

## **Media Information**

### **FTSE and Mondo Visione Launch First Index To Track Listed Exchanges**

**London, September 03 2001:** - FTSE, the global index group, has teamed up with Mondo Visione, publisher of the Handbook of World Stock, Derivative and Commodity Exchanges, to produce the world's first index which tracks listed exchanges and other trading venues. The index will be launched today.

The FTSE/MV Exchanges Index will measure the progress of the new and rapidly-developing exchanges sector. It will include the leading listed exchanges worldwide, such as the London Stock Exchange, Euronext, Deutsche Börse and the Australian Stock Exchange.

Mark Makepeace, FTSE's Chief Executive commented, "The newly listed exchanges will be competing for cross-border liquidity in a worldwide marketplace. This will be a global sector from day one, and international investors will want tools to track and measure the performance of individual stocks and the sector as a whole. The FTSE/MV Exchanges Index will benefit from FTSE's well-established expertise in creating internationally recognised transparent indices."

Herbie Skeete, Editor of the Handbook of World Stock, Derivative and Commodities Exchanges, commented, "As exchanges and other trading venues open up to outside shareholders, it's clear that we are witnessing the birth of a significant new market sector – and one that serious investors can't ignore. This new index will be the benchmark by which exchanges will be judged. It will help investors to plan and monitor their strategies. It will help the management of newly listed exchanges to compare their performance. And by focusing the attention of the market on the sector, it will give the shares of these exchanges a better chance of success."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

##### **About FTSE**

FTSE is a world-leader in the creation and management of equity indices. It is jointly owned by the London Stock Exchange and the Financial Times, but operates as a wholly autonomous company. With

offices in London, New York, Paris, Frankfurt and Hong Kong, FTSE services clients in 77 countries worldwide. It manages and develops globally recognised indices ranging from the FTSE All-World Index to the real time FTSE Eurotop series and the FTSE 100. The company has collaborative arrangements with the London, Amsterdam, Brussels, Norex, Cyprus, Euronext, Athens, Luxembourg and Madrid stock exchanges, as well as with Nikkei of Japan (Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Inc).

FTSE indices are used extensively by investors world-wide for investment analysis, performance measurement, asset allocation and for creating a wide range of index tracking funds. Committees of senior fund managers, derivatives experts, actuaries and experienced practitioners independently review all changes to the indices ensuring that they are accurate, timely and without bias. Real time FTSE indices are calculated on systems managed by Reuters. Prices and FX rates used are supplied by Reuters.

### **About Mondo Visione**

Mondo Visione is the publisher of the *Handbook of World Stock, Derivative and Commodity Exchanges*. Now in its eleventh edition, the Handbook is the comprehensive reference tool for those who need to know about the world's exchanges. It provides all the relevant trading and settlement information on over 240 exchanges and ECNs in more than 110 countries and regions. The handbook is available in hardcopy and in a regularly updated online version.

Mondo Visione also operates Exchange News Direct, an internet-based exchange news service that is used by exchanges, banks, analysts and investors around the world.

For further information see the Handbook website at <http://www.exchange-handbook.com>