



Catalyst Biosciences Joins the Russell 2000® Index

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. (NASDAQ:CBIO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel medicines to address hematology indications, today announced it will join the broad-market Russell 2000® Index at the conclusion of the Russell US Indices annual reconstitution, which becomes effective after the U.S. market opens on June 25, 2018.

The annual reconstitution of the Russell Indices captures the 4,000 largest U.S. stocks as of May 11, 2018, ranking them by total market capitalization. Membership in the Russell 2000 Index, which remains in place for one year, means automatic inclusion in the Russell 3000® Index, as well as the appropriate growth and value style indices. FTSE Russell determines membership in the Russell US Indices primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings and style attributes.

"We are pleased to be added to the Russell 2000 Index and to receive the increased visibility within the institutional investment community that comes with it," said Nassim Usman, Ph.D., chief executive officer of Catalyst. "We look forward to expanding our shareholder base to include these important broad based index funds."

Russell US Indices are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors as the basis for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies. Approximately \$9 trillion in assets are benchmarked against Russell US Indices. Russell US Indices are part of the FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider.

For more information on the Russell 2000 Index and the Russell US Indices reconstitution, go to the "Russell Reconstitution" section on the [FTSE Russell website](#).

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About Catalyst

Catalyst is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel medicines to address hematology indications. Catalyst is focused on the field of hemostasis, including the subcutaneous prophylaxis of hemophilia and facilitating surgery in individuals with hemophilia. For more information, please visit www.catalystbiosciences.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statement of historical facts (including, but not limited to, statements that contain words such as "will," "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates") are forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions, expectations and projections disclosed in the forward-looking statements. Various important factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that the Company makes, including, but not limited to, the risk that Catalyst will not remain in the Russell 2000 Index or the Russell 3000 Index, that the Company's trials and studies may be delayed and may not have satisfactory outcomes, that human trials will not replicate the results from animal studies, that potential adverse effects may arise from the testing or use of the Company's products, including the generation of antibodies, the risk that costs required to develop or manufacture the Company's products will be higher than anticipated, competition and other factors that affect our ability to establish collaborations on commercially reasonable terms and other risks described in the "Risk Factors" section of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 along with other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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