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Monex Group Newly Selected as Component for ESG Index “MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index,” “MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index” and “S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index” Adopted by GPIF

TOKYO, July 12, 2022 - Monex Group, Inc. (headquarters: Tokyo; Representative Executive Officer and CEO: Oki Matsumoto; hereinafter “the Company”) announces that it has been newly selected as a component of the “MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index,” “MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index” and “S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index” adopted as an investment benchmark for ESG investment by the General Pension Investment Fund (“GPIF”).

As the Company has been selected as a constituent of the "FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index," it is now selected by four of the five ESG investment indexes for Japanese equities adopted by the GPIF. This is a significant milestone in the long history of the Company striving for the ESG and sustainability activities, and the Company will continue to the activities moving forward.

Monex Group ESG/Sustainability Initiatives

Environment (E): Ever since its establishment, the Company has operated environmentally friendly online financial businesses. In June 2021, the Board of Directors formulated the Monex Group Sustainability Statement, which clearly states its commitment to contribute to the realization of a sustainable society and to reduce the environmental impact of its businesses. In March 2022, the Company announced the Monex Group Environmental Policy with the aim of addressing and solving environmental issues through its business operations.

Social (S): Including its original business domain, online securities broker, the Company has carried out its social mission to establish a financial infrastructure that is stress-free for individuals and to provide the best financial services that meet individual needs, thereby contributing to the healthy development of capital markets. In line with the revision of its corporate philosophy in April 2021, the Company will continue to enhance its corporate value on a long-term and sustainable basis so that it can become a company that is needed by all stakeholders in the future through efforts aimed at optimizing the each person’s lifetime balance sheet.

Governance (G): The Company believes that it is important to create a highly effective corporate governance system to continuously enhance corporate value of the Company and its group companies in order to sustainably increase the corporate value. The Company has strengthened a governance system to create a system that enables balanced management decision-making while effectively monitoring management execution. In June 2013, Monex Group adopted a structure called company with committees (currently, company with committees, such as the Nominating Committee and others) to reinforce corporate governance by further separating management and oversight.

For more information on Monex Group's ESG/Sustainability initiatives, please refer to the following;
<https://www.monexgroup.jp/en/esg.html>

ESG Indexes Adopted by GPIF

- **MSCI Japan ESG Select Leaders Index**
Constructed by MSCI, a leading U.S. financial services company, this index is composed of the selected stocks with relatively high ESG ratings within each industry among the top 700 Japanese stocks by market capitalization.
<https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/japan-esg-select-leaders-index>
- **MSCI Japan Empowering Women (WIN) Select Index**
This index, which is part of the MSCI environmental, social and governance (ESG) indexes, aim to represent the performance of companies that are leading within their GICS®1 sector in terms of promoting and maintaining gender diversity.
<https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/indexes/japan-empowering-women-select-index>
- **S&P/JPX Carbon Efficient Index**
This index uses TOPIX, a representative stock price index that indicates trends in the Japanese market, as its universe, and determines the weighting of constituent stocks by focusing on the status of environmental

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information disclosure and the level of carbon efficiency (carbon emissions per unit of sales).
<https://www.spglobal.com/spdji/en/indices/esg/sp-jpx-carbon-efficient-index/#overview>

- **FTSE Blossom Japan Sector Relative Index**

This index is constructed by global index provider FTSE Russell. It is designed to be sector-neutral* and reflects the performance of Japanese companies that excel in environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance in their respective sectors.

<https://www.ftserussell.com/products/indices/blossom-japan>

* In order to minimize sector bias, the constituents are selected with consideration of the weights with those of the parent index, the FTSE Japan All Cap Index.

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