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## MSCI Hedge Invest Indices Performance – February 2006

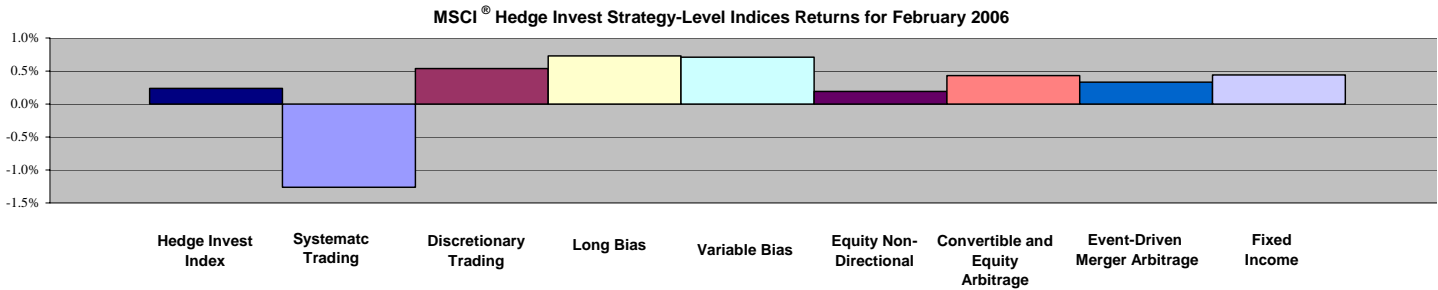
**New York - March 3, 2006.** MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, announced today its February 2006 performance figures for the MSCI Hedge Invest Indices. Below is a summary of performance data for selected indices.

Name	Index Level	February <sup>1</sup>	YTD Return <sup>2</sup>	52 Week Return	ITD Return <sup>3</sup>	
MSCI Hedge Invest Index <sup>SM</sup>	11,563.87	0.24%	2.53%	7.06%	15.64%	
MSCI World Equity Index <sup>SM</sup>	2,890.77	-0.15%	3.80%	14.63%	53.10%	
MSCI World Sovereign Bond Index <sup>SM</sup>	1,363.56	-0.55%	0.38%	-4.83%	12.35%	
Performance by Strategy-Level Indices						
	Inception Date	Fund Count	February <sup>1</sup>	YTD Return <sup>2</sup>	52 Week Return	ITD Return <sup>3</sup>
MSCI Hedge Invest Systematic Trading Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/15/2003	25	-1.26%	1.00%	10.01%	12.20%
MSCI Hedge Invest Discretionary Trading Index <sup>SM</sup>	1/6/2004	10	0.54%	2.68%	7.57%	7.73%
MSCI Hedge Invest Long Bias Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/15/2003	19	0.73%	3.79%	9.75%	30.08%
MSCI Hedge Invest Variable Bias Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/6/2004	13	0.71%	4.45%	12.45%	19.77%
MSCI Hedge Invest Equity Non-Directional Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/15/2003	13	0.19%	2.85%	7.01%	12.76%
MSCI Hedge Invest Convertible and Equity Arbitrage Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/15/2003	13	0.43%	2.29%	1.31%	0.64%
MSCI Hedge Invest Event-Driven and Merger Arbitrage Index <sup>SM</sup>	7/15/2003	13	0.33%	2.47%	5.28%	9.78%
MSCI Hedge Invest Fixed Income Index <sup>SM</sup>	1/4/2005	15	0.44%	0.74%	4.76%	6.05%
Performance by Investment Segment for Hedge Invest Index						
	Weight	Fund Count	February <sup>1</sup>	YTD Return <sup>2</sup>	52 Week Return	ITD Return <sup>3</sup>
<b>Non Directional</b>	<b>33.14%</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.14%</b>	<b>2.13%</b>	<b>4.07%</b>	<b>8.43%</b>
Convertible Arbitrage	5.02%	12	0.41%	2.43%	1.22%	0.89%
Equity Arbitrage	1.22%	1	0.58%	1.24%	1.73%	-4.05%
Fixed Income MBS	3.48%	3	0.30%	1.29%	4.19%	16.25%
Fixed Income Ex MBS	2.94%	2	-0.79%	-0.06%	1.26%	1.26%
Statistical Arbitrage, Europe	1.77%	1	-2.57%	4.86%	16.18%	21.95%
Statistical Arbitrage, Diversified*	1.04%	2	0.52%	2.87%	-1.61%	10.20%
Merger Arbitrage	2.04%	6	1.09%	3.47%	6.32%	10.90%
No Bias, Europe	3.96%	5	0.52%	2.59%	9.05%	17.86%
No Bias, North America	4.94%	4	0.88%	2.35%	1.08%	5.28%
No Bias, Diversified*	1.17%	2	-0.63%	2.94%	14.45%	23.67%
No Bias, Japan*	0.58%	1	-1.43%	0.47%	13.44%	27.55%
Event-Driven	4.99%	7	0.03%	2.07%	4.91%	10.95%
<b>Enhanced</b>	<b>30.66%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0.57%</b>	<b>3.30%</b>	<b>10.13%</b>	<b>27.90%</b>
Long Bias, Diversified	2.12%	2	-0.68%	4.06%	8.37%	N/A
Long Bias, North America Mid and Large Cap	2.17%	3	-0.02%	3.21%	13.27%	N/A
Long Bias, North America No Size Focus	5.31%	6	0.48%	1.92%	6.01%	21.69%
Long Bias, North America Small and Mid Cap	6.03%	4	1.16%	2.71%	7.38%	26.16%
Long Bias, Europe	3.95%	3	2.53%	7.44%	15.52%	N/A
Long Bias, Japan	2.03%	3	-1.34%	-0.16%	16.28%	41.94%
Long Bias, Asia ex Japan	1.35%	1	-1.38%	1.73%	5.56%	N/A
Short Bias	0.62%	2	0.29%	-2.09%	-8.33%	-22.09%
Variable Bias, Other*	1.69%	3	1.07%	6.78%	18.54%	N/A
Variable Bias, Europe	3.12%	5	2.03%	5.60%	14.06%	25.04%
Variable Bias, North America	1.49%	5	-1.46%	2.24%	9.90%	38.07%
Variable Bias, Japan	0.76%	1	-2.06%	-1.14%	16.55%	N/A
<b>Directional</b>	<b>22.45%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-0.35%</b>	<b>1.87%</b>	<b>8.48%</b>	<b>13.47%</b>
Systematic, Currencies	1.31%	4	-1.94%	-2.37%	3.72%	-4.40%
Systematic, Diversified	9.31%	21	-1.25%	1.59%	11.54%	16.81%
Systematic, Fixed Income*	0.51%	1	0.23%	0.84%	4.12%	-4.57%
Discretionary, Commodities	0.69%	1	0.92%	4.12%	10.90%	N/A
Discretionary, Equity	2.91%	2	1.60%	5.51%	16.38%	34.16%
Discretionary, Diversified	4.84%	7	-0.04%	1.07%	3.80%	7.23%
Multi-Process(DT)*	0.89%	1	0.07%	0.90%	2.35%	N/A
Multi-Process(MPG)	1.99%	1	0.63%	3.10%	3.80%	N/A
Specialist Credit ex illiquid*	13.74%	9	0.70%	2.86%	6.04%	N/A
<b>Hedge Invest Index</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>2.53%</b>	<b>7.06%</b>	<b>15.64%</b>

1. All hedge fund performance data is tabulated based on the last Tuesday on any given period due to weekly pricing.

3. Inception to Date (ITD) returns are from 7/15/03 through 2/28/06 except for strategy-level indices, where inception dates vary with strategy.

2. Year to Date (YTD) returns are based on the period from 12/27/05 through 2/28/06.



For the month of February, the MSCI Hedge Invest Index<sup>SM</sup> gained 0.24%, which brings the return since inception to 15.64%. Among the strategy-level indices, for the month, the MSCI Hedge Invest Long Bias Index<sup>SM</sup> posted the highest return, gaining 0.73%, while the MSCI Hedge Systematic Trading Index<sup>SM</sup> performed the worst, declining 1.26%. Under the investment segments category, Long Bias, Europe outperformed all other segments with a gain of 2.53%, while Statistical Arbitrage, Europe posted the lowest return declining 2.57%.

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