

## FTSE Russell extends index partnership with JSE into fixed income

- FTSE Russell and JSE entered into equity index partnership in 2002
- Range of fixed income indexes will provide investors with access to internationally recognised benchmark standards

FTSE Russell and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) today announce they will extend their existing equity index partnership to provide a range of co-branded fixed income indexes. These indexes will provide investors with access to internationally recognised benchmarking standards, strengthening the development and growth of the fixed income market in South Africa.

The partnership will combine the regional expertise of the JSE in Africa and the exchange's market standard bond prices with FTSE Russell's global distribution network and multi-asset capabilities. This includes equity and fixed income research, analytics and transparent investment benchmarks, ultimately delivering world-class investment tools for domestic and international investors.

**Leanne Parsons, Director of Information Services, JSE said:**

"We are pleased to have reached this agreement with one of our most respected international partners. This will enhance the transparency and growth of our local fixed income market, and ultimately strengthen the robustness of South Africa's capital markets, as not only will we be able to offer a world-class fixed income index capability to our local and international investors but also broaden our ability to offer multi asset indices".

**Waqas Samad, CEO Benchmarks, Fixed Income & Multi Assets, FTSE Russell said:**

"We are delighted to announce our extended partnership with JSE, which further expands FTSE Russell's range of fixed-income products and bring first class multi-asset capabilities to the South African market. A valued partner of FTSE Russell and London Stock Exchange Group, the JSE has a strong track record in the local market as well as market standard bond prices and we look forward to working together to enhance and broaden the product offering to meet the needs of our global customer base".

FTSE Russell and JSE entered into a partnership more than 15 years ago and have been providing equity indexes since 2002. This has enabled FTSE Russell and JSE to offer clients a range of widely used benchmark, tradable and alternative indexes.

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