



ROBO GLOBAL® SELECTS MOORGATE BENCHMARKS FOR EU BMR OVERSIGHT, RECEIVES FCA AUTHORISATION

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LONDON, October 15th 2019 – ROBO Global®, the world's premier provider of indices in the fields of robotics, automation, AI and healthcare, and Moorgate Benchmarks, the index company driving change, today announced that ROBO Global® has appointed Moorgate Benchmarks as its EU legal representative. This will ensure compliance with the new EU Benchmarks Regulation (BMR), which comes into full effect on January 1st 2020.

In advance of the BMR coming into force, ROBO Global® has secured authorisation from the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as a Benchmark Administrator. The FCA authorisation will allow the company to continue offering its best-in-class indices to EU-based clients in compliance with BMR. The selection of Moorgate Benchmarks as legal representative builds on an existing partnership that includes the provision of index design, optimisation and governance services.

Richard Lightbound, CEO EMEA of ROBO Global, said: "ROBO Global created the first benchmark index tracking the global robotics and automation market. Our expert team of staff and advisors are focused on conducting deep research, identifying new robotics trends, understanding new innovations and exploring every company in our ecosystem to continue our leadership in this space. Our partnership with Moorgate Benchmarks allows us to continue to focus on our core strengths in the knowledge that our indices have the best possible governance and meet global standards of excellence in index design."

Gareth Parker, Chief Indexing Officer of Moorgate Benchmarks, said: "Recognition of indices under the EU Benchmarks Regulation gives investors and advisers confidence in the accuracy and governance of the indices they rely on. We are delighted to be expanding our partnership with ROBO Global, and other third country index providers, to ensure indices remain compliant following the BMR's entry into force."

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About ROBO Global®

ROBO Global is an index, advisory, and research company wholly focused on helping investors capture the unique opportunities of fast-growing robotics, artificial intelligence, and healthcare technology companies around the world. With the expertise of our leadership team and strategic advisors from the industry, we help investors capture the growth and return opportunities presented by innovation across industries, from healthcare to industrials to consumer products. Its global team, including managing partners and advisors in San Francisco, Dallas, New York, London, Zurich, Hong Kong, and Tokyo, launched the ROBO Global® Robotics and Automation Index Series in 2013. Since then, the index has grown to become the premier benchmark for the vast value chain of this dynamic industry, supporting investment products in the US, Canada, UK, Europe, Korea, Taiwan, and Australia.

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About Moorgate Benchmarks

Moorgate Benchmarks' mission is to enable index providers and product issuers to create new products that deliver true choice to all investors. Experts in designing, optimising, managing and calculating indices for clients; streamlining operations through leading-edge technology; and implementing best practice governance systems to meet benchmark regulation, the firm is driving change to challenge an industry ripe for disruption.

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Notes to Editors

About the European Benchmark Regulation (BMR)

Under BMR, "third country" (non-EU) index providers must be either recognised or their indices endorsed for use within the EU, through an arrangement with an EU legal representative or endorsing entity based in the EU, and then application to the relevant national competent authority. The index provider is required to demonstrate best practice in index management, and work together with the EU-based recognising or endorsing entity to provide oversight of the arrangements for index calculation and management. There are very few entities capable of providing such oversight yet, without recognition or endorsement, third country indices cannot be used in EU investment products - such as ETFs, futures and investment funds - beyond the end of 2019.