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## S&P Dow Jones Indices Wins Prestigious Tokyo Financial Award for ESG Index Innovation

**TOKYO, FEBRUARY 4, 2020: S&P Dow Jones Indices** ("S&P DJI"), the world's leading index provider, today announced that it has won the prestigious **2019 Tokyo Financial Award** in the **ESG Investment Category**. The **Tokyo Metropolitan City Government** sponsors this annual award to recognize financial services companies, with operations in Tokyo, for their exemplary work and commitment in the **Environmental, Social and Governance** (ESG) space.

To celebrate the winners' accomplishments, **Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike** will preside over an awards ceremony at Mori Tower in the city's Roppongi Hills district on **February 12**. **Makino Yoshiyuki**, Managing Director and Head of S&P DJI's Japan office, will accept the award on the company's behalf.

"We are excited and honored that the city of Tokyo has recognized S&P Dow Jones Indices' leadership in providing world-class ESG indices, data and analytics and contributing towards more sustainable economies, **said Alex Matturri, CEO of S&P Dow Jones Indices**. "We are especially proud of our work in Japan and our ongoing partnership with the Government Pension Investment Fund and the Japan Exchange Group with the 2018 launch of the S&P Global Carbon Efficient Indices, which are now used as benchmarking tools for the pension fund's ESG investment strategy," Mr. Matturri added.

S&P DJI is one of three major financial institutions awarded in the ESG Investment category. The Tokyo Financial Award applies a highly selective and rigorous process aligned with the interests of Tokyo's residents. The winners are chosen from a competitive pool of nominees based on their unique ESG-related offerings and contributions in promoting long-term sustainable investments.

S&P DJI is a pioneer in ESG indexing for more than two decades since the 1999 launch of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index, the first global sustainability benchmark. S&P DJI offers a family of ESG indices globally including <u>ESG versions of its popular core indices</u> such as the S&P 500 and the S&P Japan 500.

Indeed, 2020 promises to be another banner year for ESG innovation at S&P DJI following its parent S&P Global's recent acquisition of RobecoSAM's ESG ratings business in November 2019. In Japan, the first exchange-traded fund, based on the S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index will launch and list on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on February 6.

For more information on S&P DJI's pioneering work on ESG, please visit our website at <u>www.spdji.com</u>. To learn more about the Tokyo Financial Award, the selection process, its expert panel of judges and other honorees, please visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's <u>website</u>.

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