New York - Morgan Stanley announced today that Michael Ciesemier, Corporate Retirement Director and Financial Advisor in the Firm’s Chicago Wealth Management office, has been named to The Financial Times’ 2017 list of America’s “Top 401 Retirement Plan Advisors”.

The Financial Times’ “Top 401 Retirement Plan Advisors” is a select group of individuals who have a minimum of $75 million in assets under management (AUM) in Defined Contribution (DC) plans, with DC plans accounting for at least 20% of their total AUM. Qualified Financial Advisors were judged on factors including DC AUM, growth in DC plan business, specialization in the DC business, years of experience, participation rate, industry certifications and compliance record.

“I am pleased that Mike is representing Morgan Stanley Wealth Management on this list,” commented Mark Evans, Complex Manager of Morgan Stanley’s Chicago office. “This is a well-deserved recognition of Mike’s experience, professionalism and dedication to the needs of his valued clients.”

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Source: The Financial Times 401 Top Retirement Plan Advisors is an independent listing produced annually by the Financial Times (September 2017). The FT 401 is based on data gathered from advisors, regulatory disclosures, and the FT’s research. The listing reflects each advisor’s status in seven primary areas: DC plan assets under management (AUM), DC AUM growth rate, specialization in DC plans, years of experience, advanced industry credentials, compliance record and DC plan participation rate. This award does not evaluate the quality of services provided to clients and is not indicative of the Financial Advisor’s future performance. Neither Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC nor its Financial Advisors or Private Wealth Advisors pays a fee to The Financial Times in exchange for the rating.

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