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**ESI EXCELLENCE EUROPE COMPONENTS:**

**HALF-YEARLY REVIEW**

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

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, the ESI Committee carried out the half-yearly review of the Index components.

**Preliminary**

At the review date, 200 companies were included in the ESI Excellence Europe index.

**Withdrawals: 13 components**

At each half-yearly review, the ESI Committee withdraws from the ESI Excellence Europe index the shares of companies that are no longer listed in the Ethibel Excellence Register. Accordingly, the following 13 companies will be withdrawn from the index:

Withdrawals	ISIN
SANOMA	FI0009007694
WHITBREAD	GB00B1KJJ408
VODAFONE GROUP	GB00BH4HKS39
TNT EXPRESS	NL0009739424
TELENOR	NO0010063308
SAIPEM SPA	IT0000068525
VINCI	FR0000125486
EIFFAGE	FR0000130452
DEUTSCHE POST AG	DE0005552004
BELGACOM	BE0003810273
ABERTIS	ES0111845014
ANGLO AMERICAN	GB00B1XZS820
MICHELIN	FR0000121261

**Additions: 13 components**

The shares of the following companies have subsequently been selected to enter the ESI Excellence Europe index on the basis of their Forum ETHIBEL's ratings:

Additions	ISIN
Abengoa SA	ES0105200002
Stora Enso Oyj R Shs	FI0009005961
Smurfit Kappa Group PLC	IE00B1RR8406
Fraport AG	DE0005773303
Petroleum Geo-Services ASA	NO0010199151
Gamesa Corp Tecnologica SA	ES0143416115

Arcadis NV	NL0006237562
PostNL N.V.	NL0009739416
SIG Plc	GB0008025412
Banca Popolare di Milano Scarl	IT0000064482
Shaftesbury Plc	GB0007990962
Telenet Group Holding NV	BE0003826436
Hellenic Telecommunications Organization	GRS260333000

The changes to the ESI Excellence Europe components list will be implemented after the closing hour on Friday 21<sup>th</sup> March 2014, and become effective on the next trading day.

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

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

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