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## **Stamp marks birthday of the AEX index**

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Amsterdam 22 May 2008 – It was announced today that a stamp will be issued commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of the AEX index, the stock market index composed of Dutch companies that trade on Euronext Amsterdam, one of NYSE Euronext's European markets.

The AEX Index stamp is part of a special issue by TNT Post to commemorate the birthdays of five organisations in the Netherlands. The other four are the Dutch Central Bank, Bruna, the ANWB (the Dutch automobile association) and the Koninklijke Academie van Wetenschappen (the Royal Academy of Sciences).

Harald de Jongh, Sales Director of TNT Post, presented the first stamp to Joost van der Does de Willebois, Chairman of Euronext Amsterdam, who, tremendously proud of the result, said: "It is a great honour to have a stamp celebrating the most successful index in the Netherlands. It is a fitting tribute to the AEX-index on its birthday."

The stamp was designed by Yvo de Ruiter of design agency Koeweiden Postma. "The stamps symbolise the vibrancy of an active city, full of life, celebration and new stories: jokes, gestures and poetry. Each of these five companies has its own place in this colourful, exciting community, but there are similarities between them. All five companies are socially relevant."

In addition to the stamp, a book about the AEX index will be published later this month. It describes the history of the index, which consists of the 25 most actively traded shares on NYSE Euronext's Amsterdam market, and includes many facts and figures as well as anecdotes and interviews with the index's compilers and users.

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