



Press Release

Standard & Poor's Announces Changes to U.S. Indices

New York, NY, July 9, 2007 – Standard & Poor's will make the following changes to the S&P 500, S&P SmallCap 600, and S&P REIT Composite indices:

- Akamai Technologies Inc. (NASDAQ:AKAM) will replace Biomet Inc. (NASDAQ:BMET) in the S&P 500 after the close of trading on Wednesday, July 11. Biomet is being acquired by a private equity consortium in a tender offer scheduled to expire on or about that date, pending final approvals.
- NATCO Group Inc. (NYSE:NTG) will replace Genesis Healthcare Corp. (NASDAQ:GHCI) in the S&P SmallCap 600 after the close of trading on a date to be announced. Genesis Healthcare is being acquired by a joint venture between affiliates of Formation Capital LLC and JER Partners in a deal still pending final approvals.
- Winthrop Realty Trust Inc. (NYSE:FUR) will replace Highland Hospitality Corp. (NYSE:HIH) in the S&P REIT Composite after the close of trading on a date to be announced. Highland Hospitality is being acquired by affiliates of JER Partners Acquisitions IV LLC in a deal still pending final approvals.

Standard & Poor's will monitor these transactions, and post any relevant updates on its website: www.standardandpoors.com.

Akamai provides services for accelerating and improving the delivery of content and applications over the Internet. Headquartered in Cambridge, MA, the company will be added to the S&P 500 GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) Internet Software & Services Sub-Industry index.

NATCO Group engages in the design, manufacture, and marketing of oil and gas production equipment and systems. Headquartered in Houston, TX, the company will be added to the S&P SmallCap 600 GICS Oil & Gas Equipment & Services Sub-Industry index.

Winthrop is a REIT that engages in the ownership and management of real property and real estate-related assets. Headquartered in Boston, MA, the company will be added to the S&P REIT Composite Diversified REITs sub-industry.

Following is a summary of the changes:

S&P 500 INDEX – July 11, 2007			
	COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED	Akamai Technologies	Information Technology	Internet Software & Services
DELETED	Biomet	Health Care	Health Care Equipment

S&P SMALLCAP 600 INDEX – To Be Announced			
	COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED	NATCO Group	Energy	Oil & Gas Equipment & Services
DELETED	Genesis Healthcare	Health Care	Health Care Facilities

S&P REIT COMPOSITE – To Be Announced			
	COMPANY	GICS ECONOMIC SECTOR	GICS SUB-INDUSTRY
ADDED	Winthrop Realty Trust	Financials	Diversified REITs
DELETED	Highland Hospitality	Financials	Specialized REITs

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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