

S&P/ASX 200 Futures Index Unveiled by S&P Dow Jones Indices

Sydney, November 9, 2015: S&P Dow Jones Indices (“S&P DJI”), one of the world’s leading index providers, today announced the launch of the **S&P/ASX 200 Futures Index**, which tracks the returns generated from an investment in the front-month futures contract on the renowned S&P/ASX 200 Index. This new benchmark provides investors an alternative way to measure Australian equities.

A member of the established S&P/ASX Index Series, the S&P/ASX 200 Futures Index tracks the returns of the front-month S&P/ASX 200 index futures. Both excess return and total return versions are calculated. The Index is designed with a provision to replace the index futures contract as it approaches maturity. The replacement occurs over a one-day rolling period every quarter, one business day prior to the expiration of the futures contract.

“As understanding and use of passive investment continues to take hold in Australia, we are seeing increasing demand from investors for more sophisticated index solutions,” says **Michael Orzano, Director of Global Equity Indices at S&P Dow Jones Indices**. “We are excited to introduce the S&P/ASX 200 Futures Index, which provides a highly efficient means to incorporate Australian equities into an index-based investment strategy.”

“ASX is excited about the new opportunities for investors that our latest collaboration with S&P Dow Jones Indices will bring,” said **Gregory Stephens, Senior Manager, Business Development at ASX Limited**. “The creation of the S&P/ASX 200 Futures Index will expand the range of investment tools available for investors and other participants, and add to the confidence and sophistication of the Australian financial marketplace.”

Since it entered the Australian market in 2000, S&P DJI has launched a wide range of investable indices in collaboration with ASX, including respected headline benchmarks such as the S&P/ASX 200, the S&P/ASX 300 and the S&P/ASX MidCap 50. In anticipation of the greater recognition of index-based investment among Australian investors, S&P DJI and ASX continue to innovate and bring new index concepts to the market.

For more information about S&P Dow Jones Indices, please visit www.spdji.com.

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