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WILLIAM BLAIR EMERGING MARKETS SMALL CAP GROWTH SICAV FUND WINS REFINITIV LIPPER FUND AWARD

LONDON, 3 March, 2022 – William Blair today announced that the William Blair Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth SICAV strategy (Class R shares USD) was named a Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards Switzerland 2022 Winner for best in category three-year performance among 10 Emerging Markets Global Small & Mid-Cap Funds, for the period ended 31 December, 2021.

“Being recognized for the top three-year performance in the Emerging Markets Global Small & Mid-Cap category is a testament to our focus on delivering sustainable long-term value to our clients. The stability of our teams and the consistent execution of our investment process continue to be a competitive advantage,” said Tom Ross, head of international distribution at William Blair Investment Management. “More importantly, it is a reflection of the value active management investment expertise can provide to clients over time.”

The William Blair Emerging Markets Small Cap Growth strategy seeks to invest in emerging markets small cap companies with superior quality and growth characteristics relative to competitors.

The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 months. The fund with the highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value in each eligible classification wins the Refinitiv Lipper Fund Award. The Refinitiv Lipper Fund Awards, granted annually, highlight funds and fund companies that have excelled in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance relative to their peers.

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*Includes strategic partnerships with Allier Capital, BDA Partners, and Poalim Capital Markets

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