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**BMO Global Asset Management's Responsible Global Equity Fund  
Awarded Best Sustainable Investment Fund 2017**

**LONDON, 23 November 2017** BMO Global Asset Management is delighted to announce that its F&C Responsible Global Equity Fund, managed by Jamie Jenkins, has been awarded Best Sustainable Investment Fund at the 2017 Sustainable Investment Awards held by Investment Week.

BMO Global Asset Management has a long and distinguished heritage in responsible investing since the launch of Europe's first ethically screened portfolio in 1984, and the F&C Responsible Global Equity Fund will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March 2018. The Fund has outperformed its benchmark and peer group over both the short and longer term, producing returns of 18.2%, 63.3% and 118.9% to investors over one, three and five years respectively.

BMO Global Asset Management was also highly commended in the category of Best Sustainable Investment Fund Management Group, an award it has won on previous occasions.

**Commenting on the win, Richard Watts, Head of Fundamental Investment and Chief Investment Officer for EMEA at BMO Global Asset Management, said:**

"This win is testament to the contribution made by the Responsible Global Equities team and other supporting in-house teams over the years."

"The F&C Responsible Global Equity Fund aims to steer capital towards companies operating in a sustainable way and those delivering innovative products and services to meet today's global challenges head-on, without impacting returns."

"We firmly believe in being a responsible guardian of capital and continue to actively engage with companies. We are committed to increasing transparency on the companies we invest in and the global impact they are having".

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**Notes to editors**

Fund performance figures as at 31 October 2017.

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**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 boutique managers strategically located across the globe: BMO Real Estate Partners, LGM Investments, Pырford International Ltd. and Taplin, Canida & Habacht, LLC. 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 \$709 billion, as of 31 July, 2017, and over 45,000 employees. BMO Wealth Management has worldwide assets under management of CDN \$413 billion, as of 31 July, 2017.

*Past performance should not be seen as an indication of future performance.*

*The value of investments and income derived from them can go down as well as up as a result of market or currency movements and investors may not get back the original amount invested.*

*The Screening out of sectors and companies on ethical grounds may mean the Fund is more sensitive to price swings than an equivalent unscreened fund.*