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## EQUITY INDICES

### MSCI DEVELOPS ENHANCED METHODOLOGY FOR ITS GLOBAL VALUE AND GROWTH INDICES

**Geneva, September 25, 2002.** MSCI, a leading provider of international equity, fixed income and hedge fund indices, announced today an enhanced methodology for its Global Value and Growth Index Series. This methodology more effectively reflects the evolving views on style definition and segmentation in the international markets and provides an improved representation of the opportunity sets for global style managers. MSCI will implement the enhanced methodology in the current MSCI Value and Growth Index Series<sup>SM</sup> in the first half of 2003. Further details on the implementation of the enhanced methodology will be made available shortly.

“MSCI is improving its value and growth methodology for its Global Value and Growth Index Series in order to reflect the state-of-the art thinking in international style investing,” said Henry Fernandez, President and CEO of MSCI. “Extensive consultations with investors worldwide indicate that the improved series of Global Value and Growth Indices will be welcomed by asset owners, consultants and asset managers as a valuable tool for asset allocation, portfolio performance measurement and research.”

The enhanced Global Value and Growth Index Series will be built on a country-by-country basis for each of the 49 countries included in the MSCI All Country World Index<sup>SM</sup>, with a target to split the market capitalization of each country into 50% value and 50% growth. The improved index methodology for value and growth features a number of innovations including:

- A two-dimensional framework for style segmentation in which value and growth securities are specified using different attributes
- The use of eight different variables (three for value and five for growth) to more accurately reflect value and growth styles
- A partial attribution of index market capitalization of securities depicting either both value and growth characteristics or neither of these characteristics, to each of the value and growth indices, unless one of the styles characteristics clearly dominates
- Buffer zones that reduce index turnover caused by the temporary migration of securities from one style index to the other

A summary of the methodology has been posted on MSCI's web site at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

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