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**S&P Dow Jones Indices Announces the Results of the 2012 Country
Classification Review**

New York, November 16, 2012 - S&P Dow Jones Indices today announced the results of its 2012 annual Country Classification Review. Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates were included in the S&P Country Classification Consultation that began in mid-August 2012. Based on the responses received, as well as additional client feedback, S&P Dow Jones Indices has decided that there will be no change in country classification for these four countries at this time.

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