

Jackson National Asset Management Switches Benchmarks to MSCI

New York – Jan. 31, 2018 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of research-based indexes and analytics, today announced that Jackson National Asset Management, LLC (JNAM) has chosen MSCI indexes for their new benchmarks across 22 funds. The MSCI ACWI and MSCI USA Indexes are designed to represent the performance of the global and US equity markets across 23 developed and 24 emerging market countries. The indexes are replicable and are built using a methodology that is not number locked.

“Our goal at MSCI is to deliver the highest quality and most innovative indexes that are designed to meet our clients’ objectives,” said Jana Haines, MSCI’s Americas Head of Index. “We are very pleased that Jackson National Asset Management has selected our indexes as their new benchmarks.”

Earlier this year, JNAM converted the benchmarks on 17 of its funds from Russell’s indexes to MSCI’s indexes. Additionally, the firm added five new funds that track MSCI indexes to its platform last September.

“We’re excited to partner with MSCI, as our products will now be measured against a number of strong indexes that are maintained by this innovative firm,” said Bill Harding, Chief Investment Officer of JNAM. “The decision to adopt MSCI across our US and non-US investment lineup allows us to implement a consistent methodology across the majority of our strategies and further leverage MSCI’s knowledge in the marketplace.”

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¹As of June 30, 2017, and reported as of September 30, 2017 by eVestment, Morningstar and Bloomberg.

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