MARKET VECTORS INDEX SOLUTIONS EXPANDS BOND INDEX EXPOSURE

Market Vectors Emerging Markets Aggregate Bond Index and four Sub-Indices launched today

Frankfurt (19 September 2013) – Market Vectors Index Solutions GmbH (MVIS – <u>www.marketvectorsindices.com</u>) today launched the <u>Market Vectors EM Aggregate Bond Index (MVEMAG</u>) and four derived sub-indices.

Market Vectors EM Aggregate Bond Index tracks the performance of Emerging Markets sovereign bonds and corporate bonds denominated in US dollars, Euro or local Emerging Markets currencies. This includes investment-grade and below investment-grade bonds of the following categories: sovereign bonds, corporate bonds and quasi-sovereign bonds, either USD-denominated or EURO-denominated and sovereign bonds, corporate bonds and quasi-sovereign bonds, localcurrency-denominated. The indices are particularly designed to underlie exchange-traded products (ETPs).

"Emerging Markets institutional investors have evolved in their approach to the asset class, investing decreasingly in hard currency sovereign debt and increasing in local debt markets and corporate debt. This evolution is reflected in the market capitalisation of these various forms of debt, with hard currency sovereign debt now representing the smallest share among three major categories," said Lars Hamich, CEO at MVIS. He continued, "While a large number of managers today employ strategies that invest across all of products, there has not yet been a singular index to represent the mix between sovereign, corporate, hard currency and local currency debt. Such an index may allow managers, and their investors, to better measure performance versus the complete opportunity set that they are employing in their strategies".

Derived from Market Vectors Emerging Markets Aggregate Bond Index are four sub-indices: Market Vectors EM Sovereign Bond Index (USD&EUR), Market Vectors EM Sovereign Bond Index (local FX), Market Vectors EM Corporate Bond Index (USD&EUR) and Market Vectors EM Corporate Bond Index (local FX). The indices are calculated as Total Return indices and are reviewed monthly.

The launch follows the introduction of the Market Vectors Renminbi Bond Index, Market Vectors U.S. Investment Grade Floating Rate Index and Market Vectors US Treasury-Hedged High Yield Bond Index; all indices being licensed to underlie exchange-traded products.

Detailed information about the <u>Market Vectors Bond index series</u>, including methodology details and comprehensive data is available on <u>www.marketvectorsindices.com</u>.

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About Market Vectors Index Solutions GmbH (MVIS).

Market Vectors Index Solutions develops, monitors and licenses the Market Vectors Indices, a selection of focused, investable and diversified benchmark indices. The indices are especially designed to underlie financial products. Market Vectors Indices cover several asset classes, including hard assets and international equity markets as well as fixed income markets and are licensed to serve as underlying indices for financial products.

Approximately USD 12.2 billion in assets under management are currently invested in financial products based on Market Vectors Indices. MVIS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Eck Associates Corporation (also known as Van Eck Global).