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Morningstar Announces Winners of 2018 Taiwan Fund Awards

TAIPEI CITY, 14 March 2018—Morningstar Asia Limited, a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, has announced the winning funds for its 2018 Taiwan Fund Awards.

The annual Morningstar Taiwan Fund Awards are designed to help investors identify the retail funds that added the most value for investors within the context of their relevant peer group in 2017 and over longer time periods. Morningstar selects the winners using a quantitative methodology with a qualitative overlay that considers the one-, three-, and five-year performance history of all eligible funds, and adjusts returns for risk using Morningstar Risk, a measure that imposes a higher penalty for downside variation in a fund's return than it does for upside volatility.

"Over the years, we have earned trust from investors for our in-depth, unbiased and independent analyses that help them make informed investment decisions," said Nick Cheung, Chief Executive Officer for Morningstar in Asia. "It's our honor to recognize outstanding achievement in investment management again this year through the Morningstar Awards."

"All of our winners delivered strong three- and five-year returns after adjusting for risk, in addition to outperformance of their peers during the last 12 months," said Wing Chan, Morningstar's Director of Manager Research for Asia. "These funds have demonstrated that they have the ability to earn strong returns over the long term without undue risk. We believe that taking a patient, long-term view to investing will ultimately help investors reach their financial goals."

The winners of the 2018 Morningstar Taiwan Fund Awards are:

FUND CATEGORY AWARDS:	WINNERS:
Best Asia-Pacific Equity Fund	Schroder ISF Asian Opportunities Class A- DIS (USD) (Morningstar Analyst Rating [™] of Silver)
Best Europe Equity Fund	Investec Global Strategy Fund - European Equity Fund Class C Inc
Best Greater China Equity Fund	Schroder ISF Hong Kong Equity Class A1- ACC (USD) (Morningstar Analyst Rating of Silver)
Best Taiwan Equity Fund	Fuh Hwa High Growth
Best US Equity Fund	AB FCP I US Thematic Research Portfolio Class A USD

Best Global Bond Fund

Legg Mason Brandywine Global Opportunistic Fixed Income Fund Class A US\$ Accumulating

(Morningstar Analyst Rating of Silver)

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Notes to Editors:

The Morningstar fund category awards are based on Morningstar fund data as of 31 December 2017. The awards methodology emphasises the one-year period, but funds must also have delivered strong three-and five-year returns after adjusting for risk within the awards peer groups in order to obtain an award. For the full methodology, please <u>click here</u>.

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