

# MSCI<sup>®</sup> Barra<sup>®</sup> press release

## MSCI Hedge Fund Indices – July 2005 - Early Reporting Funds

**New York, August 11, 2005.** MSCI announced performance figures for early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite<sup>SM</sup> and Process Group Indices<sup>SM</sup>. The performance figures for July are based on the returns of funds that have reported through August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The performance figures may change significantly, as returns from additional funds are received. Below is a summary of performance data for selected indices.

MSCI Hedge Fund Indices <sup>SM</sup>	Early Reports			Annual 2004	3 yr. Sharpe	% Reporting
	Jul-05	Jun-05	YTD			
<b>MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>Process Groups</b>						
MSCI Directional Trading Index <sup>SM</sup>	0.3%	2.0%	0.4%	2.9%	0.67	62%
MSCI Relative Value Index <sup>SM</sup>	1.0%	0.5%	0.7%	3.7%	1.71	61%
MSCI Security Selection Index <sup>SM</sup>	2.7%	1.9%	4.6%	8.3%	1.74	59%
MSCI Specialist Credit Index <sup>SM</sup>	-0.3%	1.3%	2.8%	13.5%	3.66	57%
MSCI Multi-Process Group Index <sup>SM</sup>	2.7%	1.1%	4.7%	10.3%	2.70	56%
<b>Other Reference Indices</b>						
MSCI World Equity Index <sup>SM</sup>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>14.7%</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>N/A</b>
MSCI World Sovereign Debt Index <sup>SM</sup>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>N/A</b>

All hedge fund indices listed above are equal weighted and are expressed in US dollars.  
The MSCI World Equity Index<sup>SM</sup> is measured with dividends reinvested.

For the month of July, the early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index, an equal weighted index, posted a gain of 1.7% with 60% of the constituent funds reporting.

For the month of July, the MSCI World Equity Index<sup>SM</sup> gained 3.5%, while the MSCI World Sovereign Debt Index<sup>SM</sup> lost 1.0%. The performance of the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index is comprised of five Process Group Indices: the MSCI Directional Trading, Relative Value, Security Selection, Specialist Credit and Multi-Process Indices.

Below is a brief description of the performance of select MSCI Hedge Fund Indices:

The **MSCI Directional Trading Index<sup>SM</sup>** increased by 0.3% for the month of July based on 62% of funds reporting. 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 Index<sup>SM</sup>** increased by 1.0% in July based on 61% of funds reporting. Relative Value strategies focus on spread relationships between pricing components of financial assets or commodities.

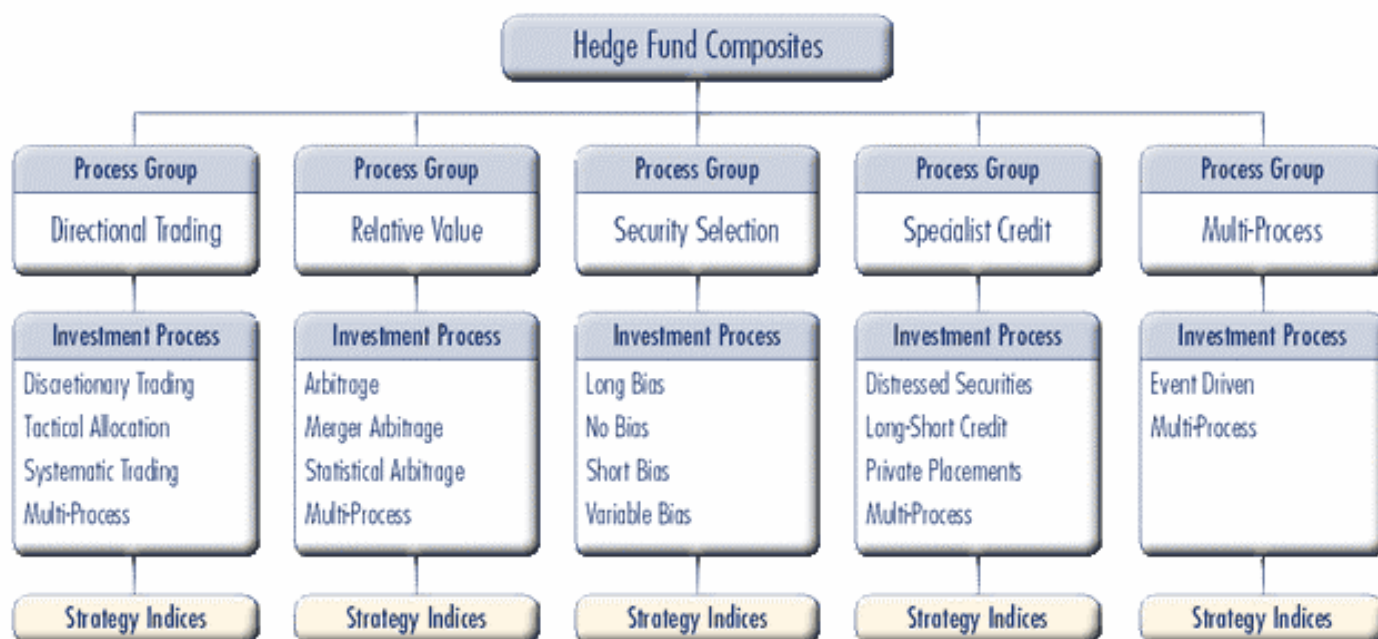
The **MSCI Security Selection Index<sup>SM</sup>** increased by 2.7% in July based on 59% of funds reporting. Security Selection managers combine long positions and short sales with the aim of benefiting from their ability in selecting investments while offsetting systematic market risks.

The **MSCI Specialist Credit Index<sup>SM</sup>** decreased by 0.3% in July based on 57% of funds reporting. Specialist Credit funds seek to lend to credit-sensitive issuers.

The **MSCI Multi-Process Group Index<sup>SM</sup>** increased by 2.7% in July based on 56% of funds reporting. The Multi-Process Group comprises funds, which practice a strategy whereby a single investment process does not account for more than 80% of their risk capital.

The MSCI Hedge Fund Database has grown to over 2,200 hedge funds. The MSCI Hedge Fund Indices are composed of more than 190 indices representing more than \$270 billion in assets.

### MSCI Hedge Fund Indices – Index Structure



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