



## Media Information

# FTSE's annual review of country classification scheduled for 18 September

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**London, New York, Hong Kong, Tokyo, 28th August 2008:** Global index provider, FTSE Group ("FTSE") will announce the results of its annual country classification review on Thursday 18 September. This is the process through which equity markets can move between Developed, Advanced Emerging, Secondary Emerging, or Frontier status, and be added to or removed from the FTSE Watch List, which identifies markets under review.

Global equity markets continually evolve and these changes have a substantial impact on global benchmarks, which in turn influence capital flows, investment decisions and the structure of global portfolios. FTSE has developed a consistent and transparent approach to reviewing and changing the status of markets, to help investors manage the changes within their global portfolios.

Along with the results of the review, FTSE will also publish an updated assessment of all markets contained within the FTSE Global Equity Index Series, against FTSE's country classification criteria. This allows investors to see at a glance the various stages of progress across Developed, Emerging and Frontier markets.

For more information about FTSE's country classification process, including details of markets currently on the Watch List, please visit [www.ftse.com/country](http://www.ftse.com/country)

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