

**October 1-2, 2007 News Advisory:**

**“INVESTOR EDUCATION DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU AND AROUND THE GLOBE”  
CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE IN MADRID OCTOBER 1-2, 2007**

**MADRID, SPAIN//News Advisory//**More than 100 investor education experts from around the world will gather October 1-2, 2007 at the first joint investor education conference of the International Forum for Investor Education (IFIE) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO).

The IFIE/IOSCO conference will take place at the Bolsas y Mercados Españoles (BME), Plaza de la Lealtad 1, Madrid, Spain. Major investor education initiatives around the globe – including the implications of the November 1st deadline for the EU Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID) -- will be highlighted in this major event bringing together experts from the world’s leading regulatory organizations, stock exchanges, and financial firms.

Events at the conference will be sponsored by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, The Bond Market Foundation, CSI Global Education Inc. (formerly Canadian Securities Institute), and the Bolsas y Mercados Españoles. The World Federation of Exchanges is the program advisor for the event.

The major speakers for the conference are: FINRA CEO Mary L. Schapiro; International Organization of Securities Commissions Technical Committee Chairman and Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF) Chairman Michel Prada; Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Senior Managing Director for Europe and Asia Karsten Moller; IOSCO Secretary General Philippe Richard; International Forum for Investor Education Chairman and FINRA Senior Vice President and Managing Director of International Affairs and Services Nick Bannister; Securities and Exchange Board of India Chairman M. Damodaran; and BME Chairman and CEO D. Antonio J. Zoido Martínez.

Among the panelists who will make presentations are the following: Mr. Shin Akamine, Senior Manager, CSR Promotion, Tokyo Stock Exchange; Mr. Gerry Anderson, Deputy Executive Officer, Financial Services Board (South Africa); Mr. Alan Andreasen, Executive Director and Professor, Social Marketing Institute, Georgetown University (U.S.); Mr. Nick Bannister, Chairman, IFIE and Senior Vice President and Managing Director of International Affairs and Services, FINRA (UK); Mr. Paul Borque, Senior Vice President, Member Regulation, Investment Dealers Association of Canada; Mr. Jonathan Chapman, Head of Financial Capability Department, Financial Services Authority (UK); Mr. Andrew Crain, former Director of International Relations, Australian Securities & Investments Commission, and now Senior Advisor, External Relations, Public Interest Oversight Board (Madrid); Ms. Dara Duguay, Director, Office of Financial Education, Citigroup (U.S.); Ms. Kathryn Edmundson, Executive Director, The Bond Market Foundation (U.S.); Mr. Rafael Febres-Cordero, Managing Director for Fidelity International in Southern Europe and Latin America, Fidelity International (Spain); Mr. John Gannon, Senior Vice President for Investor Education, FINRA (U.S.); Ms. Rachel Gosling, Deputy Executive Director, IFS School of Finance (UK); Mr. Bertrand Huet-Delaherse, Senior Regulatory Counsel, SIFMA Europe (UK); Ms. Robyn Grew, Managing Director, Compliance, Barclays (UK); Mr. Timothy R.

Hailes, Managing Director & Associate General Counsel, JP Morgan (UK); Mr. Steve Horan, Director, Private Wealth and Investor Education, CFA Institute (U.S.); Mr. Kun Ho Hwang, Chairman, Korea Securities Dealers Association; Mr. Norio Inomata, General Manager, Securities Education Division, Japan Securities Dealers Association; Mr. Harman Korte, Managing Director, Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets; Dr. Ahmed Saad Abdel Latif, Chairman, Capital Market Authority (Egypt); Ms. Wong Sau Ngan, General Counsel, Securities Commission (Malaysia); Ms. Victoria Powell, Communication Director, Committee of European Securities Regulators (France); Mr. Jose Alexandre Vasco, Superintendent (Head of the Investor Assistance and Education Department), Comissão de Valores Mobiliários – CVM (Brazil); Ms. Tanya Verrier, Independent Consumer Expert, FIN-USE (invited, Belgium); Ms. Lois Vitt, Chair and Founding Director, Institute for Socio-Financial Studies (U.S.); Ms. Gerri Walsh, Associate Vice President for Investor Education, FINRA (U.S.); Ms. Roberta Wilton, President and CEO, CSI Global Education Inc.; and Ms. Maria Jose Gómez Yubero, Director of Investors, Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (Spain).

For updated program details, please go to <http://www.ifie.org> on the Web.

### **ABOUT THE GROUPS**

Chartered in 2005, the International Forum for Investor Education (<http://www.ifie.org>) is a unique alliance that brings together private sector and public sector providers of investor education to improve the global standards for investor education.

The International Organization of Securities Commissions (<http://www.iosco.org>) is recognized as the international standard setter for securities markets. The Organization's wide membership regulates more than 90 percent of the world's securities markets and IOSCO is the world's most important international cooperative forum for securities regulatory agencies. IOSCO members regulate more than 100 jurisdictions and the Organization's membership is steadily growing.

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