## MSCI<sup>®</sup> press release

HEDGE FUND INDICES

## MSCI HEDGE INVEST INDEX<sup>SM</sup> QUARTERLY REVIEW: APRIL 2006

**New York, March 31, 2006.** MSCI Barra, a leading provider of equity, fixed income and hedge fund indices, has announced the results of the April Quarterly Index Review of the MSCI Hedge Invest Index, its hedge fund index containing funds with weekly liquidity. As a result of this quarterly review, the number of constituent funds in the index will decrease from 131 currently to 130. Changes resulting from the review will be implemented in the MSCI Hedge Invest Index as of the close of April 4, 2006.

April 4, 2006 Rebalancing Results

	Number of Funds	Funds Weight In Composite
MSCI Hedge Invest Index	130	100.0%
MSCI Hedge Invest Systematic Trading Index	24	11.1%
MSCI Hedge Invest Discretionary Trading Index	10	8.9%
MSCI Hedge Invest Long Bias Index	19	20.8%
MSCI Hedge Invest Variable Bias Index	13	6.5%
MSCI Hedge Invest Equity Non-Directional Index	11	11.6%
MSCI Hedge Invest Convertible and Equity Arbitrage Index	14	5.5%
MSCI Hedge Invest Event-Driven and Merger Arbitrage Index	13	6.8%
MSCI Hedge Invest Fixed Income Index	16	18.7%
Funds Not in a Strategy-Level Index	10	9.9%
Total	130	100.00%

The MSCI Hedge Invest Index was launched on July 15, 2003 with 64 constituent funds, in response to client demand for an index consisting of a diverse sample of hedge funds and representing a broad range of hedge fund strategies. The index constituent funds provide weekly liquidity. The index is constructed and maintained by MSCI according to the MSCI Investable Hedge Fund Index Methodology<sup>SM</sup>, using eligible managed accounts owned by Lyxor Asset Management, a subsidiary of the Société Générale Group. The index is designed to serve as the basis of a wide range of index linked financial products.

The MSCI Hedge Invest Index is reviewed quarterly (i) to attempt to insure appropriate weighting of the strategy weights of the investable hedge fund index taking into account changes to the strategy weights in the hedge fund universe, as represented by the broader MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index<sup>SM</sup>, (ii) to make additions to the investable hedge fund index of newly available funds on the managed account platform, which meet the constituent eligibility criteria and (iii) to make deletions from the investable hedge fund index of constituents that no longer meet the ongoing eligibility criteria.

Further information on the index, including index history, is available at <u>www.msci.com</u>.

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