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## INVESTOR CONFIDENCE INDEX RISES TO 82.5 IN OCTOBER

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**Boston, October 24, 2006** – State Street Global Markets, the investment research and trading arm of State Street Corporation (NYSE:STT), released today the results of the State Street Investor Confidence Index<sup>®</sup> for October 2006.

According to the October index, investor confidence increased by 1.8, to 82.5 from September's revised reading of 80.7. Looking regionally, the confidence of North American institutional investors rose from 92.8 to 94.4. The confidence of Asian investors increased to 94.2 from 90.7 and the confidence of European investors rose strongly from 88.9 to 96.2.

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<sup>®</sup> measures investor confidence on a quantitative basis, analyzing actual buying and selling patterns of institutional investors. The index is based on financial theory that assigns precise meaning to changes in investor risk sentiment, or the willingness of investors to hold proportionally more or less of their portfolio in 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 partial resolution of the tension we mentioned last month between news of a slow-down in U.S. property and declining commodity prices," said Froot. "The tie-breaker was the continued strength in Q3 corporate earnings, which gave investors encouragement with respect to medium-term growth forecasts."



“Institutional investors continue to show confidence in the consumer sectors, underpinning the belief that growth will not be hobbled by weakness in property markets,” added O’Connell. “This was most evident amongst Asian investors, where confidence rose to an all-time high, but risk appetite among European investors also rose sharply.”



Since its launch in September of 2003, the State Street Investor Confidence Index<sup>®</sup> has become a key economic indicator for asset owners, investment managers and central banks. As the only index providing a quantitative measure tracking the common buying patterns of institutional investors around the world, the State Street Investor Confidence Index<sup>®</sup> offers a unique look into the investment behavior and decisions of thousands of professional investors and their investment decisions.

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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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