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**William Blair Introduces Global Small Cap Growth Fund**

CHICAGO, April 24, 2013—William Blair & Company, L.L.C. today announced the newest addition to its mutual fund family, the [William Blair Global Small Cap Growth Fund](#). The fund, to be managed by Andrew Flynn and Matthew Litfin, will use an active, high-conviction approach that seeks to deliver alpha by investing in companies characterized by organic value creation, consistent earnings growth, and high returns on capital and assets. In addition, Jeffrey Urbina is a senior advisor on the fund with responsibility for portfolio strategy, and Karl Brewer is a senior advisor on the fund with strategic and stock-specific responsibilities.

“The universe of high-quality small-cap companies provides a rapidly expanding opportunity set for alpha-seeking investors. Furthermore, adding a geographically unconstrained approach enables managers to seek today’s most promising companies, regardless of where they are located,” said Michelle Seitz, CFA, head of William Blair Investment Management. “We believe the Global Small Cap Growth Fund, which builds on the expertise of our small- cap and global strategies, will mirror the success of our other offerings.”

Comprising 80 to 120 holdings, each with a market capitalization of less than \$5 billion, the fund will provide investors with unconstrained exposure across a diverse range of geographies and sectors and seeks to deliver superior, long-term returns within a stable, risk-aware framework. The Global Small Cap Growth Fund will be benchmarked against the MSCI AC World Small Cap Index.

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**Past performance does not guarantee future results.** Investment returns and principal will fluctuate and you may have a gain or loss when you sell shares. Class N Shares are available to the general public without a sales load. Class I Shares are available to certain institutional investors.

**International investing involves special risk considerations, including currency fluctuations, lower liquidity, and economic and political risk.**

***Please carefully consider the Funds' investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. This and other information is contained in the Funds' prospectus, which you may obtain by calling +1 800 742 7272. Read it carefully before you invest or send money.***

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