



techMARK and techMARK mediscience

A focus on innovation

techMARK and techMARK mediscience are specially developed segments of the London Stock Exchange's Main Market, designed for companies at the forefront of innovative technology.

techMARK was launched in November 1999 by the Exchange to create new opportunities for companies whose business is dependent on technological innovation, and for investors in those companies. Two years later, techMARK mediscience was then launched to focus on companies whose business is dependent on innovation in the development or manufacture of pharmaceuticals, or products or services that are wholly or substantially dedicated to the healthcare industry.

techMARK brings together companies whose business models require a particularly high level of innovation and investment into research and development programmes. By providing a spotlight on this segment of the Main Market, it helps techMARK companies to build successful relationships with investors – vital to innovation and funding discovery.

And for scientific-research based companies, the Listing Rules take into account your business specialisation and facilitate your admission to the Main Market.

techMARK hits the spot

Together the Main Market, techMARK and techMARK mediscience allow the innovative stars of tomorrow to visibly compete amongst their peers on the global stage.

Be in the spotlight:

- Gain clear identification and easier benchmarking against a comparable peer group.
- Increase your awareness amongst investors – positively impacting profile and liquidity.
- Benefit from inclusion in dedicated techMARK indices and associated fund activity.

Enjoy the prestige of being listed on London's Main Market:

- Gain access to one of the deepest and most liquid pools of capital in the world.
- Be at the heart of global finance.
- Demonstrate a commitment to world respected regulatory and corporate governance standards.
- Increase your visibility amongst a wide and global investment community consisting of highly experienced and specialist advisers, analysts and investors.

Who can join?

techMARK is open to all innovative companies, regardless of size, sector or commercial or industrial activity, country of origin or currency of share trading. There is a broad range of companies operating in numerous sectors on techMARK, from software and computer services to oil and gas and even transport.

techMARK mediscience companies operate within the techMARK family. techMARK mediscience specifically includes healthcare sectors such as medical equipment, medical supplies, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.

All techMARK companies share one key attribute – commitment to innovation, research and development.

To see if you are able to join techMARK or techMARK mediscience and to understand the admission procedures please refer to our 'Eligibility Criteria' factsheet or visit www.londonstockexchange.com/techMARK.

Fast facts

- 114 techMARK companies on market
- 11 international companies
- Total capital raised £29 billion
- Total market value £265 billion
- Companies from 12 market sectors and 21 subsectors
- Traded value over £4,200 billion since launch.

Source: London Stock Exchange figures to April 2008

techMARK indices – increasing investability and liquidity

The FTSE techMARK indices enable each company's performance to be measured against their peer group on the London market and allow techMARK companies as a group to be benchmarked against comparable companies on other markets. Grouping companies together in this way helps increase visibility and liquidity, whilst also raising the profile of techMARK companies with investors.

Three associated indices

- FTSE techMARK All-Share index includes all companies admitted to techMARK.
- FTSE techMARK Focus index comprises on medium and smaller techMARK companies.
- FTSE techMARK mediscience index features emerging healthcare companies.

The family of techMARK indices allows techMARK-eligible companies access to an index specifically tailored to reflect the nature of their business. FTSE techMARK indices are available in addition to the FTSE UK Index Series. Your company therefore increases its exposure to indices on which funds base their investment decisions.

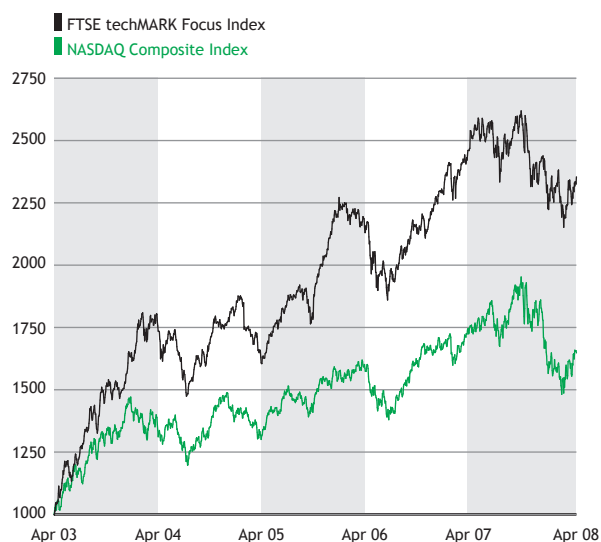
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