

## **Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index Selected as New Labor Pension Fund Benchmark in Taiwan**

*Estimated Total of US\$ 2 Billion Benchmarked to the Index in Taiwan*

**TAIPEI, APRIL 14, 2015:** S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”), one of the world’s leading providers of financial market indices, today announced that its [Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index](#) has been selected by the **Bureau of Labor Funds, Ministry of Labor of Taiwan (Bureau)** as one of the performance benchmarks for its mandates under the **Labor Pension Fund (New Scheme)** and the **Labor Insurance Fund**. As a leading market benchmark in global infrastructure investment, the **Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index** is designed to measure the stock performance of companies worldwide that are owners and operators of pure-play infrastructure assets.

Under the new mandates, an estimated amount of US\$ 1.4 billion and US\$ 400 million will be mandated to investment managers under the Labor Pension Fund (New Scheme) and the Labor Insurance Fund respectively to invest in global infrastructure securities. This, together with previous mandates, will bring the total amount of mandates in Taiwan measured by this Index to US\$ 2 billion.

“Infrastructure as an asset class has historically been seen by investors as a strong source of diversification, yield and attractive total returns,” observes **Alka Banerjee, Managing Director, Global Equity & Strategy Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices**. “The adoption of the Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index as a performance benchmark by the Labor Pension Fund and the Labor Insurance Fund of Taiwan signals Asia’s increasing recognition of infrastructure’s critical role as the backbone for economic growth in the region.”

The mandates were released in the Bureau’s latest *Investment Guidelines for 2015 Second Overseas Discretionary Investment of Labor Pension Fund (New Scheme)* and *Investment Guidelines for 2015 Second Overseas Discretionary Investment of Labor Insurance Fund*. According to both Guidelines, the target annual net rate of return for such mandates is the annual rate of return of Dow Jones Brookfield Global Infrastructure Index (Total Return; Net Dividends Reinvested; Unhedged; Index measured in USD) specified by the Bureau plus 200 basis points.

The latest announcement by the Bureau of Labor Funds of Taiwan demonstrates S&P DJI’s growing presence in Asia Pacific and further penetration into the pension fund and insurance fund markets.

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