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EDP - Energias de Portugal (PSI: EDP.PL); Embraer (NYSE: ERJ); Enagas (MSE: ENAG.MC); Energisa S.A. (BMF&BOVESPA: ENGI); Enersis (NYSE: ENI-US); Equatorial Energia (BMF&BOVESPA: EQTL3); Erste Group Bank (VSE: EBS); Eternit (BMF&BOVESPA: ETER3); ev3 Inc. (NASDAQ: EVVV); EVN (NYSE: EVN); F. Hoffmann - La Roche (SIX: ROG VX); Fedex (NYSE: FDX); FelCor Lodging Trust (NYSE: FCH); Fertilizantes Heringer (BMF&BOVESPA: FHER3); Formosa Taffeta (TWSE: 1434); Fosun International (HKSE: 00656); Fraport (FSE: FRA GR); Fresenius Medical Care (FSE: FME); Fubon Financial Holding (TWSE: 2881); Fushi Copperweld (NASDAQ: FSIN); Gafisa (NYSE: GFA); Galp Energia (EURONEXT: GALP PL); Garanti Bank (ISE: GARAN); Gartner, Inc. (NYSE: IT); Gazprom Neft (MSE: SIBN); General Electric Company (NYSE: GE); Georg Fischer (SIX: GF); Gerresheimer (FSE: GXI XE); Global Bio-chem Technology Group (HKSE: 0809); Global Sources (NASDAQ: GSOL); Global Sweeteners Holdings (HKSE: 03889); Global Unichip Corp (TWSE: 3443); GOL Linhas Aéreas Inteligentes (NYSE: GOL); Grupo Santander (IBEX 35: SAN); GVT (BMF&BOVESPA: GVTT3); Hansen Transmissions International (LSE: HSN); Hercules Technology Growth Capital (NASDAQ: HTGC); Hochtief (FSE: HOT); Homex (OTC: DHMXF.PK); HSBC Holdings (LSE: HSBA); HTC Corporation (TWSE: 2498); Hurray! Holding Co (NASDAQ: HRAY); Hypermarcas (BMF&BOVESPA: HYPE3); Hysan Development Company (HKSE: HYSNY.PK); IAMGOLD Corporation (NYSE: IAG); Indra (IBEX 35: IDR.MC); Infosys Technologies (NASDAQ: INFY); Integrys Energy Group (NYSE: TEG); Intel (NASDAQ: INTC); Internet Initiative (NASDAQ: IIJI); JBS (BMF&BOVESPA: JBSS3); KGI Securities (TWSE: 6008); Kingsoft Corporation (HKSE: 03888); KongZhong Corporation (NASDAQ: KONG); Kotak Mahindra Bank (BSE: 500247); LAN Airlines (NYSE: LFL); Life Technologies (NASDAQ: LIFE); Life Time Fitness (NYSE: LTM); Localiza Rent a Car (BMF&BOVESPA: RENT3); Logica (LSE: LOG); Longtop Financial Technologies (NYSE: LFT); Lonza (SIX: LONN); Lukoil (LSE: LKOD); Lupatech (BMF&BOVESPA: LUPA3); Marisa (BMF&BOVESPA: MARI3); Maywufa Co (TWSE: 1731); Medco Health Solutions (NYSE: MHS); METRO (FSE: MEO); Microsoft (NASDAQ: MSFT); Millennium (EURONEXT: MBC.LS); Mindray Medical International (NYSE: MR); Mobinil (CASE: EMOB); Moody's (NYSE: MCO); MorphoSys (FSE: MOR); Nacional Financiera (MXK: NAFTRAC02); Nanya Technology Corporation (TWSE: 2408); National Bank Financial Group (TSX: NA); Nedbank Group (JSE: NED); Net Serviços (BMF&BOVESPA: NETC4); New World Resources (LSE: NWR LN); Newmont Mining Corporation (NYSE: NEM); Nexen (NYSE: NXY); NKT Holding (CSE: DK 0010287663); Novartis (VIRT-X: NOVN.VX); NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG); Nucleus Software Exports (NSE: NUCLEUS); OC Oerlikon (SIX: OERL); Océ N.V. (OTC: OCENF.PK); OHL Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: OHLB3); Outokumpu (NASDAQ: OUT1V.HE); Overseas Shipholding Group (NYSE: OSG); Pampa Energia (BCBA: PAMP); Paraná Banco (BMF&BOVESPA: PRBC4); Partner Communications (NASDAQ: PTNR); PDG Realty (BMF&BOVESPA: PDGR3); PhytoHealth Corporation (TWSE: 4108); Positivo Informática (BMF&BOVESPA: POSI3); PotashCorp (NYSE: POT); Powerchip Semiconductor (TWSE: 5346); PPG Industries (NYSE: PPG); Procter & Gamble (NYSE: PG); Profarma (BMF&BOVESPA: PFRM3); PT Excelcomindo Pratama (JAK: EXCL); PT Semen Gresik (Persero) (IDX: SMGR); PT. Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa (IDX: INTP); Randstad Holding (EURONEXT: RAND); Renova Energia (None: None); Rieter Group (SIX: RIEN); Rossi Residencial (BMF&BOVESPA: RSID3); Royal Dutch Shell (LSE: RDSA); Royal Philips Electronics (NYSE: PHG); Ryder System (NYSE: R); Sa Sa International Holdings (HKSE: 0178); Sampo Plc (NASDAQ: SAMAS); Sanofi-Aventis (EURONEXT: SAN); Santos Brasil (BMF&BOVESPA: STBP11); Sappi (JSE: SAP); Shenzhen Expressway Company (HKSE: 0548); Shin Kong Financial Holding (TWSE: 2888); Shinsei Bank (TSE: 8303); Shire Pharmaceuticals Group (LSE: SHP.L); Shun Tak Holdings (HKSE: 242); Siliconware Precision Industries (TWSE: 2325); Sistema Educacional Brasileiro (BMF&BOVESPA: SEBB11); SMIC (NYSE: SMI); SNC-Lavalin (TSX: SNC); Sohu.com (NASDAQ: SOHU); Solomon Systech Limited (HKSE: 2878); Southwestern Energy (NYSE: SWN); Springs Global (BMF&BOVESPA: SGPS3); SRE Group (HKSE: 1207); STMicroelectronics (NYSE: STM); Stora Enso (OMX: STERV); Strabag (WBAG: STR); Sul America (BMF&BOVESPA: SULA11); Sun Pharmaceutical

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