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## MERS CIO, Jeb Burns, Honored with Industry Award

*Strengthening Retirement Security for Michigan's Public Employees is MERS' core mission*

**LANSING, Mich.** — The Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan Chief Investment Officer, Jeb Burns has been awarded Visionary Recognition by Institutional Investor, a prestigious distinction honoring exceptional leadership and forward-thinking innovation within the institutional asset management industry.

The Visionary Recognition is reserved for outstanding investment leaders, who demonstrate transformative leadership, disciplined long-term stewardship, and meaningful contributions to the evolution of institutional investing.

Burns was selected for his exemplary leadership in navigating increasingly complex global markets, advancing innovative investment strategies, and strengthening governance frameworks. His approach reflects a deep commitment to long-term value creation, resilience, and responsible asset management for Michigan's hard-working public employees.

"Jeb Burns exemplifies the very spirit of this recognition," said Kerrie Vanden Bosch, CEO of MERS. "His ability to anticipate change, design resilient and adaptable investment programs, lead with clarity, discipline, and purpose has driven meaningful, long-term impact. Just as importantly, his leadership strengthens our mission to deliver sustainable value for the public employees of Michigan who rely on us every day."

The selection criteria for Visionary Recognition emphasize forward-thinking strategy, strong and consistent long-term performance, effective governance, and contributions that help shape the future of investing. Burns' work stands out for its combination of innovation and discipline, positioning him among a select group of leaders driving progress in the field.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from Institutional Investor," said Burns. "This achievement reflects the dedication and collaboration of an exceptional team committed to thoughtful investing and long-term success. As our industry continues to evolve, we remain focused on building strategies that are resilient, adaptive, and aligned with the needs of the dedicated public servants who keep our communities safe, supported, and running every day."

This recognition underscores Burns' role as a leading voice in institutional asset management and highlights his ongoing efforts to advance the industry through strategic insight and responsible leadership.

### **About the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)**

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) is an organization that administers retirement plans for Michigan's local units of government on a not-for-profit basis. We offer comprehensive services, keep costs low, and put our members interests first – making us the plan **fiduciary**.

Our mission is to support a secure retirement for those who serve Michigan communities.

We proudly serve more than 1,000 municipalities representing over 150,000 participants, including firefighters, nurses, the people who plow our roads, and those who keep our communities safe.

Learn more at [www.mersofmich.com](http://www.mersofmich.com).

### **About Institutional Investor**

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