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## **FINANCIAL EXPRESS THE FIRST UK DATA PROVIDER TO RECEIVE ISO ACCREDITATION**

Financial Express, the leader in fund selection, has become the first fund data provider in the UK to be awarded ISO Certification.

BS EN ISO 9001:2000 has been awarded for quality management systems, while ISO/IEC 27001:2005 ensures that Financial Express employs a best practice approach to quality in all aspects of business processes within the scope of the Certificate. That is, the collection, validation and distribution of funds, equities, indices and currencies information.

As quality 'kite marks', the ISO Certificates\* have been awarded to cover all global fund data collection and processing activities for the Financial Express group. [\*A full explanation is attached.]

Financial Express, best known for Trustnet.com, Analytics, and its market-leading web based tools and applications for institutions, is the largest third party data provider in the UK and supplies a cross section of financial services; data vendors (Thomson Financial, Reuters, Bloomberg and Telekurs), wrap platforms and fund supermarkets, financial advisers, software houses, fund management companies, the financial press and financial portals.

Paul Wynne, Financial Express head of marketing and communication, says:

"What separates data providers in the current climate is quality, and Financial Express customers can now be officially assured that we offer them the best possible data and products. All our products, including our websites, web based research tools and software applications, are derived from and supported by our core strength - the collection and validation of fund data. The ISO Certificates are a guarantee to our customers that we are committed to excellence in every facet of our business."

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## Financial Express BS/ISO Certification

**Scheme/Standard**                      **ISO/IEC 27001:2005**  
**Information technology. Security techniques. Information security management systems.**

Certificate/Licence No. IS 503790

Scope: The Information Security Management System in relation to a confidential and real time collection, validation and distribution of funds, equities, indices and currencies information in accordance with the Statement of Applicability Version 1 dated 10th of January 2007.

BS ISO/IEC 27001:2005 covers all types of organizations (e.g. commercial enterprises, government agencies, non-profit organizations) and specifies requirements for establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and improving a documented information security management system (ISMS) within the context of the organization's overall business risks. It specifies requirements for the implementation of security controls customized to the needs of individual organizations.

The ISMS is designed to ensure the selection of adequate and proportionate security controls that protect information assets and give confidence to interested parties. If an organization already has an operative business process management system (e.g. in relation to ISO 9001 or ISO 14001), it is preferable in most cases to satisfy the requirements of this International Standard within the existing management system.

**Scheme/Standard**                      **BS EN ISO 9001:2000**  
**Quality management systems.**

Certificate/Licence No. FS 512519

Scope: The provision of a pricing service to customers in respect of investment funds and investment trusts.

Improved performance

The standard identifies the eight quality management principles that can be used by senior managers to lead the organization towards improved performance. The principles are:

Customer focus

- Leadership
- Involvement of people
- Process approach
- Systems approach to management
- Continual improvement
- Factual approach to decision making
- Mutually beneficial supplier relationships
- Fully integrated
- One of the fundamental purposes of BS EN ISO 9001:2000 is to enable the development of a QMS that is fully integrated into the normal operations of your business. This standard avoids the application of systems that are separate from your organization's business processes. Therefore, it creates a more logical and effective approach to managing an organization which is process-based.

Further information is available on the BSI website <http://www.bsi-global.com/en/>.