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MSCI TOPS THOMSON EXTEL PAN-EUROPEAN SURVEY FOR SECOND YEAR

London, June 15, 2001. MSCI, a leading provider of investment performance benchmarks, has been awarded the highest ranking for its indices in the 2001 Thomson Extel Pan-European survey.

For the second year running MSCI indices were ranked the most important European equity indices for both benchmarking and tracking by hundreds of investment professionals, with almost twice as many votes as their nearest competitor.

In its summary of this year's results, the survey stated that "MSCI continues to put daylight between itself and the rest of the field. This is true for both benchmarking and tracking. The members of the following pack are fairly evenly matched, with little significant differentiation."

The Thomson Extel Survey is recognized as the leading survey of its kind, providing an assessment of sellside analysts, fund managers and corporate IR practitioners, ranked by their peers.

Baer Pettit, Head of MSCI in Europe, said "We are delighted to have received this accolade for the second year running – it confirms our leading position in Europe and echoes results from other surveys. MSCI's continued commitment to creating indices and products that truly reflect global investment opportunities will ensure we continue to meet the needs of our clients and remain Europe's leading index provider".

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