



NASDAQ OMX Announces Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Global Index Group Report

NEW YORK, Oct 22, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) today announced the third quarter and year-to-date activities report for the NASDAQ OMX Global Index Group. The Global Index Group creates and licenses indexes, which are the basis of financial instruments, and provides full-service index support to financial product issuers, sponsors and investors.

Business Highlights

- * NASDAQ OMX completed the acquisition of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. The Global Index Group is now responsible for the calculation and licensing of the PHLX Sector Index Series.
- * NASDAQ OMX launched the NASDAQ OMX Europe Index on September 26. The NASDAQ OMX Europe Index is a market capitalized weighted index designed to track the companies traded on the NASDAQ OMX Europe Marketplace.
- * During the third quarter, the NASDAQ-100 Index Future, listed on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), became the second equity-index future to cross the threshold of 500 million contracts traded with a notional value greater than \$25 trillion.
- * NASDAQ OMX launched 32 new indexes in the third quarter and a total of 53 indexes through September 30, 2008.
- * Ten ETFs were introduced based on NASDAQ OMX Indexes. Eight of the ETFs were listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market (NASDAQ) while one was launched on the London Stock Exchange and one on XETRA.
- * The NASDAQ Financial-100 Index significantly outperformed other financial indexes by returning 13.48% in the third quarter.

Index Performance

During the third quarter and year-to-date, NASDAQ OMX indexes -- the benchmark for 36 ETFs worldwide -- paced the market for both broad-based and sector performance. The table below shows the third quarter and year-to-date performances of some of NASDAQ OMX's top performing indexes:

Name	YTD (9/30/08)	3rd Quarter
PHLX Housing Index	-10.06%	20.23%
NASDAQ Financial-100 Index	-11.03%	13.48%
NASDAQ Biotechnology Index	0.13%	5.38%
OMRX Treasury Bond Index	5.52%	5.25%
NASDAQ OMX Global Biotechnology Index(1)	8.42%	5.02%
OMRX Total Bond Index	3.11%	2.95%
OMRX Treasury Bill Index	3.11%	1.07%
OMRX Real Return Bond Index	3.99%	1.03%
PHLX Retail Index	-12.98%	0.65%
PHLX Defense Index	-14.63%	-3.59%
NASDAQ Composite Index	-21.13%	-8.77%
OMX GES Sustainability Sweden Index	-25.94%	-8.91%
OMX Stockholm 30 Index	-28.94%	-10.40%

NASDAQ Transportation Index	-20.69%	-12.70%
NASDAQ-100 Index	-23.52%	-13.20%

New Indexes

In the third quarter, NASDAQ OMX developed the following new indexes (both price and total return variants for a total of 32 new indexes):

Name	Ticker
NASDAQ OMX Global Agriculture Index	QAGR
NASDAQ OMX Global Gold & Precious Metals Index	QGLD
NASDAQ OMX Global Biotechnology Index	QGBI
NASDAQ OMX Global Coal Index	QCOL
NASDAQ OMX Global Steel Index	QSTL
NASDAQ OMX Ireland Index	QIRL
Wilder NASDAQ OMX Global Energy Efficient Transport Index	HAUL
NASDAQ OMX Europe Index	NEUX
OMX GES Sustainability Sweden Price Index	OMXSUSTAINSEPI
OMX GES Sustainability Sweden Ethical Price Index	OMXSUSTETHSEPI
OMX GES Ethical Nordic Index	OMXETHICALNC
OMX GES Ethical Sweden Index	OMXETHICALSE
OMX GES Ethical Denmark Index	OMXETHICALDK
OMX GES Ethical Finland Index	OMXETHICALFI
OMX GES Ethical Norway Index	OMXETHICALNO
OMX GES OMXS-30 Ethical Index	OMXS30ETHICPI

New ETF Listings

The following ETFs based on NASDAQ indexes listed on NASDAQ during the third quarter of 2008:

Name	Ticker
PowerShares Global Agriculture Portfolio	PAGG
PowerShares Global Steel Portfolio	PSTL
PowerShares Global Gold & Precious Metals Portfolio	PSAU
PowerShares Global Coal Portfolio	PKOL
PowerShares Global Progressive Transportation Portfolio	PTRP
PowerShares Global Biotech Portfolio	PBTQ
PowerShares Global Wind Energy Portfolio	PWND
PowerShares MENA Frontier Countries Portfolio	PMNA

The following ETFs based on NASDAQ indexes listed on other markets during the third quarter of 2008:

Name	Ticker
PowerShares Global Agriculture Fund	PSGA LN
ComStage ETF Nasdaq-100 (CBNDX GR)	CBNDX GR

About NASDAQ OMX Global Index Group

NASDAQ OMX Global Index Group is engaged in the design, development, calculation, licensing and marketing of NASDAQ OMX indexes. The Global Index Group specializes in the development of indexes focusing on NASDAQ OMX's brand themes of innovation, technology, growth and globalization. The Global Index Group also provides custom index services and design solutions as a third-party provider to selected financial organizations. For more information about NASDAQ OMX indexes, visit www.nasdaq.com/indexes.

About NASDAQ OMX

The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. is the world's largest exchange company. It delivers trading, exchange technology and public company services across six continents, with over 3,900 listed companies. NASDAQ OMX Group offers multiple capital raising solutions to companies around the globe, including its U.S. listings market; the OMX Nordic Exchange, including First North; and the 144A PORTAL Market. The company offers trading across multiple asset classes including equities, derivatives, debt, commodities, structured products and ETFs. NASDAQ OMX Group technology supports the operations of over 70 exchanges, clearing organizations and central securities depositories in more than 50 countries. OMX Nordic Exchange is not a legal entity but describes the common offering from NASDAQ OMX Group exchanges in Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Iceland, Tallinn, Riga, and Vilnius. For more information about NASDAQ OMX, visit <http://www.nasdaqomx.com>.

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(1) Index performance includes back-tested index values prior to the index's dissemination date, which are indicative and NASDAQ OMX makes no guarantee of the accuracy of the back-tested data.

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