

## An Updated Ninth District Mid-Cap Stock Index

Since its inception in 2004, the Ninth District Mid-Cap Stock Index has measured the performance of district companies relative to similar size companies from around the nation. The Ninth District Mid-Cap Index has closely tracked the S&P MidCap 400, indicating that trends for mid-cap companies are similar within and beyond the district. The Ninth District Mid-Cap Stock Index originally included 31 companies from a wide range of sectors within the district. However, several index companies are no longer headquartered within the region. As a result, the Ninth District Mid-Cap Stock Index has been updated as of March 3, 2008, to better reflect the mix of mid-cap companies within the district.

The primary change to the index involves removing companies that are no longer headquartered within the district and replacing them with other district companies. The companies added to the index are headquartered within the district, have been publicly traded a minimum of five years and have a market capitalization between \$1 billion and \$5 billion. Some index companies no longer fall within the market capitalization range, but remain in the index for continuity and to more fully represent the economic sectors of the district. There are currently 28 companies included in the index, representing eight of nine economic sectors.

This change in index composition provided an opportunity to update the weighting procedure applied to index companies. Previously, reweighting occurred sporadically, meaning that changing market capitalizations did not impact a company's weight in the index. Starting March 3, 2008, each company's weight in the index will be updated monthly based on company market capitalization at the beginning of the respective month. Historical weights have not been recalculated using the respective month's market capitalization. However, in order to impose consistency on historical values, market capitalizations from March 3, 2008, are applied as weights to all previous index values.\*\* This weighting method allows future index values to reflect changes in the relative value of district companies, and provides a consistent method for evaluating movement in the index prior to March 3, 2008.

It should be noted, however, that monthly reweights could contribute to a more volatile index. Larger companies, as measured by market capitalization, will have greater weight in the index. As the index includes only 28 companies, those companies at or exceeding the mid-cap range (\$5 billion) exert significant influence on the Ninth District Mid-Cap Stock Index value. To mitigate this bias, those companies which exceed \$5 billion in market capitalization are weighted at the \$5 billion level.

<b>*Company</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Sector</b>
The Valspar Corporation	VAL	Industrial Goods
Fastenal Company	FAST	Industrial Goods
The Toro Company	TTC	Industrial Goods
Graco Inc.	GGG	Industrial Goods
Alliant Techsystems Inc.	ATK	Industrial Goods
Donaldson Company Inc.	DCI	Industrial Goods
Allete Inc.	ALE	Utilities
Pentair Inc.	PNR	Industrial Goods
Select Comfort Corp	SCSS	Consumer Goods
Polaris Industries Inc.	PII	Consumer Goods
PepsiAmericas Inc.	PAS	Consumer Goods
Hormel Foods Corporation	HRL	Consumer Goods
TCF Financial Corporation	TCB	Financial
Glacier Bancorp Inc.	GBCI	Financial
American Med Sys Hldgs Inc.	AMMD	Healthcare
Techne Corp	TECH	Healthcare
Regis Corp	RGS	Services
Fair Isaac Corporation	FIC	Services
Supervalu Inc.	SVU	Services
Digital Riv Inc.	DRIV	Technology
Imation Corp.	IMN	Technology
ADC Telecommunications Inc.	ADCT	Technology
C H Robinson Worldwide Inc.	CHRW	Services
MDU Resources Group Inc.	MDU	Industrial Goods
Black Hills Corp.	BKH	Utilities
HB Fuller Co.	FUL	Basic Materials
Patterson Companies Inc.	PDCO	Services
Deluxe Corp.	DLX	Services

HB Fuller Co, Patterson Companies Inc. and Deluxe Corp are new to the index. No companies representing the conglomerates sector meet requirements for index inclusion.

The following companies were removed from the index.

Bemis	(BMS)	Consumer Goods
Bank Mutual	(BKMU)	Financial
MGI Pharma	(MOGN)	N/A
Agere Systems	(AGRA)	N/A
Ceridian	(CEN)	N/A
NRG Energy	(NRG)	Utilities

\*\*Companies removed from the index may not have market capitalizations as of March 3, 2008. The most recently used share weight is used as a proxy in these cases.