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### **William Blair & Company Introduces Global Growth Fund**

Chicago, October 15, 2007 – William Blair & Company, L.L.C., distributor to the William Blair Funds, today announced the launch of the William Blair Global Growth Fund. The fund, to be managed by George Greig, seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in quality growth companies of all market capitalizations around the world.

"We are very pleased to offer the William Blair Global Growth Fund to investors," said Michelle Seitz, CFA, head of Investment Management and a member of the firm's executive committee. "We have proven investment research expertise in the United States as well as the developed and emerging international markets. This fund will leverage those global research capabilities, giving investors access to our quality growth investment ideas throughout the world. The evolution of the world's equity markets makes this an exciting time to be investing globally, and we believe we are positioned to take advantage of these trends given the breadth, depth, and coordinated nature of our investment research resources and philosophy."

"The Global Growth Fund's investment strategies will enable it to capitalize on global secular trends, adding value from an increased number of sources: stock selection as well as regional, sector, and capitalization allocations," Ms. Seitz continued. "In addition, the Global Growth Fund's investment strategies reduce home-country bias and provide diversification benefits."

George Greig has been the leader of William Blair & Company's International Team since 1996 and also serves as the global strategist for William Blair Investment Management. He will draw on the research resources of both William Blair & Company's U.S. and international investment teams.

### **About William Blair & Company**

William Blair & Company, L.L.C. is a Chicago-based investment firm offering investment banking, asset management, equity research, institutional and private brokerage, and private capital to individual, institutional, and issuing clients. Since 1935, we have been committed to helping clients achieve their financial objectives. As an independent, employee-owned firm, our philosophy is to serve our clients' interests first and foremost. We place a high value on the enduring nature of our client relationships, the quality of our products and services, and the continuity and integrity of our people. William Blair & Company's offices include Chicago, Boston, London, New York, San Francisco, Shanghai, Tokyo, and Zurich. For more information, please visit [www.williamblair.com](http://www.williamblair.com).

### **About William Blair Investment Management**

William Blair Investment Management is the asset management operation of William Blair & Company, L.L.C., consisting of the institutional, mutual fund, and wealth management businesses. With nearly \$47 billion in assets under management as of September 30, 2007, William Blair Investment Management provides customized and structured portfolios for cash, domestic fixed income, and domestic, international, and global equities. The group also acts as the investment advisor to a family of 17 open-end mutual funds. More information about the William Blair Funds is available at [www.williamblairfunds.com](http://www.williamblairfunds.com).

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**International investing involves special risk considerations, including currency fluctuations, lower liquidity, economic and political risk. Investing in emerging markets can increase these risks. Investing in smaller companies involves special risks, including higher volatility and lower liquidity.**

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

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