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HEDGE FUND INDICES

MSCI Hedge Fund Indices Performance – February 2005

New York, March 23, 2005. MSCI announced today its February 2005 performance figures for the MSCI Hedge Fund IndicesSM. Below is a summary of performance data for selected indices.

MSCI HEDGE FUND INDICES						
	February	YTD	1 Year	3 yr Ann. Ret.	3 yr Std Dev.	3 yr Sharpe
MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index - Equal Weighted SM	1.50%	1.00%	4.62%	8.30%	3.46%	1.95
MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index - Asset Weighted SM	1.27%	1.05%	5.03%	8.09%	2.95%	2.21
Process Groups						
MSCI Directional Trading Index SM	1.01%	-1.47%	-2.47%	8.52%	7.27%	0.96
MSCI Relative Value Index SM	0.36%	0.48%	1.93%	4.90%	1.32%	2.52
MSCI Security Selection Index SM	2.13%	1.94%	6.77%	8.74%	5.48%	1.31
MSCI Specialist Credit Index SM	1.28%	1.54%	11.20%	13.70%	4.01%	3.02
MSCI Multi-Process Group Index SM	2.07%	2.30%	9.45%	10.23%	4.00%	2.17
Asset Class						
MSCI Hedge Fund Equity Index SM	1.89%	1.84%	6.47%	7.74%	4.41%	1.40
MSCI Hedge Fund Fixed Income Index SM	1.10%	1.74%	9.61%	11.58%	2.22%	4.51
MSCI Hedge Fund Diversified Index SM	1.11%	-0.59%	0.81%	9.33%	5.35%	1.45
Geography						
MSCI Hedge Fund Developed Markets Index SM	1.22%	0.55%	3.87%	7.75%	3.34%	1.85
MSCI Hedge Fund Emerging Markets Index SM	4.00%	4.99%	14.02%	15.48%	5.42%	2.57
MSCI Hedge Fund Global Markets Index SM	2.58%	2.79%	6.29%	9.52%	4.31%	1.84
MSCI Hedge Fund Europe Index SM	1.13%	2.69%	4.81%	4.41%	2.76%	1.03
MSCI Hedge Fund North America Index SM	1.28%	0.58%	5.33%	8.27%	4.37%	1.53
MSCI Hedge Fund Japan Index SM	3.37%	4.27%	11.45%	11.71%	6.65%	1.53
Size						
MSCI Hedge Fund Core Fund Composite Index SM	1.40%	1.27%	5.18%	7.91%	2.86%	2.22
MSCI Hedge Fund Small Fund Composite Index SM	1.56%	0.69%	4.14%	8.23%	3.86%	1.73
MSCI Hedge Invest Index [†]	0.60%	0.28%	1.68%	5.68%	2.79%	1.48
MSCI EQUITY AND FIXED INCOME INDICES						
MSCI World Equity Index SM	3.17%	0.85%	11.99%	8.68%	14.93%	0.48
MSCI World Sovereign Debt Index SM	0.12%	-1.34%	8.12%	14.84%	7.57%	1.75

Data is as of February 28, 2005. All hedge fund indices listed above are equal weighted unless noted otherwise.

† MSCI Hedge Invest Index: MTD returns are based upon performance from the last Tuesday in previous month until the last Tuesday in reported month. Pro forma historical performance data for the period before July 15, 2003, relies on significant assumptions, and is provided for illustration purposes only. As with all historical performance data, it may not be used to predict future characteristics or performance of the index or relied on in making any investment decisions.

For the month of February, the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite IndexSM, an equal weighted index gained 1.50%. The MSCI World Equity IndexSM and the MSCI World Sovereign Debt IndexSM, both were up gaining 3.17% and 0.12% respectively. The MSCI Hedge Fund Database has grown to over 2,000 hedge funds and more than 190 indices representing more than \$260 billion in assets. Over 98% of the funds in the database reported performance as of February's index calculation.

All process groups gained in February. The MSCI Security Selection IndexSM posted the largest gain of 2.13% among process groups. Under MSCI Security Selection IndexSM, the Long Bias and Short Bias funds posted gains of 2.55% and 0.48% respectively.

The MSCI Relative Value IndexSM posted the lowest return of 0.36% among process groups. Under MSCI Relative Value IndexSM, Statistical Arbitrage posted the highest gain of 1.16%, while Convertible Arbitrage was the only process posting loss with a return of -0.61%.

By asset class, the MSCI Hedge Fund Equity IndexSM and the MSCI Hedge Fund Fixed Income IndexSM posted gains of 1.89% and 1.10%.

By geography, the MSCI Hedge Fund Emerging Markets IndexSM posted the largest gain of 4.00% followed by the MSCI Hedge Fund Japan IndexSM and the MSCI Hedge Fund Global Markets IndexSM, which gained 3.37% and 2.58% respectively. Note: MSCI Hedge Fund indices are hedged to remove the effect of currency on fund performance.

In terms of hedge fund size, the MSCI Hedge Fund Small¹ Fund Composite IndexSM outperformed the MSCI Hedge Fund Core² Fund Composite IndexSM by 0.16%. In terms of risk adjusted returns, the Core funds have higher Sharpe ratio of 2.22, while Small funds have a Sharpe ratio of 1.73.

Below is a brief description of the MSCI Hedge Fund Process Groups:

The **MSCI Directional Trading IndexSM** - MSCI defines Directional Trading strategies as those based upon speculating on the direction of market prices of currencies, commodities, equities, and bonds in the futures and cash markets.

The **MSCI Relative Value IndexSM** - Relative Value strategies focus on spread relationships between pricing components of financial assets or commodities.

The **MSCI Security Selection IndexSM** - Security Selection managers combine long positions and short sales with the aim of benefiting from their ability in selecting investments while offsetting systematic market risks.

The **MSCI Specialist Credit IndexSM** - Specialist Credit funds seek to lend to credit-sensitive issuers.

The **MSCI Multi-Process Group IndexSM** - Multi-Process Group comprises funds that practice a strategy whereby a single investment process does not account for more than 80% of their risk capital.

¹Small fund composite index comprises funds with assets greater than \$15mm but less than \$100 mm.

²Core fund composite index comprises funds with assets greater than \$100mm.

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