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SUNPHARMA); Swiss Life (SIX: SLHN); Telefónica O2 Czech Republic (PSE: SPTT.PR); Telvent Git (NASDAQ: TLVT); Temenos (SIX: TEMN); The United Laboratories International (HKSE: 03933); Tractebel Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: TBLE3); Triunfo Participações (BMF&BOVESPA: TPIS3); Turk Telecom (ISE: TTKOM); Unum Group (NYSE: UNM); Vecima Networks (TSX: VCM); VeriSign (NASDAQ: VRSN); Vermilion Energy Trust (TSX: VET.UN); Volkswagen (FSE: VLKAY); WNS Holdings (NYSE: WNS); Yageo Corporation (TWSE: 2327); Yongye International (NASDAQ: YONG); Yuanta Financial Holdings (TWSE: 2885.TW); Yucheng Technologies (NASDAQ: YTEC).

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1) UNIQUE RANKING SYSTEM: IRGR is the sole investor relations ranking system based on technical reviews (not opinion surveys or polls) and is supported by the input of audit and legal experts. IRGR is a unique way to have an external review and positioning of your investor relations and financial communications efforts among best practices among leading companies worldwide.

2) INDIVIDUAL FEEDBACK: Participants who choose to acquire the individual feedback report will receive detailed suggestions for improvements where applicable. This report can be discussed later in a private conference call with the IRGR staff, upon request by the participating company.

3) SOLID BENCHMARKING: By registering for IRGR, your company will be ranked among companies worldwide in all industries. Our extensive client base allows us to identify, rank and disclose the best IR communication programs in the world. Only positive examples are publicly disclosed.

4) HIGH TRANSPARENCY: Evaluation criteria and results are available on the IRGR website. IRGR analysts are responsible for performing a thorough analysis and an independent technical committee will review them in their entirety;

5) GREAT RECOGNITION: Best ranked companies will be recognized in Award Ceremonies around the world. IRGR widely discloses top ranked companies through global media wires done by PRNewswire -- the largest news distributor in the world. Best cases will also be highlighted in the IR Global Rankings magazine that is freely distributed in the capital markets community.

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