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## **NEW FTSE AIM SUPERSECTOR INDEX SERIES**

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**London, 2 May 2006:** FTSE Group, the award-winning index provider, and the London Stock Exchange today introduced the new FTSE AIM All-Share Supersector Indices to the FTSE AIM Index Series. The new sector indices are derived from the FTSE AIM All-Share Index and are based on the Industry Classification Benchmark (ICB). They will comprise 18 new sector indices for the UK market.

The new FTSE AIM Supersector Index Series will offer investors additional opportunities to invest in, and track the performance of AIM. It will highlight the wide range of sectors active on AIM and will allow investors, companies, and advisors to benchmark individual company performance against a wider sector measure. Over a 5 year period, the Oil & Gas, Financial Services, Basic Resources, Industrial Goods and Services, and the Travel and Leisure FTSE AIM Supersector Indices all outperformed the FTSE AIM All-Share.

Paul Grimes, Chief Operating Officer, FTSE Group, said:

“This is the first time the AIM market has ever benefited from sector-based provision. The FTSE AIM Supersector Index Series will allow investors to identify macroeconomic opportunities for investment as well as better attribution analysis and the identification of possible sectorial areas of interest.”

Martin Graham, Head of AIM at the London Stock Exchange, said:

“The introduction of the FTSE AIM Supersector Index Series is a significant step in the development of AIM as a mainstream asset class and is part of a series of initiatives to enhance AIM’s secondary market liquidity. This will further enhance AIM’s position as the world’s most liquid growth market. The AIM Supersector Indices will provide greater investor visibility and will enable the development of ETF and OTC products based on the sector indices.”

Calculation of the FTSE AIM Supersector Index Series will begin on Wednesday 3 May 2006. Full index constituents, factsheet and ground rules are available at [www.ftse.com/aim](http://www.ftse.com/aim)

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**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, AMEX, Cyprus, Euronext, Johannesburg London, Madrid, NASDAQ and Taiwan exchanges, as well as Nomura Securities, Hang Seng and Xinhua Finance of China. FTSE also has a collaborative agreement with Dow Jones Indexes to develop a single sector classification system for global investors.

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 the London Stock Exchange & AIM:**

The London Stock Exchange is one of the world's leading equity exchanges and an international provider of services that facilitate the raising of capital and the trading of shares and debt securities.

The London Stock Exchange is the most international equities exchange by trading in the world and Europe's largest pool of liquidity. In 2004, 80% of all European IPOs floated in London. By the end of 2004, the market capitalisation of UK and international companies on the London Stock Exchange's markets amounted to £3.5 trillion, with £4.7 trillion of equity business transacted over the year.

The London Stock Exchange is a Recognised Investment Exchange (RIE) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and is supervised by the Financial Services Authority.

AIM is the London Stock Exchange's international market specifically designed for smaller, growing companies, combining the benefits of a public flotation with appropriate levels of regulation.

As at the end of March 2005, there were 1,127 companies quoted on AIM with a total market capitalisation of £37.1 billion. Over 2004 a total of £4.65 was raised in new and further issues by companies on AIM.