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## **Press release**

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### **Lyxor AM launches Commodities ETFs giving UK ETF investors exclusive access to the oldest commodities index in the world**

Lyxor Asset Management (Lyxor), Société Générale's wholly-owned subsidiary and European leader in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), today announces the launch of two new commodities ETFs - the Lyxor ETF Commodities CRB (GBP) (Bloomberg code: LCTY LN) and the Lyxor ETF Commodities CRB Non-Energy (GBP) (Bloomberg Code: LCNE LN). These latest Lyxor ETFs are the first to be linked to the Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index, the oldest and most widely followed index of commodities futures in the world, and will also be the first commodities ETFs to list on the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

The launch follows Lyxor AM's entry into the UK ETF market with the introduction of three ETFs based on FTSE indices last month, giving investors complete access to the entire UK market. The Lyxor ETF Commodities CRB will give investors easy access to the commodities sector through one single share traded on the LSE. The ETFs will simultaneously be made available in USD (listed on the LSE) and all will feature a low total expense ratio of 0.35% p.a.

Commodities are a useful portfolio diversification tool, as correlation levels with asset classes such as bonds, equities and property have historically been low. The new Lyxor Commodities ETFs enable access to the full commodity spectrum - including or excluding the energy sector - so that investors can track the oldest and most reliable commodities index using a low cost and efficient investment instrument.

Lyxor plans further product launches later this year.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, Director of Seven Investment Management, commented, "This is a very exciting development in the UK ETF market. This is the first commodities ETF to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, and I believe this and other commodities ETFs that may come to market later this year and next will act as a catalyst for a huge increase in the amount UK investors invest in this asset class."

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Lyxor ETFs are index-tracking funds that can be bought or sold like ordinary shares on the stock exchange. They track the performance of a given index and combine the simplicity and liquidity of shares with the diversification benefits of a traditional collective investment scheme.

Lyxor's ETFs offer the following advantages to investors:

- Low annual management expenses - The Lyxor ETF Commodities CRB and Lyxor ETF Commodities CRB Non-Energy will have a Total Expense Ratio (TER) of 0.35% per annum.
- Multiple broker-dealer platform to maximise liquidity.

Lyxor is a leader in the European ETF market with EUR 22.2 billion in assets, and a European market share as at March 07 of 26.4%. It offers a comprehensive range of ETFs on equity, bond, commodity, and sector indices listed on the seven major European Stock Exchanges. Lyxor recently expanded into Asia with the launch of six ETFs in Singapore and six in Hong Kong.

**About The Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index**

The Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index is designed to provide a liquid and economically relevant benchmark that provides a timely and accurate representation of commodities as an asset class. It serves as a global benchmark that is published in real-time. Founded in 1957, it is the oldest and most widely followed index of commodities futures in the world.

The Reuters/Jefferies CRB Index represents the soft commodities, energy, grains, livestock, basic metals and precious metals commodity sectors. Performance over a five year period is 114.84%. The Reuters/Jefferies Non-Energy Index represents the soft commodities, grains, industrial metals, precious metals and livestock. Performance over five years is 78.02%. Source: Jefferies, June 07.

**Lyxor Asset Management - [www.lyxor.com](http://www.lyxor.com)**

Created in 1998, Lyxor AM currently manages EUR 65.0 billion. A wholly-owned subsidiary of Société Générale Group, belonging to the Corporate and Investment Banking arm of the group, the asset management company specializes in three businesses:

- **Alternative Investments** (EUR 23.7 billion). Lyxor AM offers a broad range of hedge funds, funds of hedge funds and absolute return funds, adhering to high risk-management standards and rigorous hedge fund manager selection guidelines. Lyxor AM gained its prominence with its hedge fund platform. This platform includes more than 170 hedge funds covering all principal strategies and represents a diversified investment universe benefiting from a high level of transparency, security and liquidity.
- **Structured Management** (EUR 20.1 billion). Lyxor AM offers investment solutions to its customers adapted to their risk profiles and return objectives. These solutions integrate the innovations of the Group into this domain, world number 1 as regards structured products on equity.
- **Index Tracking** (EUR 21.2 billion). Lyxor AM offers one of the most diversified and liquid range of ETF (Exchange Traded Funds). The company is one of the top players of the European ETF industry with more than EUR 20 billion under management. Lyxor ETFs are listed in Europe and Asia and reflect Equity, Bond and Commodity markets. [www.lyxoret.com](http://www.lyxoret.com).

Lyxor AM is regularly rewarded for the quality and the diversity of its platform: "Best Investment Platform" (Hedge Funds Review 2005) and "Best Managed Account Platform" (Albourne Partners Ltd. 2004 and 2006).