exchange currently lists shares, structured products, Sukuk (Islamic bonds) and conventional bonds and is planning to list equity derivatives in 2008.

The majority shareholder of NASDAQ Dubai is Borse Dubai with a two-thirds stake. NASDAQ OMX Group owns one third of the shares. The regulator of NASDAQ Dubai is the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). NASDAQ Dubai is located in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). For more information, visit [www.nasdaqdubai.com](http://www.nasdaqdubai.com)