

# Introduction

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The data provided for each company includes, as available:

Name of company

Address

Telephone, telex and fax

E-mail

Web site

Names of Chairman, President and each Board Member

Names of Senior Management

Principal Activities of the Company

Principal Brand Names and Trademarks

Parent Company

Principal Subsidiaries and Associates

Bankers

Auditors

Principal Law Firm

Financial Information for past two years

Public/Private Status

Principal Shareholders

Number of Employees

The companies have been selected on the basis of the size of their sales volume, premium income or total assets, as appropriate. All entries have been published free of charge.

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## Guide to the arrangement of this book

This book has been arranged in order to allow the reader to find any entry rapidly and accurately.

Company entries are listed alphabetically within each country section; in addition three indexes are provided at the back of the directory.

The alphabetical index to all companies lists companies in alphabetical order irrespective of their main country of operation.

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