

Westwood Trust COO Leah Bennett Named to CFA Institute Board of Governors

HOUSTON, June 29, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Leah Bennett, CFA, Chief Operating Officer of Westwood Trust, has been elected to the <u>Board of Governors</u> of the CFA Institute, the global association of investment professionals that promotes the highest standards of ethics, education and professional excellence.

Bennett was elected by the membership at the CFA Institute Annual Meeting on June 27 and her appointment will be effective September 1. Bennett, who is a co-founder of the CFA Institute Women in Investment Management initiative, is COO of Westwood Trust, a division of Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. (NYSE:WHG). She is just the fifth CFA governor from the State of Texas in the history of CFA Institute.

"I am very proud to have been elected to the CFA Institute Board of Governors," said Ms. Bennett. "Amidst a rapidly shifting geography within the investment management industry, the role of the organization has never been more important or more clear. As we look toward a challenging future, I'm delighted to play a role in the mission of helping to serve and educate financial professionals as they commit to putting their clients' interests first."

About Westwood

Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. provides investment management services to institutional investors, private wealth clients and financial intermediaries. With \$22.1 billion in assets under management (as of March 31, 2017), the firm offers a range of investment strategies including U.S. equities, Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs), Multi-Asset, Global and Emerging Markets equities, and Global Convertible securities portfolios. Access to these strategies is available through separate accounts, the Westwood Funds® family of mutual funds, UCITS funds, and other pooled vehicles. Westwood benefits from significant, broad-based employee ownership and trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "WHG." Based in Dallas, Westwood also maintains offices in Toronto, Boston, Omaha and Houston.

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About CFA Institute

CFA Institute is the global association of investment professionals that sets the standard for professional excellence and credentials. The organization is a champion for ethical behavior in investment markets and a respected source of knowledge in the global financial community. The end goal: to create an environment where investors' interests come first, markets function at their best and economies grow. CFA Institute has over 146,000 members in 160 countries and territories, including 140,000 CFA charterholders, and 147 member societies. For more information, visit www.cfainstitute.org.

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