

## **FTSE Wins Award for Excellence in Global Indexing**

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**Hong Kong, London, New York 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010:** FTSE Group ("FTSE"), the global index provider has won the coveted Index Provider of the Year award for the fifth time in six years.

"FTSE strive to be the index provider of choice globally, which is why we are so proud to receive this award for the fifth time," said Mark Makepeace, Chief Executive, FTSE Group. "We will continue to work with leading pension funds across the globe to provide them with innovative and comprehensive benchmarking solutions."

The Global Pensions Awards are the only pension industry awards which operate on a global scale. The awards were judged by a panel of leading figures from global pension funds and investment consultants, including Richard Grottheim of Swedish Pension Fund AP7, Stuart Leckie of the Hong Kong Retirement Schemes Association, Eric Busay of the California Public Employees Retirement System, and Roger Gray of the Universities Superannuation Scheme.

"FTSE Group provides premier benchmarks for capturing the performance of markets, strategies and asset classes globally. In 2009, they continued to improve and expand their indices, ensuring they remain relevant to pension funds worldwide," said Alex Beveridge, Editor of Global Pensions Magazine.

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**Notes to Editors**

In previous years, FTSE has won the award of Index Provider of the Year award. In 2010, the index provider of the year award was split into two categories; FTSE won the market-cap index provider of the year and FTSE's partner Research Affiliates won the strategy index provider of the year for the FTSE RAFI Index Series.

**About FTSE Group**

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