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(404)815-8772**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****EARNEST PARTNERS LAUNCHES A UCITS; EXPANDS ACCESS TO INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

EARNEST Partners is launching a UCITS to allow offshore access to several investment strategies, including: Global Emerging Markets Equities, Pan-Asian Equities, Frontier Markets Equities, Global ex U.S. Equities, and Global Equities.

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ATLANTA – Responding to strong demand from overseas investors, EARNEST Partners is pleased to announce the launch of an offshore vehicle to meet such demand. The UCITS will offer European, Asian, and other non-U.S. investors the ability to easily access a suite of EARNEST Partners' equity strategies. The firm has been managing equities since 1999.

The UCITS is domiciled in Ireland, where the Central Bank of Ireland is the regulatory authority with responsibility for authorizing and supervising the UCITS.¹

When asked about the opportunity that this presents, Paul Viera, the founder and CEO of the firm stated,

"We seek to offer vehicles to clients that provide regulatory oversight as well as economies of scale. The UCITS structure is seen by investors as possessing important investor protection, regulatory, and disclosure characteristics. As a global firm with investments around the world, I am pleased to expand access to those opportunities."

The UCITS, EARNEST Partners Global Funds plc. is structured as a Self-Managed Investment Company. State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited is the Administrator and State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited is the Custodian.

About EARNEST Partners

EARNEST Partners is an independent, employee-owned asset management firm currently advising on more than \$20 billion in assets for clients around the world. EARNEST Partners manages portfolios for more than 300 clients including corporations, government pension funds, jointly-trusted plans, endowments and foundations. The firm is also engaged in sub-advisory relationships with a number of global financial institutions. We offer a variety of competitive equity and fixed income products across the respective market cap and duration spectrums. Our investment approach is long-term oriented and focuses on the merits of individual securities when making investment decisions. EARNEST Partners is headquartered in the U.S. with additional offices in China and Brazil.

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