Northwestern Mutual Named One of FORTUNE Magazine's World's Most Admired Companies

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MILWAUKEE, Jan. 19, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual, a leading financial security company, announced today it has been named one of the World's Most Admired Companies in its industry according to FORTUNE magazine's annual survey. For more than 30 years, top executives and directors from eligible companies, as well as financial analysts, have determined the companies with the strongest reputations within and across industries.

Northwestern Mutual secured the number one ranking for "Quality of Products and Services" and "Financial Soundness." The company also ranked highly in "Quality of Management."

"It's an honor to once again be named one of the most admired companies in our industry by FORTUNE magazine," saidlohn Schlifske, Northwestern Mutual chairman and CEO. "For more than 160 years, we have been dedicated to helping our clients plan for the most important moments in their lives and achieve financial security. We're proud to be recognized by industry experts and our peers as we continue our commitment to delivering our clients a leading financial planning experience, exceptional product value and financial strength."

To learn more about Northwestern Mutual and the company's financial strength visitwww.northwesternmutual.com.

About Northwestern Mutual

Northwestern Mutual has been helping families and businesses achieve financial security for more than 160 years. Through a distinctive, whole-picture planning approach, we empower our clients to make the most of every single day and plan for important moments in their future. We combine the expertise of our financial professionals with a personalized digital experience to help our clients navigate their financial lives every day. With \$250.4 billion in assets, \$28.2 billion in revenues, and more than \$1.6 trillion worth of life insurance protection in force, Northwestern Mutual delivers financial security to more than 4.4 million people who rely on us for life, disability income and long-term care insurance, annuities, brokerage and advisory services, trust services, and discretionary portfolio management solutions. The company holds more than \$100 billion of client assets as a part of its wealth management company and investment services. Northwestern Mutual ranks 97 on the 2017 FORTUNE 500 and is recognized by FORTUNE® as one of the "World's Most Admired" life insurance companies in 2018.

Northwestern Mutual is the marketing name for The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (NM),Milwaukee, WI (life and disability insurance, annuities, and life insurance with long-term care benefits) and its subsidiaries. Northwestern Mutual and its subsidiaries offer a comprehensive approach to financial security solutions including: life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, annuities, life insurance with long-term care benefits, investment products, and advisory products and services. Subsidiaries include **Northwestern Mutual Investment Services**, **LLC** (NMIS) (securities), broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, member FINRA and SIPC; the Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company® (NMWMC) (fiduciary and fee-based financial planning services), federal savings bank; and Northwestern Long Term Care Insurance Company (NLTC) (long-term care insurance).

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