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## Conference Reveals Extent of Demand for Increasingly Sophisticated Portfolio Risk Management Analytics

*MSCI Barra Research Conference helps clients address the rapidly developing financial landscape*

**London - February 2, 2007** - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, held a two-day research conference in London last week which covered many of today's most debated topics in portfolio risk management. These included global equity risk modeling, the role of Value-at-Risk (VaR) and the links between hedge fund returns and conventional asset market returns.

"The financial markets are developing at an unprecedented rate and investors cannot afford to fall behind. The aim of our research conference was to present thought-provoking topics that reflect both the increasing sophistication of our clients and the complexity of investment opportunities open to them," said Adam Djanogly, Managing Director, MSCI Barra.

He continued, "One of the topics that really caught people's attention was modeling hedge fund risk. Understanding the differences across hedge funds and how that impacts the risk profile of a portfolio is a priority for many investors, and attendees were keen to debate this at the conference."

Over 200 investment professionals attended the 2007 MSCI Barra EMEA Research Conference from across the Europe, Middle East and Africa region, including pension fund trustees, asset managers, hedge fund managers and CIOs.

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