

FTSE Group and Borsa Italiana unveil the FTSE Italia Index Series – live on 1st June 2009

Milan, 26th May 2009: FTSE Group (“FTSE”), the global index provider and Borsa Italiana, part of the London Stock Exchange Group, today confirm the new Italian equity indices will be available from 1st June 2009, to domestic and international investors. The FTSE Italia Index Series is designed to represent the performance of shares listed on the markets of Borsa Italiana, providing investors and intermediaries with a comprehensive and complementary set of indices, with which to measure the performance of the Italian equity market.

The FTSE Italia Index Series has been designed using FTSE’s world-renowned index standards, which are recognised and used by international investors. The methodology includes features such as a liquidity screen, a minimum free float level and exclusion of dual class shares. It also applies a nationality rule, which means that foreign listed stocks are not eligible for inclusion in the series, other than in the FTSE MIB and the FTSE Italia All-Share indices.

The FTSE MIB index methodology will remain the same as the current S&P/MIB, and starting from 1st June Borsa Italiana will discontinue the publication of all its informative indices, such as Mibtel, Midex, Mex, Mib Sectoral, Mib R, All Stars.

On the same day, 1st June, stock index futures and stock index options contracts traded on the IDEM of Borsa Italiana – London Stock Exchange Group – will use FTSE MIB as underlying.

The FTSE Italia Series offers a more structured and integrated range of representative market segments and sectors using the international ICB classification. The new and retiring indices, as well as some of their high level design characteristics, are specified below:

| Type of Index | Name of Index | # shares | % mkt cap | % turnover | % trades |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Large Cap/Blue Chip | Current: S&P/MIB | 40 | ~79% | ~93% | ~79% |
| | New: FTSE MIB | 40 | ~79% | ~93% | ~79% |
| Mid Cap | Current: Midex | ~30 | ~9% | ~3% | ~9% |
| | New: FTSE Italia Mid Cap | 60 | ~12% | ~4% | ~10% |

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| Small Cap | Current: No equivalent (only Mex) | | | | |
| | New: FTSE Italia Small Cap | ~150 | ~4% | ~1% | ~6% |
| All-Shares | Current: Mibtel | ~275 | ~98% | ~99% | ~99% |
| | New: FTSE Italia All Share | ~250 | ~95% | ~97% | ~94% |
| Sectoral | Current: Mib Sectoral | | | | |
| | New: FTSE Italia Sector Indices (based on ICB standard) | 66 stand alone indices | | | |
| All-Shares (end of day, vwap) | Current: Mib Storico | ~275 | ~98% | ~99% | ~99% |
| | New: FTSE Italia Mib Storico | ~250 | ~95% | ~97% | ~94% |
| Micro Cap | New: FTSE Italia Micro Cap | ~25 | ~1% | < 0.5% | < 0.5% |
| AIM Italia | New: FTSE Italia AIM | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| Star segment | Current: All Stars | ~75 | ~3.5% | ~1% | ~4% |
| | New: FTSE Italia Star | ~75 | ~3.5% | ~1% | ~4% |

Figures as of end of March 2009

For more information on the index series, including constituent lists, comparative performance of the current Bit indices and the new FTSE Italia Index Series, please visit www.ftse.com/italia

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About FTSE Group

FTSE Group ("FTSE") is a world-leader in the creation and management of indexes. With offices in Boston, Beijing, London, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Madrid, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Sydney, Shanghai and Tokyo, FTSE works with investors in 77 countries globally. It calculates and manages a comprehensive range of equity, fixed income, real estate and investment strategy indices, on both a standard and custom basis. The company has collaborative arrangements with a number of stock exchanges, trade bodies and asset class specialists around the world.

FTSE indexes are used extensively by investors world-wide for investment analysis, performance measurement, asset allocation, portfolio hedging and for creating a wide range of index tracking funds.

About Borsa Italiana

Borsa Italiana S.p.A., part of London Stock Exchange Group, is responsible for the organisation and management of the Italian stock exchange involving equities, bonds, derivatives and structured products. Borsa Italiana's primary objective is to ensure the development of the markets, maximising their liquidity, transparency and competitiveness while pursuing high levels of efficiency. The responsibilities of Borsa Italiana are listing and admission of financial instruments to its markets, admission of intermediaries, overseeing of trading activity and supervising disclosure by listed companies. Borsa Italiana main activities also include the provision of IT systems for trading services, information services, clearing and settlement activities, central depository operations and shareholding management services.