

# NOTES ON THE *FINANCIAL TIMES*- ACTUARIES INDEX

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## 1. *Continuous review of constituents*

During 1967 a further number of companies has been included amongst the constituents of the Index in order to replace companies that disappeared owing to capital changes. We give in Table A a list of these companies.

In addition, the opportunity has been taken, to change the classification of some of the existing constituents, and a list of these changes is shown in Table B.

The biggest changes shown in Table A arose out of the renationalization of the steel industry. All the steel companies were removed as from 31st July, and those companies in this section that were not renationalized were transferred to Miscellaneous Capital Goods.

A feature of 1967 has been the large number of companies either repaying, or converting into unsecured loan stocks, their preference capital. Because of this, replacements have been made in the Commercial and Industrial Preference section which are shown in Table C.

In the review for 1966 the procedure for subdividing one of the existing sub-groups or bringing in a new sub-group was set out. This procedure was used for the first time at the end of 1967, when new sections were introduced covering Food Retailing, Insurance Brokers and Mining Finance—the latter being included instead of the existing Lead Zinc group. In accordance with the established procedure, the Food Retailing group was started at the same level as the existing Food Manufacturing Index stood on 29th December 1967, the Insurance Broking Index was started at the level at which the Financial group Index stood on that date, and the new Mining Finance group was started at 100. The daily display in the *Financial Times* shows the base value of these indices, and the dates on which they were started. The shares included in the new groups are given in Table D.

## 2. *Changes in procedures*

(a) *Corporation Tax*—All earnings were recalculated with Corporation Tax at the rate of  $42\frac{1}{2}\%$  as from 6th December.

(b) On 21st November the calculation of the indices was transferred from NCR to Extel Communications Limited (a member of the Exchange Telegraph Group). The calculations are now done by them on a Control Data 160A computer, the prices being fed direct from Bracken House, using on-line facilities.

Table A

<i>Stock deleted</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Replaced by</i>	<i>Section</i>
Pye of Cambridge	Light Electrical	M.K. Electrical	Light Electrical
Ilford	Misc. Unclassified	Williams Hudson	Misc. Unclassified
Crompton Parkinson	Electricals (ex. Lt. etc.)	Wolverhampton Metal	Misc. Capital
Rover	Motors	Bristol Street Gp.	Motors
Yardley	Misc. Cons. Non-Durable	Clutson & Kemp	Textiles
Qualcast	Engineering (Non-Elec.)	Dental Mnfg.	Engineering (Non-Elec.)
Universal Asbestos	Building Materials	Doulton & Co.	Household Goods
British Wagon	Hire Purchase	Wagon Finance	Hire Purchase
Wolsey	Textiles	Gill & Duffus	Food Manufacturing
Threlfalls-Chesters	Breweries	Exchange Telegraph	Newspapers & Publs.
Comb. Electrical Mnfgs.	Electricals (ex. Lt. etc.)	Holtman Bros.	Engineering (Non-Elec.)
Bent's Brewery	Breweries	United Newspapers	Newspapers & Publs.
Rediffusion	Entertainment	Brit. Elec. Traction	Misc. Unclassified
Alenco	Engineering (Non-Elec.)	Charterhouse Gp.	Misc. Unclassified
Colvilles	Steel	Firth Cleveland	Engineering (Non-Elec.)
Consett Iron	Steel	Pillar Holdings	Engineering (Non-Elec.)
Dorman Long	Steel	Nott (Geo.) Inds.	Shipping
Lancashire Steel	Steel	Drages	Misc. Unclassified
South Durham Steel	Steel	Harris & Sheldon	Misc. Unclassified
Steel Co. of Wales	Steel	James (J.)	Misc. Unclassified
Stewarts & Lloyds	Steel	Norcross	Misc. Unclassified

Table A (continued)

<i>Stock deleted</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Replaced by</i>	<i>Section</i>
Summers (John)	Steel	Tilling (Thos.)	Misc. Unclassified
United Steel	Steel	United Transport	Misc. Unclassified
Metal Industries	Misc. Capital	Jones & Shipman	Machine Tools
Murex	Misc. Capital	Philblack	Chemicals
Elliott-Automation	Light Electrical	Pergamon Press	Newspapers & Publs.
Roads Reconstruction	Building Materials	Holt Products	Chemicals
Vitamins	Food Mnfg.	Pricerite	Food Mnfg.
Vandervell Products	Motors	Duckham (Alex.)	Oil
Crofts Engineers	Engineering (Non-Elec.)	Dobson Hardwick	Engineering (Non-Elec.)
Pyrene	Engineering (Non-Elec.)	Aberthaw Cement	Building Materials
Fremlins	Breweries	Robinson Rentals	Entertainment
H.P. Sauce	Food Mnfg.	Bassett (Geo.)	Food Mnfg.
Charrington United	Breweries	Electronic Rentals	Entertainment
Bass Mitchells & Butlers	Breweries	Bass-Charrington	Breweries
Pasolds	Textiles	J. B. Eastwood	Food Mnfg.
Rootes Motors	Motors	Readicut Int.	Textiles
Radiation	Household Goods	Racal Electronics	Light Electrical
Alliance Property	Property	United Real Prop.	Property
Yorkshire Ins.	Insurance Composite	Vehicle & General Ins.	Insurance Composite
Assoc. Elect. Inds.	Electricals (ex. Lt. etc.)	Wrights Biscuits	Food Mnfg.

Table B

<i>Company</i>	<i>Old classifications</i>	<i>New classifications</i>
Coates Bros.	Misc. Cons. Non-Durable	Newspapers & Publ.
Firth (T.) & John Brown	Steel	Misc. Capital
Lee (Arthur)	Steel	Misc. Capital
Lloyd (F.H.)	Steel	Misc. Capital
Rank Organisation	Entertainment	Misc. Cons. Durable
Corah (N.)	Misc. Cons. Durable	Textiles
Cawoods Holdings	Building Materials	Misc. Unclassified
General Electric Co.	Light Electricals	Electricals (ex. Lt. etc.)

Table C

<i>Stock deleted</i>	<i>Replaced by</i>
City of London Real Property 5 % Cum. Prf.	Bowater Paper Cprn. 5½% Cum. Prf.
Courtaulds 5% Cum. 1st Prf.	British Petroleum 8% Cum. 1st Prf.
Dorman Long 5½% Cum. Prf.	Dunlop Co. 5½% Cum. Prf.
Unigate 6% Cum. Prf.	Int. Pub. Cprn. 8% Cum. Prf.
United Steel 4½% Cum. Prf.	Rank Organisation 6½% Cum. Prf.
Woolworth 6% Cum. Pref.	Tube Investments 4½% Red. Cum. Prf.

Table D

<i>Food Retailing</i>	<i>Insurance Brokers</i>	<i>Mining Finance</i>
Allied Suppliers	Bowring (C.T.)	Anglo American Corpn.
Associated British Foods	Bradford (Robt.)	Anglo-Transvaal "A"
Express Dairy	Hammond (L.)	Charter Consolidated
Fitch Lovell	Heath (C.E.)	Consolidated Gold Fields
International Tea Stores	Howden (A.)	General Mining
Kinloch	Leslie and Godwin	Jo'burg Consolidated
Moore's Stores	Minet Holdings	Rand Selection
Northern Dairies	Price Forbes	Rio Tinto Zinc
Pricerite	Sedgewick Collins	Selection Trust
Tesco	Staplegreen	Union Corporation
Unigate		
Victor Value		
Wright's Biscuits		