

MVIS APPOINTS NEW HEAD OF INDEX BUSINESS

Thomas Kettner named Managing Director

Frankfurt (23 May 2016) – Thomas Kettner has been appointed Managing Director of MV Index Solutions GmbH (MVIS), the specialist provider of investable indices. In his new role, he will be responsible for the business strategy of MVIS, identifying growth initiatives, and developing new licensing opportunities globally. He will also be leading MVIS day-to-day index operations. Mr. Kettner joined MVIS in 2012 as head of index operations and has been instrumental in building a professional index maintenance team.

"I am looking forward to broadening our client base and to identifying new opportunities to increase our revenues," Thomas Kettner said. "We have built a global index brand over the past years and have been very successful in establishing an outstanding index concept emphasizing investability, liquidity and diversification. Since we launched our firm in November 2011, we have developed a range of selected indices of which more than 60% are licensed to underlie financial products. In only five years, the assets invested in financial products tied to MVIS indices have almost tripled."

Mr. Kettner looks back on ten years of experience in the index industry, previously working for leading index providers such as Dow Jones Indexes and STOXX Limited. Mr. Kettner holds a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Konstanz, Germany.

MVIS was launched in November 2011 introducing a sophisticated index strategy to develop highly investable indices. The index methodology concept ensures pure-play, liquid and well-diversified indices particularly suited to underlie exchange-traded funds (ETFs). MVIS indices offer exposure to asset classes such as hard assets, international equity with a strong focus on emerging markets, and fixed income. MVIS Indices are licensed to underlie ETPs, some of them the largest in their respective peer groups. Approximately USD 10 billion are invested in ETPs based on MVIS Indices.

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Note to Editors

MVIS develops, monitors, and licenses the MVIS Indices, a selection of focused, investable and diversified benchmark indices that are licensed to underlie financial products. The indices cover several asset classes, including hard assets and international equity markets as well as fixed income markets. Approximately USD 10 billion in assets under management are currently invested in financial products based on MVIS Indices. MVIS is a company of VanEck.

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