
MSCI Barra Opens Office in Dubai

New office covering Middle East region expands MSCI Barra's global presence

London - February 13, 2007 - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, has expanded its global presence with the opening of a new sales office in Dubai, covering the Middle East region.

Commenting on the new office, Adam Djanogly, Managing Director and Head of EMEA Coverage, said, "The decision to open an office in the Middle East is a direct result of the growing demand for MSCI Barra's range of innovative risk and index products. We have covered the Middle East for many years but have seen a significant increase in interest in our products over the last eighteen months. The opening of an office in Dubai will enable us to provide our clients in the region with local support and the best possible service."

MSCI Barra has considerable experience in providing products designed for the Middle East investment community, including being the first international index provider to launch indices created for the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries. Barra's multi-factor risk models for the Middle East and international markets have been used by clients in the region since the early 1990s.

The office will be staffed initially by Jim Leggate, Executive Director, who has over nine years of experience covering the Middle East region, and Richard Sourì, Vice President, who has over seven years of experience supporting MSCI Barra 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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