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MetWest Total Return Bond Fund Hits \$10 Billion in Assets

LOS ANGELES – August 4, 2010 – The TCW Group, Inc. (“TCW”), an international asset-management firm, today announced that its MetWest Total Return Bond Fund (MWTRX/MWTIX) has reached \$10 billion in assets under management for the first time, capping 13 years of solid performance and consistent asset growth.

The MetWest Total Return Bond Fund has enjoyed steady asset growth since its inception on March 31, 1997. The pace of growth increased after the portfolio management team of Tad Rivelle, David Lippman, Laird Landmann and Steve Kane was recognized as the 2005 Morningstar Fixed Income Manager of the Year.* Positive inflows have continued since the acquisition of MetWest by TCW earlier this year.

The Fund has produced strong and consistent performance throughout its history. The Fund’s one-year returns place it in the top 6% of 1,149 intermediate bond funds tracked by Morningstar, based on total return. Its performance ranks in the top 7% of 1,011 funds in the intermediate bond category over the past three years, the top 2% of 880 funds over the past five years and in the top 7% of 515 funds over the past 10 years in the same category.

“This is a gratifying milestone for us and the investors in our fund,” said Tad Rivelle, Portfolio Manager of the Fund and TCW’s High-Grade Fixed Income Chief Investment Officer. “Our relative value approach to fixed income investing, based on diversification across a multitude of different strategies, continues to seek to produce solid performance for our clients and has enabled the fund to attract a growing number of new investors.”

“Reaching the \$10 billion milestone is a testament to the outstanding performance of the MetWest portfolio management team and the group’s unique team approach to fixed income investing and portfolio management,” said Marc I. Stern, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The TCW Group.

The MetWest Total Return Bond Fund is a core bond fund that invests across multiple fixed income sectors, including agency and non-agency mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, investment grade and high yield corporate bonds and bank loans. Sector allocation is determined through an integration of macroeconomic analysis and fundamental research of individual securities.

About TCW

Founded in 1971, The TCW Group, Inc. develops and manages a broad range of innovative, value-added investment products that strive to enhance and protect clients' wealth. The firm has approximately \$110 billion in assets under management. TCW clients include many of the largest corporate and public pension plans, financial institutions, endowments and foundations in the U.S., as well as a substantial number of foreign investors and high net worth individuals. TCW is a subsidiary of Société Générale. For more information, please refer to www.tcw.com.

About MetWest

Founded in 1996, Metropolitan West Asset Management LLC (MetWest) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TCW. Since its founding MetWest has delivered strong fixed income returns for its clients through a value-driven investment philosophy and a client-centered culture. MetWest's strategies, all of which are team-managed, have performed in the top quartile among comparable fixed income strategies, garnering four nominations for Morningstar's Fixed Income Manager of the Year and receiving this distinguished honor in 2005. TCW announced the acquisition of MetWest in December 2009 and completed the transaction in February 2010.

* The Morningstar Fund Manager of the Year award winners are chosen based on Morningstar's proprietary research and in-depth evaluation by its Fund analysts.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Obtain a Prospectus

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund carefully before investing. The Funds' prospectus and summary prospectus contains this and other information about the Funds. You may download the prospectus from the Fund's website at www.mwamllc.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.

A Word about Risk

Bond Funds have the same interest rate, high yield and credit risks associated with the underlying bonds in the portfolio, all of which could reduce the Fund's value. As interest rates rise, the value of the Fund can decline and an investor can lose principal.

The MetWest Funds are distributed by BNY Mellon Distributors Inc. which is not affiliated with TCW. The MetWest Funds are advised by Metropolitan West Asset Management, LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The TCW Group, Inc.

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