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**ESI EXCELLENCE GLOBAL COMPONENTS:**

**ANNUAL REVIEW**

The ESI Excellence Global index selects the best rated companies among the largest companies worldwide on the basis of Forum ETHIBEL's ratings and in accordance with the Ethibel Sustainability Indices Rulebook.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the ESI Committee carried out the annual review of the Index components.

**Preliminary**

At the review date, 87 companies were included in the ESI Excellence Global index.

**Withdrawals: 5 components**

At each annual review, the ESI Committee withdraws from the ESI Excellence Global index the shares of companies that are no longer listed in the Ethibel Excellence Register, are not listed in the reference index (Russell World Index) or do not fulfil the capitalisation requirement (a minimum of 5 billion euros). Accordingly 5 companies will be withdrawn from the index:

Deletions	ISIN
BECTON DICKINSON AND CO	US0758871091
SUMITOMO MITSUI Financial Group Inc	JP3890350006
ING Groep NV	NL0000303600
BNP PARIBAS SA	FR0000131104
SPRINT CORP	US85207U1051

**Addition: 3 components**

At each annual review, the ESI Committee adds to the ESI Excellence Global index the shares of companies that are rated A or B by Forum ETHIBEL and with a free float market capitalisation superior to 10 billion Euros. Accordingly, the following companies will be included in the index:

Additions	ISIN
AEGON	NL0000303709
CAPITA Grp	GB00B23K0M20
LEGRAND	FR0010307819

The changes to the ESI Excellence Global components list will be implemented after the closing hour on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014, and become effective on the next trading day.

For the Ethibel Excellence Global Indices components: please go to [www.vigeo.com](http://www.vigeo.com)

The updated version of the ESI Rulebook (effective on March 21<sup>st</sup> 2014) can be found on Vigeo's website [www.vigeo.com](http://www.vigeo.com)

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### **About Vigeo**

Vigeo is the leading European expert in responsible performance. Founded in 2002 and headed by Nicole Notat, Vigeo measures the performances and risks of companies with regard to six areas of corporate social responsibility: environment, human rights, human resources, community involvement, business behaviour and corporate governance.

Vigeo offers two lines of services through two business brands:

- Vigeo rating –the way to responsible investment- offers a broad range of products and services to investors seeking a sustainable and responsible performance of their investments;
- Vigeo enterprise –the way to responsible management- conducts global CSR audits and benchmarks in organizations of all sizes, public and private; supports teams and integrates CSR/SRI criteria into business functions and strategic operations.

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As an independent advisor and auditor on SRI in Europe, Forum ETHIBEL provides specific instruments and labels to support investors in their search for SRI products. Based on Vigeo data and ratings, Forum ETHIBEL draws up the Ethibel Investment Register as the basis of the label Ethibel EXCELLENCE and the indices ESI Excellence Europe and Global.

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