

Dow Jones Indexes, Wilshire Team Up on Financial Gauges

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NEW YORK -- Dow Jones Indexes and **Wilshire Associates Inc.** signed an agreement to co-brand and calculate four flagship Wilshire indexes of the stock market and other financial assets.

Beginning in April, Dow Jones Indexes will calculate, license and market the newly named Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index. Developed in 1974 and currently called the Wilshire 5000, the index measures the stock of every company with headquarters in the U.S.

Dow Jones Indexes will similarly calculate the Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Completion Index, Dow Jones Wilshire REIT and Dow Jones Wilshire RESI indexes. In the second quarter of 2004, Dow Jones Indexes will assume the calculation and marketing of the Dow Jones Wilshire Style Indexes.

Dow Jones Indexes and Wilshire also plan to develop a global family of co-branded benchmark indexes. The first of these, the Dow Jones Wilshire Global Composite Index, is scheduled for launch in the fourth quarter. The Dow Jones Wilshire indexes will be free-float weighted, using the existing Dow Jones Indexes free-float methodologies that remove corporate shares that aren't available for public trading. However, the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, Dow Jones Wilshire 4500 Completion Index, Dow Jones Wilshire REIT and Dow Jones Wilshire RESI will also continue to be calculated with full shares for the sake of historical data continuity.

Dow Jones & Co., whose Dow Jones Indexes provides major stock indexes including the Dow Jones Industrial Average, publishes The Wall Street Journal.