New Supersector Indices launched for trading in Europe

Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Paris, 17 September 2004: New tradable indices have been added today to the FTSEurofirst Index Series, allowing investors to trade a full range of 18 supersectors across Europe on a real-time basis. From a base universe of only 300 companies, investors can gain exposure to 93.3% of FTSE Developed Europe Index through 18 highly liquid and specialised sector indices.

Based on the FTSEurofirst 300 Index, the 18 new sector indices are the first to be derived from the International Classification Benchmark (ICB) a recently introduced classification standard, developed jointly by FTSE Group and Dow Jones Indexes. A full list of the new sector indices can be found at the end of this release.

Commenting on the introduction of the highly liquid new indices, Mark Makepeace, Chief Executive, FTSE Group explained, "The FTSEurofirst Series is the most flexible and accurate measure of pan-European blue chip performance available to investors today. We’re confident that OTC trading based on the new indices will begin soon, as they are a cost efficient and liquid alternative to existing products."

Jean-François Théodore, Chairman of the Managing Board and CEO of Euronext said, "The addition of sector indices to the FTSEurofirst series demonstrates our commitment to provide a full range of tradable indices covering the pan-European market."

Constituent lists, performance and liquidity information is available from www.ftseurofirst.com
The 18-strong series of FTSEurofirst Supersector indices contains:

- FTSEurofirst Oil and Gas Index
- FTSEurofirst Chemicals Index
- FTSEurofirst Basic Resources Index
- FTSEurofirst Construction and Materials Index
- FTSEurofirst Industrial Goods and Services Index
- FTSEurofirst Automobiles and Parts Index
- FTSEurofirst Food and Beverage Index
- FTSEurofirst Personal and Household Goods Index
- FTSEurofirst Healthcare Index
- FTSEurofirst Retail Index
- FTSEurofirst Media Index
- FTSEurofirst Travel and Leisure Index
- FTSEurofirst Telecommunications Index
- FTSEurofirst Utilities Index
- FTSEurofirst Banks Index
- FTSEurofirst Insurance Index
- FTSEurofirst Financial Services Index
- FTSEurofirst Technology Index

These indices are also available covering Eurozone only countries.

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About FTSEurofirst Index Series

FTSEurofirst Indices are the new tradable set of European indices launched on 29 April 2003 by Euronext and FTSE Group, the leading global index provider. The indices combine high liquidity and better market coverage & representation to provide a superior index solution for trading Europe. The FTSEurofirst series comprise three indices: the FTSEurofirst 80 which covers the current Eurozone and provides a basket of 80 stocks; the FTSEurofirst 100 which provides a pan-European selection of 100 stocks; the FTSEurofirst 300 Index, containing the 300 largest companies by full market capitalisation in the FTSE Developed Europe Index, using only two currencies and offering a much easier way to trade across borders in Europe. Options and futures on FTSEurofirst indices are available on Euronext.liffe, the derivatives business of Euronext.