



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS LAUNCHES MULTI-MANAGER GLOBAL EQUITY FUND – THE SELECT WORLD EQUITY FUND**

Investment Solutions, the multi-manager, has launched a new global equity fund - the Select World Equity Fund. The fund is aimed at the institutional investment market with a particular focus on defined benefit (DB) schemes for smaller and medium-sized employers (SMEs).

The Select World Equity Fund has been designed to give investors access to higher alpha managers, by investing into a diversified multi-manager model. It is a sub-fund of Investment Solutions' Multi-Manager OEIC and will be benchmarked against the MSCI World Index. Both GBP and USD share classes are available.

Investment Solutions has initially appointed 4 global managers, to manage the portfolio, providing investors a diversified mix of global equities with a range of complementary investment styles. The managers are T Rowe Price Global Investment Services, Pzena Investment Management, Axiom International Investors and Altrinsic Global Advisors, who will each manage segregated mandates for the fund. The fund has assets under management of over US\$400 million at launch.

Justin Taurog, Global Business Development Director, Investment Solutions, says, "The globalisation of the world's leading companies has led to an increased demand for global equities mandates. The Select World World Equity Fund will enable investors to benefit from best of breed managers through a multi-manager model. The fund offers the opportunity to access high alpha global investment managers without the risk associated with a single asset manager approach.

“The Select World Equity Fund is geared towards investors that seek capital growth over a longer-term horizon and are prepared to accept a moderate level of volatility. More and more clients favour Investment Solutions’ actively managed approach that has delivered competitive returns and draws on our rigorous investment processes. The fact that the fund has launched with over US\$400 million under management is testament to the demand for the product.”

Chris Trebilcock, product development, Investment Solutions, says,  
“Investment Solutions conducted a global search to select the best managers to manage the new fund, with over 2000 providers initially identified. Our careful selection of global investment managers will result in tailor-made solutions to meet the objectives of each of our clients.”

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