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CAPITA FINANCIAL SOFTWARE RESEARCH NOW FEATURES RAYNER SPENCER MILLS RATINGS

Capita Financial Software's research arm, Synaptic, will now feature Rayner Spencer Mills (RSM) fund ratings and opinion within its online Synaptic Research application, as standard.

Both product and fund research customers can access the RSM ratings from the investments tab when selecting unit trusts/OEICs under the fund data heading. Independent financial advisers (IFAs) using the application can also now filter out funds that are not RSM rated using the features tab as normal. In addition, the 'rated by RSM' feature includes a link to the RSM website for further details on their ratings methodology. RSM rated funds are highlighted as such on relevant fund factsheets and are accompanied by the RSM investment process and opinion.

Commenting on the new service, Synaptic research manager, Ellen Ashcroft, said: "The FSA expects IFA firms to be able to demonstrate a clear and robust approach to fund selection. Synaptic Research plus RSM's rated funds delivers that in a clearly demonstrable fashion. The ratings can be used by advisers in selecting funds, allowing them to identify easily and quickly the funds which have reached the required standard to attain a Rayner Spencer Mills rating. A rating has been given to around 200 funds within 21 IMA sectors. Having access to these Rayner Spencer Mills rated funds will free up adviser time and allow them to concentrate on seeing clients."

Geoff Mills, director at Rayner Spencer Mills Research & Financial Consulting said: “Advisory firms are becoming increasingly aware that fund selection is a specialist role for which many feel they don’t have the necessary time or skills. Combined with the increasing range and complexity of investment choices this means that advisers are looking for additional help and guidance. Combining market leading research and fund analysis tools in this way is a streamlined and cost-effective way of providing that additional help. Adopting a consistent approach, like this, will not only deliver positive benefits under the Treating Customers Fairly principles but will mitigate risks to the business”.

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Notes to editors

Capita Financial Software was formed in 2008 in recognition of the central role advisers play in the distribution of financial products and services. The company has acquired a suite of leading adviser tools, including Quay, Synaptic and Weblin, and is committed to supporting independent advice for the long term. Capita Financial Software is part of the FTSE 100 Capita Group, the UK’s leading financial services third party administration specialist.

The Capita Group Plc is the UK’s leading provider of BPO and integrated professional support service solutions. With 36,000 people at more than 300 sites, including 59 business centres across the UK, Ireland, the Channel Islands and India, the Group uses its expertise, infrastructure and scale benefits to transform its client’s services, driving down costs and adding value. Capita is quoted on the London Stock Exchange (CPI.L), and is a constituent of the FTSE100 with revenues for 2008 of £2,441 million.

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