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XETRA TRADES UP BY MORE THAN 6 PER CENT IN MAY 2008

In May 2008, the number of trades executed on Xetra[®] reached 14.4 million transactions — up more than 6 per cent compared to May 2007 with 13.5 million trades. Order book turnover on Xetra recorded €144.8 bn (May 2007: €198.5 bn). On Xetra and the Frankfurt floor €141.9 billion were turned over in German equities and €7.1 bn in foreign shares. About 97.5 per cent of the transaction volume with German equities and 82.3 per cent of foreign equities were traded on Xetra and on the floor at Börse Frankfurt.

According to the Xetra liquidity measure (XLM), Deutsche Börse AG was the most liquid DAX[®] blue chip in May with 4.7 basis points (bp) for an order volume of €100,000. Beiersdorf AG was the most liquid MDAX[®] stock with 24.4 bp. The most liquid ETF was the Lyxor ETF Euro Cash with 1 bp. The most liquid foreign stock was Royal Dutch Shell with 11.3 bp. XLM measures liquidity in electronic securities trading on the basis of the implicit transaction costs. It is expressed in bp (1 bp = 0.01 per cent); a low XLM denotes high liquidity in a security.

Deutsche Bank AG was the strongest DAX[®] stock on Xetra in May at €8.6 bn. K + S AG was the top MDAX[®] stock at €3.2 bn while Bauer AG led the K + SDAX[®] stock at €111 m and Q-Cells AG headed the TecDAX[®] at €1.5 bn. At €1.5bn, the iShares DAX EX was once again

the exchange-traded fund with the largest turnover.

On all stock exchanges in Germany €168 bn were traded in May according to order book turnover statistics — a decline by 12 per cent compared year-on-year (May 2007: €233.8 bn). This total included €158.1 bn in equities, warrants and exchange-traded funds, as well as €9.9 bn in fixed-income securities. The number of trades at all exchanges added up to 22.1 million (May 2007: 27.4 million).

DEUTSCHE BÖRSE LAUNCHES NEW DAXGLOBAL INDICES

Deutsche Börse has further expanded its international index family offering. Investors can participate in the growth of the African economy with the DAXglobal[®] Africa Index. The DAXglobal Vietnam Index tracks the performance of the 20 largest stocks traded on the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange.

Seventy per cent of the DAXglobal Africa Index consists of companies from Africa's emerging markets. These include Nigeria (with a share of 30 per cent), Egypt (26 per cent) and Morocco (14 per cent). In addition, the Africa Index comprises companies from South Africa and companies that have their registered offices in G7 countries and generate at least 50 per cent of their turnover in Africa.

The DAXglobal Africa Index represents a total of 50 companies from the financials,

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telecommunication services, materials, industrials, consumer goods and energy sectors. A historical back-calculation of the index's performance shows 431 per cent (30 per cent p.a.) from September 2001 to 2008.

Another new addition to the international index family is the DAXglobal Vietnam Index. It tracks the 20 largest and most liquid companies traded on the Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange. The stocks have a maximum weighting of 10 per cent in the index.

Selection criteria for the DAXglobal Africa Index and the DAXglobal Vietnam Index are market capitalisation and the average daily exchange turnover for the last six months. For the Africa Index, this figure must be USD 1 million and for the Vietnam Index more than USD 500,000 per company. The indices are calculated as price and performance indices in euros, US dollars and pounds sterling. The index composition of the DAXglobal Africa Index is reviewed once a year, and that of the DAXglobal Vietnam once a quarter. Both indices are reweighted on a quarterly basis.

STANDARD & POOR'S FUND SERVICES: UPGRADES OF EUROPEAN EQUITIES FUNDS OUTNUMBER DOWNGRADES BY MORE THAN TWO TO ONE

In an annual review (released at the beginning of June 2008) covering 194 European equities funds, Standard & Poor's (S&P) Fund Services has upgraded a total of 28 funds — more than twice as many as the 12 downgraded at the same time.

The coveted top S&P AAA rating has gone to four upgraded funds, three run by Steve Cordell and Chris Rice. These were Cazenove International European ex-UK, Cazenove

International Pan Europe and Cazenove Investment Company — European. Also gaining an AAA is Petercam Equities Europe run by Jan Leroy.

In all, 13 funds were upgraded from A to AA, including Baring Europe Select Trust, Insight Investment European Small Cap, JPMorgan Funds — JPM Europe Dynamic and Dynamic (ex UK), M&G Investment Funds — Pan European and Martin Currie Global Funds — Pan European Opportunities.

Of the 12 funds downgraded, five lost their ratings to become Not Rated by S&P. These included Threadneedle Investment Funds — Pan European Accelerando, Cominvest EuropaVision and Deka-EuropaValue.

On the basis of lengthy interviews with European equity fund managers, Deborah Boys said their greatest concern looking forward was to get the timing of a return to banks right. She said Fidelity's Alexander Scurlock had begun to add cautiously to HSBC and Nigel Bolton had begun to take a more sanguine view of the sector but most were still substantially underweight. An example was JOHCM Continental Select Values fund, which had just 1 per cent in a sector that is between 25 per cent and 30 per cent of most benchmarks and more of value indices.

EUREX CLEARING ENHANCES OVER-THE-COUNTER SERVICE OFFERING

Eurex Clearing brand, Eurex Clearing, announced today major enhancements of its over-the-counter (OTC) clearing offering. As of 1st July, 2008, Eurex Clearing will introduce a Multilateral Trade Registration (MTR) facility and a new deal-based pricing structure for equity options. The MTR allows brokers to enter block

trades with one buyer or seller and multiple counterparties instead of entering separate bilateral block trades. Regardless of the number of partial executions, Eurex Clearing will charge only one price per deal.

Additionally, to encourage volume growth from the OTC market, Eurex Clearing announced further enhancements to its fee schedule by reducing fee caps for large OTC block trades.

Fee caps for block trades will be reduced to 200 EUR for customer account transactions in all equity options as of 1st July, 2008. This is a reduction of 50 per cent for German, Swiss and Scandinavian equity options. In order to stimulate proprietary trading, fee caps for block trades on proprietary accounts are set even

lower, at 100 EUR for all equity options, giving a minimum reduction of 50 per cent and a maximum of 75 per cent depending on the underlying.

Also as of 1st July, 2008, fees for single stock futures will be significantly reduced for on-exchange order book trading and entries of OTC transactions.

Fees for order book trading will be reduced for all single stock futures to 0.20 EUR per contract. Currently, most single stock futures are priced at 0.30 EUR. Additionally, fee caps for block trades will be lowered to 200 EUR for all single stock futures.

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