I/B/E/S Global Aggregates - FT/S&P Actuaries Indices

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	Country	Description	Currency	Start Date
FTRA	*AMERICAS	FT/S&P Americas	US Dollar	.lan-96
FTRP	*EURO-PACIFIC	FT/S&P Euro-Pacific	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRE	*EUROPE	FT/S&P Europe	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRK	*EUROPE EX UK	FT/S&P Europe ex UK	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRS	*NORDIC	FT/S&P Nordic	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRN	*NORTH AMERICA	FT/S&P North America	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRF	*PACIFIC BASIN	FT/S&P Pacific Basin	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTRJ	*PACIFIC EX JP	FT/S&P Pacific ex Japan	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTWL	*WORLD	FT/S&P World	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTWJ	*WORLD EX JP	FT/S&P World ex Japan	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTWS	*WORLD EX SA	FT/S&P World ex South Africa	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTWK	*WORLD EX UK	FT/S&P World ex UK	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTWU	*WORLD EX US	FT/S&P World ex US	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTAA	AUSTRALIA	FT/S&P Australia	Australian Dollar	Jan-96
FTEA	AUSTRIA	FT/S&P Austria	Austrian Schilling	Jan-96
FTEB	BELGIUM	FT/S&P Belgium	Belgian Franc	Jan-96
FTLB	BRAZIL	FT/S&P Brazil	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTNC	CANADA	FT/S&P Canada	Canadian Dollar	Jan-96
FTSD	DENMARK	FT/S&P Denmark	Danish Krone	Jan-96
FTSF	FINLAND	FT/S&P Finland	Finnish Markka	Jan-96
FTEF	FRANCE	FT/S&P France	French Franc	Jan-96
FTED	GERMANY	FT/S&P Germany	Deutsch Mark	Jan-96
FTFH	HONG KONG	FT/S&P Hong Kong	Irish Pence	Jan-96
FTFL	INDONESIA	FT/S&P Indonesia	Japanese Yen	Jan-96
FTEZ	IRELAND	FT/S&P Ireland	British Pence	Jan-96
FTEI	ITALY	FT/S&P Italy	Italian Lira	Jan-96
FTFJ	JAPAN	FT/S&P Japan	Hong Kong Dollar	Jan-96
FTFM	MALAYSIA	FT/S&P Malaysia	Malaysian Ringgit	Jan-96
FTLM	MEXICO	FT/S&P Mexico	New Mexican Peso	Jan-96
FTEN	NETHERLANDS	FT/S&P Netherlands	Dutch Guilder	Jan-96
FTAN	NEW ZEALAND	FT/S&P New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	Jan-96
FTSN	NORWAY	FT/S&P Norway	Norwegian Krone	Jan-96
FTFP	PHILIPPINES	FT/S&P Philippines	Philippine Peso	Jan-96
FTFS	SINGAPORE	FT/S&P Singapore	Singapore Dollar	Jan-96
FTKS	SOUTH AFRICA	FT/S&P South Africa	S. African Rand	Jan-96
FTEE	SPAIN	FT/S&P Spain	Spanish Peseta	Jan-96
FTSS	SWEDEN	FT/S&P Sweden	Swedish Krona	Jan-96
FTES	SWITZERLAND	FT/S&P Switzerland	Swiss Franc	Jan-96
FTFT	THAILAND	FT/S&P Thailand	Thai Baht	Jan-96
FTEX	UNITED KINGDOM	FT/S&P United Kingdom	US Dollar	Jan-96
FTNA	UNITED STATES	FT/S&P United States	US Dollar	Jan-96

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