

# MSCI<sup>®</sup> press release

## RIMES PROVIDING MSCI US EQUITY INDEX DATA

**New York, March 14, 2005.** MSCI, a leading provider of US equity, international equity, REIT, fixed income and hedge fund indices, today announced that index-level and constituent data for the MSCI US Equity Indices is now available via RIMES Technologies Corp., a major supplier of financial and economic data to the investment community.

In addition to RIMES, constituent and index-level data is available directly from MSCI and through FactSet and Barra. Index-level only data is currently available through Bloomberg, Checkfree, Datastream, Evestment Alliance, Ibbotson, Micropal, Morningstar, PerTrac, Reuters, Russell Mellon and Zephyr, as well as MSCI and msci.com.

“This represents an important step in our process of ensuring that the MSCI US Equity Indices are available through data vendors relied upon by institutional and retail investors,” said Ken O’Keeffe, Executive Director, MSCI. “The MSCI US Equity Indices are being well received in the market as they offer a better representation of market segments and have greater style integrity than existing indices, with low index turnover. Assets benchmarked to the indices exceed \$50 billion and we are continuing to add clients by educating the investment community on the advantages of these new benchmarks.”

### About the MSCI US Equity Indices

The MSCI US Equity Indices offer investors a state-of-the-art family of indices with the following benefits:

- The broadest market capitalization coverage of the U.S. equity market
- Better representation and greater style integrity:
  - o Value and growth indices defined using eight variables
  - o Index reviews four times per year
- Reduced index turnover through the innovative use of buffer zones for both size and style indices
- Replicable and investable through the use of:
  - o Free float adjustment of index constituents
  - o Minimum free float screens
  - o A liquidity screen
  - o Minimum market capitalization screens

MSCI launched the US Equity Indices in 2003 after extensive consultations with institutional investors who expressed the need for a suite of U.S. indices that more broadly and fairly reflect the various size and style segments of the U.S. markets, yet are replicable and have low turnover.

### About RIMES

RIMES (www.rimes.com) is a premier provider of financial data and flexible applications serving a growing global investment community consistently and competitively. Combining more than a hundred databases into a

single online system, RIMES offers its clients immediate, clear information and flexible easy to use applications. RIMES is a subscription service that efficiently and consistently provides the tools to download, combine and manipulate data for investment analysis. RIMES Technologies Corporation was formed in 1996.

## About MSCI

MSCI ([www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com)) is a leading provider of equity, REIT, fixed income and hedge fund indices, and related products and services. MSCI estimates that over USD 3 trillion is benchmarked to its indices on a worldwide basis. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. In 2004, MSCI acquired Barra, Inc. ([www.barra.com](http://www.barra.com)), a global leader in delivering risk analytics, performance measurement and attribution systems and services to managers of portfolio and firm-wide investment risk. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm and a market leader in securities, asset management, and credit services, is the majority shareholder of MSCI, and Capital International Inc., part of the global investment management group of The Capital Group Companies, Inc., is the minority shareholder.

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