



## Press Release

### **S&P Custom Indices Calculates New Suite of IPOX Europe Indices**

**New York, February 3, 2006** – Standard & Poor's, the world's leading index provider, announced today that it has broadened its relationship with IPOX Schuster LLC through the calculation of a new suite of real-time, customized IPOX Europe Indices. The new indices are in addition to the IPOX U.S. Series (launched in July 2004) already being calculated by Standard & Poor's Custom Indices.

The IPOX indices seek to measure the average performance of IPO companies that meet certain quantitative entrance requirements. The IPOX Europe indices specifically will provide access to the growth and innovativeness of the European economy, and to trends in the European Capital Markets.

Standard & Poor's Custom Indices draws upon Standard & Poor's family of global indices including the S&P/Citigroup indices covering 10,000 companies globally, the S&P Emerging Markets Database (EMDB) defining the universe of emerging market stocks, and Standard & Poor's world-leading tradable indices including the S&P Global 1200.

"Companies, like IPOX, are increasingly turning to Standard & Poor's for its proven ability to independently calculate real-time, custom indices," says Tim Eisenhauer, Senior Director at Standard & Poor's Index Services. "Standard & Poor's extensive global market coverage provides us with the necessary means to calculate niche indices for any type of index strategy in any region of the world."

"Coupled with their extensive database of global equity markets, Standard & Poor's Custom Indices capability to calculate any number of flexible and robust equity indices, on a real-time basis, made this decision a simple one for IPOX," says Josef Schuster, Chief Executive Officer at IPOX Schuster LLC.

Standard & Poor's Custom Indices calculates the following custom indices, each in 15-second intervals, on behalf of IPOX:

- IPOX Europe Composite
- IPOX Europe 100
- IPOX Europe 30
- IPOX U.S. Composite
- IPOX U.S. 100
- IPOX U.S. 30

#### **About Standard & Poor's**

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**About IPOX Schuster LLC**

IPOX Schuster LLC is a research-driven company specializing in financial products design related to IPOs. Our underlying philosophy is to classify IPOs into a separately tradeable equity sector for an extended period in aftermarket trading. Our main product, the group of IPOX™ IPO Indexes, is a capitalization-weighted series of price and total return indexes covering the long-run aftermarket performance of U.S. and European IPOs. The Indexes pool a significant portion of market capitalization on the respective markets and are increasingly adopted by market participants. For more information, visit <http://www.ipoxschuster.com>.

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