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**ESI EXCELLENCE EUROPE COMPONENTS:**

**HALF-YEARLY REVIEW**

The ESI Excellence Europe index selects the 200 best rated companies in Europe on the basis of Forum ETHIBEL's ratings and in accordance with the Ethibel Sustainability Indices Guidelines.

On February 22<sup>d</sup>, 2012, the ESI Committee carried out the half-yearly review of the Index components.

**Preliminary**

At the review date, 199 companies were included in the ESI Excellence Europe. One component has been deleted from the index since the last review.

Company	ISIN
NORTHUMBRIAN WATER GRP	GB0033029744

Northumbrian Water GRP was deleted from the index following its taker over by UK Water (non listed) on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Withdrawals: 14 components**

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 Accordingly, the following companies will be withdrawn from the index:

Withdrawals	ISIN
AURUBIS	DE0006766504
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM	DE0005557508
FRAPORT	DE0005773303
LONMIN	GB0031192486
NOBEL BIOCARE HLDG	CH0037851646
SSAB	SE0000171100
POSTNL	NL0009739416
SEGRO	GB00B5ZN1N88
VALEO	FR0000130338
BCO SANTANDER	ES0113900J37
DEUTSCHE POSTBANK	DE0008001009
DEXIA	BE0003796134
POHJOLA BANK	FI0009003222
DAILY MAIL & GENERAL TRUST	GB0009457366

### Additions: 15 components

The shares of the following companies have subsequently been selected on the basis of their Forum ETHIBEL's rating in order to obtain a total number of components of 200:

Additions	ISIN
DEUTSCHE POST	DE0005552004
SAINT GOBAIN	FR0000125007
BEIERSDORF	DE0005200000
BERKELEY GRP HOLDING	GB00B02L3W35
FIAT	IT0001976403
PERNOD RICARD	FR0000120693
DELHAIZE GRP	BE0003562700
INFORMA	JE00B3WJHK45
PUBLICIS GRP	FR0000130577
SODEXO	FR0000121220
TELIASONERA	SE0000667925
VODAFONE GRP	GB00B16GWD56
FONCIÈRE DES RÉGIONS	FR0000064578
GECINA	FR0010040865
GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES	GB00B01FLL16

### Change in ORKLA A multiplier

The industry of the company ORKLA A changed from Consumer goods to Industrials. Its multiplier will be subsequently changed from 1.4 to 0.8 at the time of the review.

The changes to the ESI Excellence Europe components list will be implemented after the closing hour on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012, 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)

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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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