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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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009, the ESI Committee proceeded to the half-yearly review of the Index components.

**Preliminary**

At the review date, 196 companies were included in the index.

**Withdrawals: 4 components**

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 Accordingly, the following companies are withdrawn from the index:

<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>ISIN</b>
ARM	GB0000595859
Upm Kymmene	FI0009005987
Vestas Wind Systems	DK0010268606
Fortis N.V.	BE0003801181

**Additions: 8 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:

<b>Additions</b>	<b>ISIN</b>
Atlantia S.p.A.	IT0003506190
BNP Paribas S.A.	FR0000131104
Coloplast A/S Series B	DK0010309657
Experian	GB00B19NLV48
Legrand	FR0010307819
Novozymes A/S Series B	DK0010272129
TNT N.V.	NL0000009066
Xstrata PLC	GB0031411001

The changes to the ESI Excellence Europe component list will be implemented after the closing hour on Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2009, 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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- SRI Analysis, Ratings and Benchmarks for investors and asset managers
- CSR Audits for companies and local governments

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