

THE SIGNET & OTHER INDICES, 2000-2009

We are just completing the tenth year of the SIGnet Index which is plotted daily in ShareScope. Its objective has been to provide an index that is not influenced by the top five or so multinational UK companies which make the FTSE100, FTSE350 & FTSE All Shares indices misleading.

The SIGnet index is the arithmetical average of the 38 FTSE Sector Indices published daily in the FT. The table shows how the principal indices behaved over the last 10 years. The SIGnet and FTSE 250 are high lighted to show their similarity. The 250 is not affected by the megastocks but does not cover the sectors comprehensively. The Fledgling Index is an extreme case. The similar performance of the FTSE 100, 350 & All Share are noteworthy. Treat AIM with care!

Index FTSE	30Dec99 index	% Fall at 12 Apr 03	31Oct07 % rise since 03	11Dec09 index	%Rise since 30 Dec 99
100	6930	53	104	5261	-24
250	6444	41	207	9000	+40
350	3327	51	116	2743	-18
All share	3242	51	117	2682	-17
Small Cap	3098	47	137	2721	-12
Fledgling	2158	29	191	3971	+84
All Small	1698	38	146	1872	+10
AIM All Sh	1932	72	111	641	-67
SIGnet	1000	32	151	1388	+39