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Russell Global Index gains 69 Korean stocks

Korea places third in new additions, behind the U.S. and Japan.

Seoul, July 4, 2013 – Russell Investments has added 69 Korean stocks to the Russell Global Index as part of its annual process to maintain highly accurate global equity market benchmarks. As a result, the Russell Global Index now includes 374 Korean stocks representing approximately \$1.4 trillion in market capitalization. This figure increased slightly from last year's total market cap of \$1.2 trillion. In addition, Korea ranks as the tenth largest country in the index in terms of total market capitalization.

"The completion of our annual reconstitution process is a vital step for our indexes," said Rolf Agather, global head of index research and innovation at Russell Investments. "Our objective each year is to execute an annual rebalancing of our global indexes that is transparent, orderly and efficient for our clients. The annual reconstitution draws on objective and transparent rules to help multi-asset investors stay abreast of the market to better measure asset class performance and identify investment opportunities."

The list of additions to the global index is available now at [the Russell reconstitution website](#).

The annual reconstitution process also showed the following about the Korea country component of the Russell Global Index:

- Korea is ranked among the ten largest global markets in terms of total market capitalization.
- Korea's 69 company additions to the Russell Global Index at this year's reconstitution are a notable increase from 53 additions at last year's reconstitution and 36 additions the year before.
- Biggest sector movers for Korea since 2012 reconstitution were the Technology sector, which increased from 30.9% to 35.7%, and the Producer Durables sector which decreased to 10.4% from 12.5% at this time last year.
- The current sector weights for the Korea component of the Russell Global Index in order of size are Technology (35.7%), Consumer Discretionary (18.9%), Financial Services (13.9%), Producer Durables (10.4%), Materials & Processing (9.6%), Consumer Staples (4.6%), Utilities (2.9%), Energy (2.1%) and Health Care (1.9%).

Russell's index reconstitution process is followed closely by global investors because \$4.1 trillion in assets are benchmarked against them, making Russell a leader in equity market indexes. In addition, more than \$600 billion in assets are invested directly in financial products linked to the Russell Indexes. Russell has been a pioneer in the evolving index world since introducing its first market index nearly 30 years ago in 1984. The Russell Indexes calculate over 700,000 benchmarks daily covering more than 80 countries and approximately 10,000 securities.

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