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## INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDEX RISES FROM 69.5 TO 73.0 IN FEBRUARY

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**Boston, February 19, 2008** – State Street Global Markets, the investment research and trading arm of State Street Corporation (NYSE:STT), today released the results of the State Street Investor Confidence Index® for February 2008.

Global Investor Confidence rose by 3.5 points from a revised January level of 69.5 to reach 73.0. Amongst North American investors, confidence rose 6.0 points from 72.2 to 78.2, but elsewhere, risk appetite was more muted, with European investor confidence falling from 85.8 to 83.7, and Asian investor confidence trading water barely rising from 85.4 to 85.7.

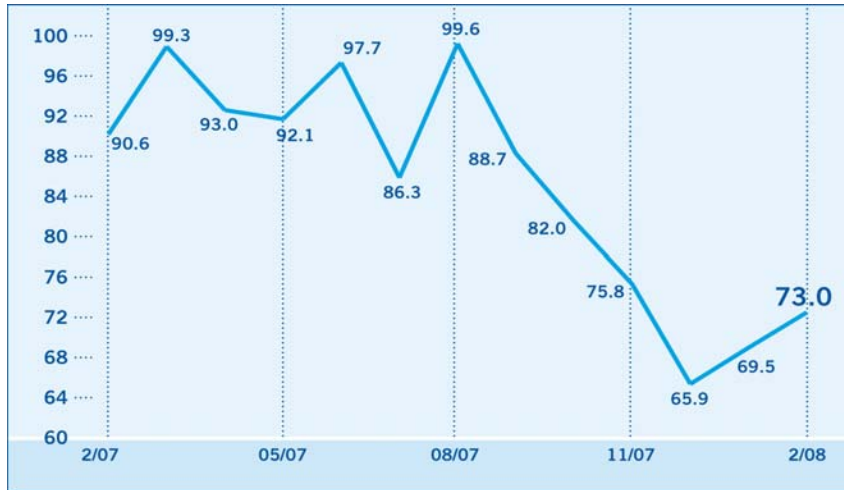
Developed through State Street Global Markets' research partnership, State Street Associates, by Harvard University professor Ken Froot and State Street Associates Director Paul O'Connell, the State Street Investor Confidence Index measures investor confidence on a quantitative basis by analyzing the actual buying and selling patterns of institutional investors. The index is based on financial theory that assigns precise meaning to changes in investor risk appetite, or the willingness of investors to allocate their portfolios to equities. The more of their portfolio that institutional investors are willing to devote to equities, the greater their risk appetite or confidence.

"This month saw a continuation of the modest improvement in Global Investor confidence that we witnessed in January," commented Froot. "The small increase of 3.5 points takes place against the backdrop of a decline in market volatility from the very high levels witnessed earlier this winter, and reflects an understanding that, while many risks



remain, the extreme risk-aversion displayed by institutions in late 2007 was perhaps overdone.”

“Looking across the data, we continue to see a fair degree of restraint amongst institutional investors, but this is balanced against a willingness to take on select risks,” added O’Connell. “Country and sector allocations retain a defensive posture, but recent flows into market segments such as Latin America and global financials indicate a somewhat improved risk appetitive.”



February Results

Global	73.0
N. America	78.2
Europe	83.7
Asia-Pacific	85.7

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State Street Global Markets’ research team of leading academic and industry experts is committed to continually advancing the science, including theory and application of its proprietary investor behavior research and innovative portfolio & risk management technologies to help its clients challenge conventional thinking, shape ideas, make more informed investment decisions and deliver measurable results.

**About the State Street Investor Confidence Index®:**

The index is released globally at 10 a.m. Eastern time in Boston on the second to last Tuesday of each month. More information on the State Street Investor Confidence Index, including frequently asked questions and a calendar of release dates, is available at <http://www.statestreet.com/investorconfidenceindex>. The previous month's calculations for the index are revised to account for trading activity through the end of the reporting period.

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