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The following advertisements will be published in English at various times in the Wall Street Journal - Europe and the Financial Times (European Edition) beginning on June 14, 2004 through June 30, 2004. French and German language versions of these advertisements will appear in various French and German publications during the same period.

In connection with the proposed acquisition of Aventis, Sanofi-Synthelabo has filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a registration statement on Form F-4 (File no: 333-112314), which includes a prospectus and a prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer, and related exchange offer materials, to register the Sanofi-Synthelabo ordinary shares (including Sanofi-Synthelabo ordinary shares represented by Sanofi-Synthelabo ADSs) to be issued in exchange for Aventis ordinary shares held by holders located in the United States and for Aventis ADSs held by holders wherever located and has also filed with the SEC a Statement on Schedule TO. Investors and holders of Aventis securities are strongly advised to read the registration statement and the prospectus and prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer, the Statement on Schedule TO, and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements because they contain important information. Investors and holders of Aventis securities may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the prospectus, the prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer and related exchange offer materials, and the Statement on Schedule TO, as well as other relevant documents filed with the SEC, at the SEC's web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The prospectus, the prospectus supplement relating to the revised offer and other transaction-related documents are being mailed to Aventis securityholders eligible to participate in the U.S. offer and additional copies may be obtained for free from MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the information agent for the U.S. offer, at the following address: 105, Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016; telephone 1-(212) 929-5500 (call collect) or 1-(800) 322-2885 (toll-free call); e-mail [proxy@mackenziepartners.com](mailto:proxy@mackenziepartners.com).

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[In handwriting] Tender Aventis shares before June 30

It means benefiting from a 31.4% premium (1).  
It also means making it possible for European research  
to be among the best in the world.

This project, based on a growth strategy, should create value for the shareholders of both groups. By tendering your Aventis shares in Sanofi-Synthelabo's offer, you will benefit from a premium of 31.4% (1) and will

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also become a shareholder of a group able to deliver strong, lasting and profitable growth. With sales of more than 25 billion euros (2), Sanofi-Aventis, the result of the combination of the two groups, will have a worldwide presence, particularly in the USA, while remaining strongly anchored in Europe - especially in France and in Germany. You can become a Sanofi-Aventis shareholder, thus helping to create the world's third largest pharmaceutical group, and the no. 1 in Europe.

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In France, holders of Aventis securities are requested, with respect to the revised offer, to refer to the prospectus supplement (note d'information complémentaire), which has been granted visa number 04-384 by the AMF and which is available on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and without cost from: BNP Paribas Securities Services, GIS-Emetteurs, Service Logistique, Les Collines de l'Arche, 75450 Paris Cedex 9 and to the recommendation statement (note d'information en reponse) of Aventis which has been granted visa number 04-510 by the AMF.

The public offer to holders of Aventis ordinary shares located in Germany (the "German Offer") is being made in accordance with applicable German law and pursuant to an offer document/sales prospectus, which is available free of charge at BNP Paribas Securities Services, Grunenburgweg 14, D-60322 Frankfurt am Main (Fax: 069 - 152 05 277) and on the website of the Company ([www.sanofi-synthelabo.com](http://www.sanofi-synthelabo.com)). Any decision to tender Aventis ordinary shares in exchange for Sanofi-Synthelabo ordinary shares under the German Offer must be

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- (2) 2003 data.
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[Image of a handwritten reminder note posted on a refrigerator door]

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It means benefiting from a 31.4% premium (1).  
It also means creating a major group serving health.

You can become a Sanofi-Aventis shareholder, helping to create the world's third largest pharmaceutical group, and the no. 1 in Europe. With sales of more than 25 billion euros, 4 billion euros devoted to research and a substantial drug portfolio (2), Sanofi-Aventis will be able to offer an even more effective response to patients' needs by making new treatments accessible through a large worldwide distribution network. By tendering your Aventis shares in Sanofi-Synthelabo's offer, you will benefit from a 31.4% premium (1) and will take part in a major industrial project: the creation of a group able to deliver strong, lasting and profitable growth while serving health.

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You can become a Sanofi-Aventis shareholder, helping to create the world's third largest pharmaceutical group and the no. 1 in Europe. Sanofi-Aventis will have the advantage of a substantial drug portfolio giving it strong positions in high-growth therapeutic areas: cardiovascular, thrombosis, cancer, diabetes, central nervous system, internal medicine and vaccines. By combining strengths and talents, Sanofi-Aventis, with sales of more than 25 billion euros, 4 billion euros devoted to research and more than 13,000 researchers (2), should be able to make progress in health in the service of patients. By tendering your Aventis shares in Sanofi-Synthelabo's offer, you will take part in a major industrial project: the creation of a group able to deliver strong, lasting and profitable growth while serving health.

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