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# press release

## MSCI EUROPE SECTOR ETFs LAUNCHED BY SSgA EUROPE

**London, September 6, 2001.** A new series of European exchange traded funds (ETFs) based on the MSCI Europe Sector Indices have been launched today by State Street Global Advisors (SSgA), the world's largest manager of exchange traded funds. SSgA previously announced that it would launch 10 streetTRACKS<sup>SM</sup> ETFs, based on the 10 MSCI Europe Sector Indices. The first three started trading today on Euronext, Paris. This follows the recent launch of ETFs based on the MSCI Pan-Euro<sup>SM</sup> and the MSCI UK<sup>SM</sup> indices.

"The range of European Sector ETFs that State Street will bring to market offers a new set of tools that European professional investors can choose to use to manage their portfolios. Sector investing is a clear trend in Europe since the move to a single currency and this range of ETFs makes available a new way to execute sector-based asset allocation strategies. The decision from SSgA to use the MSCI Sector Indices confirms our leadership in Europe", said Henry Fernandez, President and CEO of MSCI.

"Many of our clients use MSCI indices to manage their assets, and we are proud to have licensed from MSCI the right to use their indices for our streetTRACKS sector products in Europe. We have received very strong encouragement from various investors to create these products, and we are very confident that they will be successful", said Monique Bourven, Chairman and CEO of State Street Banque SA.

Below are the first three MSCI Sector Indices upon which SSgA ETFs are based:

- MSCI Europe Financials<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Information Technology<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Energy<sup>SM</sup>

Products based on the following seven indices are expected to be launched in the coming weeks and will give complete coverage of European sectors:

- MSCI Europe Materials<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Industrials<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Consumer Discretionary<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Consumer Staples<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Health Care<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Telecommunication Services<sup>SM</sup>
- MSCI Europe Utilities<sup>SM</sup>

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MSCI has been awarded the highest ranking for its indices in the 2001 Thomson Extel Survey published in June. For the second year running MSCI indices were ranked the most important European equity indices for both benchmarking and tracking by hundreds of investment professionals, with almost twice as many votes as their nearest competitor.

The 10 MSCI Europe Sector Indices are published in real time via Bloomberg and Reuters and daily through other vendors.

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