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**METLIFE BUILDS ON SUCCESS OF UNIT-LINKED GUARANTEE MASTERCLASSES
Four more dates confirmed for masterclasses in July**

MetLife Europe Limited (MetLife) has confirmed it is rolling out further dates for their unit-linked guarantee masterclasses following the success of a pilot scheme which saw massive demand for places from advisers.

The invitation only masterclasses, which are aimed at helping IFAs increase their understanding of the growing unit-linked guarantee market, will be held in London; Cheshire; Harrogate; and Cheltenham during July.

MetLife aims to run up to 10 masterclasses throughout the year as part of its commitment to working closely with IFAs and supporting them in developing their businesses. The first two masterclasses in Cambridge in May and Bath this month were oversubscribed.

Figures from Watson Wyatt confirm the success of the unit-linked guarantee market – it recorded sales of unit-linked guarantees and variable annuities were £1.153 billion in 2008 compared with £537 million in 2007.

However MetLife believes that advisers need further help and support in increasing their knowledge and confidence in using unit-linked guarantees particularly in light of concerns about the financial strength of providers.

The sessions will be run by **Peter Carter, MetLife UK's Head of Product Marketing** and will focus on the history of the products and their development in other countries as well as explaining how the guarantees are delivered and the importance of providers' financial strength.

Peter Carter said: "Market data demonstrates the sales success of unit-linked guarantees in the first quarter of 2009 and our figures show sales have continued to grow in the past three months as advisers recognise the strength of the proposition.

"However informed and knowledgeable advisers still have questions and MetLife believes that these masterclasses will address these questions as well as helping advisers to develop their own businesses."

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The minimum initial investment is £50,000 and clients have access to a range of MetLife Best of Breed and Index Funds, Managed and Index Portfolios chosen with the assistance of leading independent investment research company, Morningstar Associates Europe Limited.

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