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## **INTERNAXX, ISHARES AND NYSE EURONEXT HOST EXCHANGE TRADED FUND (ETF) EVENT**

Luxembourg, 28 April 2008. Internaxx, Fortis and TD Waterhouse's international online broker, is to host an ETF event with the world's largest provider of ETFs, iShares and NYSE Euronext. It will take place on 29 April 2008 in the large Fortis auditorium in Luxembourg's city centre, providing an opportunity to present the complete picture about the ETF market, the advantages of iShares' products and the methods to invest on the Internaxx platform.

### **ETFs, AN EXPANDING MARKET**

ETFs combine the advantages of both index funds and stocks. They are liquid, easy to use and can be traded in any quantity just like stocks. At the same time an ETF provides the diversification, market coverage and low expenses of an index fund. These characteristics combine to create an investment tool that provides investors with the broad exposure they require, at the level they want; at the moment they need it. As such, they are fast gaining a reputation as an innovative investment solution – a claim greatly supported by the accelerated growth in ETFs.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic expansion in the number of indices, styles and asset classes covered by ETFs with a particular emphasis on country related products, single-country exposure, regional indices and sectors. According to world forecasts, these assets should reach the value of 2 billion dollars in 2011.

Robert Glaesener, General Manager of Internaxx, tells us: "We are seeing a growing interest in this type of product from our international clients. Indeed, our clients like being able to access specific investments, such as ETFs on raw materials, directly via our platform. ETFs on emergent markets which are difficult to access via share markets also interest investors".

When he explains the reasons for this event, Robert Glaesener cites the complementarities of the three companies: "The three involved have complementary roles: Barclays Global Investors - iShares – is a leader in ETFs issuing, NYSE Euronext is the leading stock exchange space where European products in the range are negotiated and Internaxx is the leading platform in Luxembourg enabling investors to buy and sell these ETFs online."

Roel Thijssen, Head of Benelux for iShares, said: "We are delighted to be part of this very worthwhile event as increasingly investors are seeking to use ETFs as they find out more about the benefits of ETFs. There are sixty iShares registered in Luxembourg with over 320 iShares' funds offered on stock exchanges world wide and as the world's largest ETF provider, iShares is perfectly placed to be part of this."

The events starts at 12:30 prompt and finishes at 2pm.

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## About Internaxx

A joint-venture between TD Waterhouse and Fortis in Luxembourg, Internaxx is an international online brokerage service for several thousands of expatriate and international clients throughout the world.

Internaxx Bank S.A. has the full status of a bank, and is supervised by the "Financial Sector Supervisory Commission (Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier)", which is the regulatory authority for financial service institutions in Luxembourg. As such, Internaxx is subject to the stringent banking and privacy laws which prevail in Luxembourg. Additionally, the Bank is a member of the "Luxembourg Association for the Guarantee of Deposits".

Internaxx gives real time access at a discount price to the 17 largest stock exchanges in North America, Europe and Asia. Internaxx also has a platform dedicated to derivative products, offering access to Forex, CFDs and Futures. Internaxx also supplies its most active clients with a financial information platform including real time quotations and streaming level 2 on international stock exchanges, technical and fundamental analyses and analyst's consensus estimates.

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## About Barclays Global Investors - iShares

iShares is the world's largest provider exchange traded funds with over 320 funds for institutions and individuals globally as at date 31/12/07.

ETFs are index funds that are bought and sold like ordinary shares on a stock exchange and are a tool to gain diversified exposure to a market. ETFs can be used to achieve many investment strategies:

- for buy and hold investing
- for active traders who wish to take advantage of market movements
- for investors wishing to hedge the market
- to enhance returns on cash deposits by equitising

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## About NYSE Euronext

NYSE Euronext (NYX) operates the world's leading and most liquid exchange group, and seeks to provide the highest levels of quality, customer choice and innovation. Its family of exchanges, located in six countries, include the New York Stock Exchange, the world's largest cash equities market; Euronext, the Eurozone's largest cash equities market; Liffe, Europe's leading derivatives exchange by value of trading; and NYSE Arca Options, one of the fastest growing U.S. options trading platforms. NYSE Euronext offers a diverse array of financial products and services for issuers, investors and financial institutions in cash equities, options and derivatives, ETFs, bonds, market data, and commercial technology solutions. NYSE Euronext's nearly 4,000 listed companies represent a combined \$27.3 / €17.3 trillion in total global market capitalization (as of March 31, 2008), more than four times that of any other exchange group. NYSE Euronext's equity exchanges transact an average daily trading value of approximately \$169.6 / €113.2 billion (as of March 31, 2008), which represents more than one-third of the world's cash equities trading. NYSE Euronext is part of the S&P 500 index and the only exchange operator in the S&P 100 index.

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