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Media Release

Swiss Structured Products Association: Updated edition of the Swiss Derivative Map is now available

The Swiss Structured Products Association SSPA is publishing an updated edition of the Swiss Derivative Map, in cooperation with the financial newspaper, Finanz und Wirtschaft, Scoach Switzerland Ltd and payoff.ch.

Zurich, April 22, 2008. The first Swiss Derivative Map was published in 2006 with the aim of offering interested investors in-depth information about structured products in a concise format for the first time. Thanks to the structured products classification system, any structured product that is traded on the derivative exchange, Scoach, can be assigned to a particular category and the features of the individual products can then be referenced in an easy-to-understand format.

The revised edition of the Swiss Derivative Map now comprises four main groups and 21 product categories in total. "The fact that three new product categories have been added since the last edition of the Swiss Derivative Map just goes to show how dynamic the structured products sector is", states Roger Studer, President of the SSPA.

International Success of the Swiss Derivative Map

The Swiss Derivative Map is regarded as an important guide for those working daily with structured products and can be considered a great success: within the space of a year, almost 60,000 copies of the Swiss Derivative Map were distributed. The Map also attracts great interest from outside of Switzerland, with orders coming in from no less than 28 countries. The Swiss Derivative Map is available in English, French and German and can be ordered on the association's website (www.sspa-association.ch).

SSPA receives award

At this year's Swiss Derivative Awards ceremony, the SSPA received a special award in recognition of its contribution to the systemisation and advancement of structured products in Switzerland, as acknowledged by the jury of prominent industry figures in their award speech. Eric Wasescha, Executive Director SSPA: "It's a huge honour for us that the association's work was recognised with the Special Award 2008. The award is an incentive for us to continue our hard work and commitment in the area of structured products, which are important investment products for the Swiss Financial Center."

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Structured products

Structured products are investment instruments available to the public whose repayment value is determined by their underlying shares, interest, foreign currency or raw materials such as gold or crude oil.

The Association

Your contact of choice for all questions relating to structured products is the Swiss Structured Products Association (SSPA). It represents the shared interests of the 18 major issuers of structured products, together making up 95 percent of Switzerland's market volume for structured products. The Association is domiciled in Zurich. For more information, please visit www.sspa-association.ch