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## MSCI Barra Strengthens Research Capability with Appointment of Jose Menchero

**London - February 12, 2007** - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, has further strengthened its research capability by hiring Jose Menchero as a Senior Researcher and Executive Director to focus on factor modeling. Jose is based in Berkeley, California.

Jose joins MSCI Barra from Thomson Financial where he was Head of Quantitative Research responsible for the construction of the Thomson Multi-factor Global Equity Risk Model. He is a well-known academic who has published various articles. Jose serves on the Advisory Board of the Journal of Performance Management, and he was previously Professor of Physics at the University of Rio de Janeiro.

Commenting on the appointment, David Brierwood, Chief Operating Officer of MSCI Barra, said, "We are delighted to announce this appointment. Jose brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge that will contribute to our superior pedigree in the quality and impact of our research department. This hire demonstrates MSCI Barra's commitment to growing our research capabilities to provide innovation and insight to our clients."

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MSCI Barra develops and maintains equity, fixed income, multi-asset class, REIT and hedge fund indices that serve as benchmarks for an estimated USD 3 trillion on a worldwide basis. MSCI Barra's risk models and analytics products help the world's largest investors analyze, measure and manage portfolio and firm-wide investment risk. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm and a market leader in securities, asset management, and credit services, is the majority shareholder of MSCI Barra, and Capital Group International, Inc. is the minority shareholder.

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