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RobecoSAM and S&P Dow Jones Indices introduce DJSI Emerging Markets

- **First index that captures the sustainability champions from emerging markets economies**
- **Emerging markets now traceable for sustainability investors via DJSI**
- **New index complements Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) family**

RobecoSAM, the investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing, and S&P Dow Jones Indices, the world's largest provider of financial market indices, today announced the launch of the Dow Jones Sustainability Emerging Markets Index (*DJSI Emerging Markets*). The *DJSI Emerging Markets* offers investors a tool for measuring the performance of companies that RobecoSAM has recognized as leaders compared to their peers in terms of corporate sustainability and it also provides an effective engagement platform to encourage companies from emerging markets to adopt sustainable best practices.

A reference tool based on unique investment insights

Although much progress has been made in terms of political and economic stability, many companies in emerging markets continue to operate in challenging surroundings. The *DJSI Emerging Markets* seeks to identify corporate sustainability leaders by drawing on RobecoSAM's extensive experience in measuring intangibles through the annual Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA). For example, RobecoSAM has identified resource efficiency as a potential driver of corporate success in the emerging markets based on the important role commodities play in the regional value chain.

Guido Giese, PhD, Head of Indexes, RobecoSAM, said: *"The steady increase in the number of emerging market companies that participate in our CSA shows that businesses around the world are embracing sustainable practices as an important factor in their future competitive position. As the emerging markets have come of age, demand for a regional benchmark for sustainability investors has increased and we can now offer an appropriate product."*

Alka Banerjee, Vice President of Global Equity Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices, said: *"An important strategic reference point for sustainability investors around the globe, the DJSI are continuously advanced to respond to market trends and requirements. The DJSI Emerging Markets, the first index of its kind in the market, is launched in response to the evolving needs of the global investment community."*

New region – same proven rules

In keeping with the already existing suite of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices family, the *DJSI Emerging Markets* is constructed on the basis of RobecoSAM's annual CSA, which evaluates companies' sustainability performance based on economic, environmental and social criteria. Constituents are selected based on the same criteria and best-in-class approach as companies competing for membership in the other DJSI.

In the emerging markets universe, only the companies whose Total Sustainability Score in the RobecoSAM Corporate Sustainability Assessment, based on the company's participation and/or publicly available information, ranks them among the top 10% in their sector are eligible for index inclusion.

Out of a total of 800 emerging market companies that were eligible to participate in the 2012 CSA, 69 were identified as sustainability leaders in their respective sector and selected for index membership. As a result, the *DJSI Emerging Markets* tracks the performance of those leading companies from 20 developing economies. Like the existing DJSI Family, the new index can be customised to meet investor requirements with regard to value or faith based motivated exclusions or specific geographical subsets.

DJSI Emerging Markets at a glance:

Launch date:	February 21 st , 2013
Market capitalisation:	USD 681 billion (as of January 31 st , 2013)
Components:	69
Top holdings:	- Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. - Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd. - China Mobile Ltd. - Itau Unibanco S.A. - Petroleo Brasileiro S/A

- Ends -

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About RobecoSAM

RobecoSAM is an investment specialist focused exclusively on Sustainability Investing. Its offerings comprise asset management, indices, private equity, engagement, impact analysis and sustainability assessments as well as benchmarking services. Asset management capabilities include a range of ESG-integrated investment and theme strategies (in listed and private equity) catering to institutional asset owners and financial intermediaries across the globe. Together with S&P Dow Jones Indices, RobecoSAM publishes the globally recognized Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes (DJSI). Based on its Corporate Sustainability Assessment, an annual ESG analysis of more than 2,000 listed companies, RobecoSAM has compiled one of the world's most comprehensive sustainability databases. RobecoSAM's proprietary research and sustainability insight, gained through its direct contact with companies, are fully integrated into the company's investment solutions.

RobecoSAM is a member of the global pure-play asset manager Robeco, which was established in 1929 and offers a broad range of investment products and services. Robeco also has a long tradition of

practicing and advocating Sustainability Investing principles. RobecoSAM was founded in 1995 out of the conviction that a commitment to corporate sustainability enhances a company's capacity to prosper, ultimately creating competitive advantages and stakeholder value. As a reflection of its own commitment to advocating sustainable investment practices, RobecoSAM is a signatory of the UNPRI and a member of Eurosif, ASrIA and Ceres. Headquartered in Zurich, RobecoSAM employs over 100 professionals. As of December 31, 2012, RobecoSAM's assets under management, advice and license amounted to a total of USD 11.4 billion.

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