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EXCHANGES SECTOR BENEFITS FROM MERGER DISCUSSIONS

- ***FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index experienced a 4.0 per cent increase in April***
- ***Mondo Visione Exchange Forum set against merger backdrop***

The global exchanges sector has seen some benefit from ongoing merger discussions amongst the world's largest exchanges, as the FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index jumps four per cent in April.

NYSE Euronext, Deutsche Boerse and NASDAQ OMX have experienced an increase in their respective share prices. Along with the majority of publicly listed exchanges experiencing share price increases in April, this is the biggest increase in the Index since December 2010.

Merger discussions continue to bring focus on the exchanges sector in the lead up to the Mondo Visione Exchange Forum where the sector's key issues will be debated amongst the industry's heavyweights, in London.

Commenting on the Index which closed at 26,240.90 on 29 April 2011, Herbie Skeete, Managing Director, Mondo Visione and Co-founder of the Index said:

"The high profile exchange merger discussions in train have shown that governments do care about foreign ownership of their national champion exchanges. This was illustrated by the Australian Treasurer's block of the planned merger between Singapore Exchange and the ASX. Nationalistic concerns on whose financial centre the inevitable job losses will affect may also impact not just the outcome of the big deals on the table right now, but also on who wins the blue ribbon for being the preeminent global financial centre."

The Index*, which aims to reflect market sentiment and is a key indicator of the exchanges' performance, saw a four per cent increase in April 2011.

The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index best performer by capital returns in US dollars was the Philippine Stock Exchange with a 36.3 per cent increase in share price from 31 March to 29 April 2011. The next best performer was the NZX with a 14.1 per cent increase over the same period.

The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index worst performer by capital returns in US dollars was Greece's Hellenic Exchanges SA with a 9.0 per cent decrease in share price from 31 March to 29 April 2011. This was followed by South Africa's Johannesburg Stock Exchange Ltd with a 3.9 per cent decline over the same period.

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Monthly FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index Performance (Capital Return, USD)

May 2009	27%
June 2009	-2.1%
July 2009	3.5%
August 2009	-1.3%
September 2009	6.4%
October 2009	-4.0%
November 2009	2.2%
December 2009	1.8%
January 2010	-10.2%
February 2010	2.4%
March 2010	4.0%
April 2010	2.6%
May 2010	-8.9%
June 2010	-3.4%
July 2010	6.1%
August 2010	-6.1%
September 2010	13.2%
October 2010	7.5%
November 2010	-3.7%
December 2010	6.2%
January 2011	-0.1%
February 2011	1.4%
March 2011	-1.4%
April 2011	4.0%

Notes to Editors

*The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index is compiled by FTSE Group from data based on the share price performance of listed exchanges and trading platforms.

About FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index

The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index, a joint venture between FTSE Group and Mondo Visione, was established in 2000.

It is the first Index in the world to focus on listed exchanges and other trading venues. The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index compares performance of individual exchanges and trading platforms and provides a reliable barometer of the health and performance of the exchange sector.

It enables investors to track 20 publicly listed exchanges and trading floors and focuses attention of the market on this important sector.

The FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index includes all publicly traded stock exchanges and trading floors:

- Australian Securities Exchange Ltd
- BM&F Bovespa
- Bolsa Mexicana de Valores SA
- Bolsa y Mercado Espanoles
- Bursa de Valori Bucuresti SA
- Bursa Malaysia
- CME Group
- Deutsche Bourse
- Hellenic Exchanges SA
- Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd
- Intercontinental Exchange Inc
- Johannesburg Stock Exchange Ltd
- London Stock Exchange
- NASDAQ OMX Group
- New Zealand Exchange Ltd
- NYSE Euronext
- Philippine Stock Exchange
- Singapore Exchange Ltd
- TMX Group
- Warsaw Stock Exchange

About Mondo Visione

Mondo Visione is the leading source of insight and knowledge about the world's exchanges and trading venues. Since 1991, Mondo Visione has provided those who operate and invest in the global markets with fast, reliable information, delivered in print and online. The company also organises conferences and events where market professionals can share ideas and experience with their peers, regulators, system providers, academics and journalists.

Mondo Visione publishes the industry-standard *Handbook of World Stock, Derivative and Commodity Exchanges*, which provides trading, settlement and organisational information for around 250 exchanges in over 100 countries. The handbook, which celebrated its 20th year of publication in 2010, is produced annually and is available in hardcopy and online.

World Exchanges: Global Industry Outlook and Investment Analysis is a quarterly investment analysis of the listed exchanges sector and 20 of the leading publicly-owned exchanges from around the world.

Mondo Visione also publishes *Trading Places*, a monthly digest of news and comment about the global exchange industry, and together with FTSE Group owns and publishes the FTSE Mondo Visione Exchanges Index, which tracks the stock market performance of listed exchanges.

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