

MSCI Index Explainers: Players in the Financial Ecosystem

Transcript

Across these levels of the ecosystem a number of participants operate, offering investment opportunities or supporting investors:

Let's take a closer look at some of these participants.

1. **Investors:** Those with capital, either institutional (like pension funds) or retail (such as individuals).
2. **Asset Managers:** Organizations managing capital, offering solutions across various asset classes.
3. **Wealth Managers:** Advisors helping individuals grow wealth.
4. **Index Providers:** Companies like MSCI that create market performance indexes.
5. **Brokers:** Who execute transactions for investors and managers, sometimes using their capital.
6. **Exchanges:** Regulated marketplaces for trading securities.
7. **Hedge Funds:** Which employ diverse strategies, mainly for sophisticated investors.

And lastly,

8. **Private Capital Firms:** Operate outside public markets, mainly for sophisticated investors.

Much like natural ecosystems, the financial ecosystem will continue to evolve as we move into the future.

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