Dr. BP Agrawal
Winner of the Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability

We are proud to announce that Morgan Stanley Smith Barney client, Dr. BP Agrawal, received the $100,000 Lemelson-MIT Award for Sustainability. This award honors inventors whose products or processes impact issues of global relevance, as well as issues that impact local communities in terms of meeting basic health needs and building sustainable livelihoods for the world’s poorest populations.

Dr. Agrawal was recognized for Aakash Ganga or “River from the Sky,” a community-driven rainwater harvesting system that alleviates the chronic shortage of drinking water in India. Aakash Ganga channels rooftop rainwater from every house in a community, through gutters and pipes, to a network of multi-tier underground reservoirs.

Dr. Agrawal was also recognized for developing a kiosk-based clinic that improves the lives of villagers in rural India. The clinics, run by high school educated young women, are inexpensive and have the ability to alleviate the shortage of trained medical staff. These health workers improve standardized treatment protocols for common ailments and preventable diseases such as diarrhea, anemia, ear infection, malaria and TB.

These novel inventions were developed by Sustainable Innovations, a nonprofit founded by Dr. Agrawal that focuses on building self-sustaining social enterprises.

Margery Pabst
Winner of the Caregiver Friendly Award

Margery Pabst, a Florida Morgan Stanley Smith Barney client, and her coauthor, Rita Goldhammer, won the 2010 Caregiver Friendly Award for their book, “Enrich Your Caregiving Journey.” The book offers emotional and practical help for caregivers in their daily challenges of taking care of others as well as themselves. Margery Pabst and Rita Goldhammer feature stories of three families and the issues the families and caregivers face when the unexpected happens. The book offers practical tips on how to be effective in both the role of taking care of others and the role of taking care of yourself.

Margery Pabst is the founder and president of the Pabst Charitable Foundation for the Arts.