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**Photolibrary Acquires Index Stock, New York**

**New York - November 2006:** Leading global stock image group, Photolibrary, are excited to announce its further expansion with the signing of an agreement to purchase Index Stock of New York. Index Stock will join the rapidly expanded group, which includes Photolibrary [www.photolibrary.com](http://www.photolibrary.com), Garden Picture Library (GPL) [www.gardenpicture.com](http://www.gardenpicture.com), Oxford Scientific (OSF) [www.osfimages.com](http://www.osfimages.com) and [www.osffootage.com](http://www.osffootage.com), Fresh Food Images (Anthony Blake of the UK – [www.abpl.co.uk](http://www.abpl.co.uk)) and Monsoon Images [www.monsoonimages.com](http://www.monsoonimages.com) (also of New York). This merged collection continues Photolibrary Groups' strategy of providing the picture buying community with easy access, striking imagery and unbeatable service across an ever-growing subject range that straddles the unique and the everyday.

Index Stock markets has a library of over one million digital images through four brands - *Index Stock Imagery* and *Index Open*, catering to advertisers, designers, large corporations, magazines, and book publishers, and *Photos To Go* and *Photos To Go Unlimited*, marketing to small business and home business image users. Utilising this structure, it is Photolibrary Group's intention to re-brand the Index Stock business whilst simultaneously launching a more traditional RM and RF website via [www.photolibrary.com](http://www.photolibrary.com) in the US.

Glenn Parker, Photolibrary Group CEO explains: "This approach will give our contributing artists direct access to the US Market, in turn giving US customers access to the full suite of our collections which range from traditional lifestyle imagery through to specialist collections in nature and the environment; gardens and botany; food and fine art imagery. Index Stock's current and future artists will also benefit from being placed on [www.photolibrary.com](http://www.photolibrary.com) where customers can access this entire product range in one place.

Current Indexstock CEO, Bahar Gidwani says: "Joining the Photolibrary Group brings new opportunities to Index Stock's artists, customers, and employees. Index's artists will benefit from the investments Photolibrary is making in distribution, marketing and technology. Index's customers will see millions of great new images and its employees will be an important part of a larger, worldwide organization. I am proud of what our team accomplished

over the past fifteen years and I know we will now make a substantial contribution to Photolibary's future success."

Glenn Parker continues: "This is Photolibary Group's next step into the US market and we are excited about the possibilities on offer to our customers. We can also now truly say to our present and future artists that we can service customers across **all** major territories around the world."

### **About Photolibary**

The Photolibary Group gives customers access to over 2 million images and over 2,000 hours of footage, available online via [www.photolibary.com](http://www.photolibary.com) and [www.indexstock.com](http://www.indexstock.com) plus its specialist websites [www.osfimages.com](http://www.osfimages.com), [www.osffootage.com](http://www.osffootage.com), [www.gardenpicture.com](http://www.gardenpicture.com), [www.abpl.co.uk](http://www.abpl.co.uk) and [www.monsoonimages.com](http://www.monsoonimages.com). With offices in 10 countries around the world, the group is able to deliver superior customer service and support. In addition to a unique set of wholly owned brands, the group offers customers over 100 partner brands and represents over 2,000 photographers from around the world. The Photolibary Group has offices in the United Kingdom (London and Oxford), the USA (New York), Australia (Sydney and Melbourne), Singapore, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, New Zealand and the United Arab Emirates.

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