S&P Dow Jones Indices, Taiwan Stock Exchange Announce Strategic Index Development and Co-Branding Agreement

S&P/TWSE Taiwan Low Volatility High Dividend Index Launched

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Jan. 27, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- S&P Dow Jones Indices, one of the world's leading providers of financial market indices, today announced the signing of a strategic agreement with the Taiwan Stock Exchange ("TWSE") and the launch of the S&P/TWSE Taiwan Low Volatility High Dividend Index.

The strategic agreement between S&P Dow Jones Indices and the Taiwan Stock Exchange will bring both parties to a closer working relationship for index maintenance, development, distribution, and co-branding.

As the first co-branded index launched, the S&P/TWSE Taiwan Low Volatility High Dividend Index is designed to serve as a benchmark for income-seeking equity investors, measuring the performance of 40 high-yielding companies within the S&P Taiwan BMI. The S&P/TWSE Taiwan Low Volatility High Dividend Index represents a balance between dividend yield and volatility, while ensuring diversification across individual stocks and sectors. Its stock selection criteria include: a 3-month average daily traded value above 100 million TWD; at least one year since issuance and trading before the rebalancing date; and non-zero dividend in the prior twelve months. The Index is weighted by trailing 12-month dividend yield, with constituents to be re-weighted semi-annually and reviewed twice a year in April and October.

"As more investors look toTaiwan as a growing market, S&P Dow Jones Indices' agreement with the Taiwan Stock Exchange will be a momentous step in creating diversified market indices, starting with Taiwanese equities," says Alex Matturri, CEO of S&P Dow Jones Indices. "Today's announcement and index launch is a further sign of our commitment to Greater China and to facilitating access to equity market intelligence in the region."

"Taiwan Stock Exchange is very pleased to announce this strategic agreement with S&P Dow Jones Indices," saysSush-Der Lee, Chairman of Taiwan Stock Exchange. "We look forward to further expanding opportunities for global investors to tap into the Taiwan market."

S&P Dow Jones Indices recently launched the S&P Total Greater China BMI, which includes the S&P Taiwan BMI, as well as S&P Hong Kong BMI and S&P Total China BMI. The S&P Total Greater China BMI is part of the S&P Total China BMI family of five indices. The latest addition of S&P/TWSE Taiwan Low Volatility High Dividend Index further strengthens S&P Dow Jones Indices' line-up of Greater China products.

For more information, please visit:www.spdji.com.

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