



Annual Changes to the NASDAQ-100 Index

NEW YORK, Dec. 11, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Nasdaq (Nasdaq:NDAQ) today announced the results of the annual re-ranking of the NASDAQ-100 Index (Nasdaq:NDX), which will become effective prior to market open on Monday, December 21, 2015.

The following seven companies will be added to the Index: Ctrip.com International, Ltd. (Nasdaq:CTRP), Endo International plc (Nasdaq:ENDP), Expedia, Inc. (Nasdaq:EXPE), Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. (Nasdaq:MXIM), Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (Nasdaq:NCLH), T-Mobile US, Inc. (Nasdaq:TMUS) and Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc. (Nasdaq:ULTA).

The NASDAQ-100 Index is composed of the 100 largest non-financial companies listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market® and dates to January 1985 when it was launched along with the NASDAQ Financial-100 Index®, which is comprised of the 100 largest financial stocks on Nasdaq®. These indexes act as benchmarks for financial products such as options, futures, and funds. The NASDAQ-100 is re-ranked each year in December, timed to coincide with the quadruple witch expiration Friday of the quarter.

On a cumulative price return basis, the NASDAQ-100 Index has returned almost 3,245% since inception, although past performance is not indicative of future performance.

The NASDAQ-100 Index is the basis of the PowerShares QQQ Trust (Nasdaq:QQQ) which aims to provide investment results that, before expenses, correspond with the NASDAQ-100 Index performance. In addition, options, futures and structured products based on the NASDAQ-100 Index and the PowerShares QQQ Trust trade on various exchanges.

As a result of the re-ranking, the following seven companies will be removed from the Index: C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc. (Nasdaq:CHRW), Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. (Nasdaq:EXPD), Keurig Green Mountain, Inc. (Nasdaq:GMCR), Garmin Ltd. (Nasdaq:GRMN), Staples, Inc. (Nasdaq:SPLS), VimpelCom Ltd. (Nasdaq:VIP) and Wynn Resorts, Limited (Nasdaq:WYNN).

In addition, the following two securities will also be removed to the index: LiLAC Class A Ordinary Shares (Nasdaq:LILA) and LiLAC Class C Ordinary Shares (Nasdaq:LILAK).

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Company Briefs:

The following is brief information about the seven companies to be added to the NASDAQ-100 Index.Â

Ctrip.com International, Ltd., together with its subsidiaries, provides travel services for hotel accommodations, transportation ticketing services, packaged tours, and corporate travel management in the Peoples Republic of China.

Endo International plc, a specialty healthcare company, focuses on branded and generic pharmaceuticals and devices worldwide.

Expedia, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, operates as an online travel company in the United States and internationally.

Maxim Integrated Products, Inc. designs, develops, manufactures, and markets various linear and mixed-signal integrated circuits worldwide.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., a cruise line operator, through its subsidiaries, provides cruise experiences for travelers with various itineraries.

T-Mobile US, Inc., together with its subsidiaries, provides mobile communications services in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc. operates as a specialty retailer in the United States.

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