



Press Release

Standard & Poor's Announces the Results of the December 2008 Rebalancings for the S&P North American Sector Index Families

New York, NY, December 11, 2008 – Standard & Poor's, the world's leading index provider, announced today the results of the rebalancings for the S&P North American Sector indices, effective after the close of trading on Friday, December 19, 2008.

- [Additions and deletions to the S&P North American Sector Indices.](#)
- [Additions and deletions to the S&P North American Technology Sector Indices.](#)

Note -- due to M&A activity that can happen up to and including December 19th, the final index constituents in the files are subject to change.

Index constituents will also undergo the regularly scheduled quarterly share rebalancing after the close of trading on Friday, December 19, 2008. These share changes will be announced to clients in advance of that date.

Additions to and deletions from an S&P equity index do not in any way reflect an opinion on the investment merits of the companies concerned.

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