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BMO Global Asset Management Wins ETF Provider of the Year in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, January 25, 2018 – BMO Global Asset Management was recognized at the BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards Hong Kong 2017 as ETF Provider of the Year, and for the second consecutive year, the Most Innovative ETF House.

BMO claimed top honours for the following funds:

- BMO Asia USD Investment Grade Bond ETF (stock code: 3141 HK): Best-in-Class, Asia Fixed Income (winner for two consecutive years)
- BMO MSCI Japan Hedged to USD ETF (stock code: 3160 HK): Best-in-Class, Japan Equity ETF
- BMO Asia High Dividend ETF (stock code: 3145 HK): Outstanding Achiever, Asia ex-Japan Equity ETF

The BENCHMARK Fund of the Year Awards advocate best practices for Asia’s financial sector and aim to highlight the capabilities of asset managers, Mutual Fund, Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) providers.

“We are honoured to have multiple ETFs recognized by BENCHMARK,” said Ravi Sriskandarajah, Managing Director and Head of BMO Global Asset Management (Asia Pacific). “We are delighted to be recognized for our ability to create bespoke and high-quality products to meet our clients’ diversified needs.”

In November 2014, BMO Global Asset Management launched its first ETFs in the region, becoming the first Canadian banking group to have ETFs listed in Hong Kong. The initial three offerings were structured to help address the demand for income, growth and access

to the region's robust financial sector. That platform was expanded in early 2016 with the addition of four more ETFs, providing investors with exposure to key sectors and global markets.

For more information about ETFs, please visit: www.bmo.hk/etfs.

About BMO Global Asset Management

BMO Global Asset Management is a global investment manager with offices in more than 25 cities in 14 countries, delivering service excellence to clients across five continents.

Our four major investment centres in Toronto, Chicago, London and Hong Kong are complemented by a network of world-class specialist managers strategically located across the globe: BMO Real Estate Partners, LGM Investments and Pырford International Ltd.. BMO Global Asset Management is a signatory of the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment initiative (UNPRI).

BMO Global Asset Management is a part of BMO Financial Group, a highly diversified financial services provider based in North America with total assets of CDN \$710 billion as of October 31, 2017 and more than 45,000 employees. BMO Wealth Management has worldwide assets under management of CDN \$429 billion, as of October 31, 2017.

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