



press release

MSCI Hedge Fund Indices – April 2006 - Early Reporting Funds

New York, May 11, 2006. MSCI announced performance figures for early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund CompositeSM and Process Group IndicesSM. The performance figures for April are based on the returns of funds that have reported through May 10, 2006. The performance figures may change significantly, as returns from additional funds are received. Below is a summary of performance data for selected indices.

| MSCI Hedge Fund Indices SM | Early Reports | | | Annual 2005 | 3 yr. Sharpe | % Reporting |
|---|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Apr-06 | Mar-06 | YTD | | | |
| MSCI Hedge Fund Composite IndexSM | 2.1% | 1.9% | 7.5% | 8.1% | 2.41 | 63% |
| Process Groups | | | | | | |
| MSCI Directional Trading Index SM | 2.9% | 2.0% | 6.7% | 7.1% | 1.03 | 69% |
| MSCI Relative Value Index SM | 0.9% | 1.0% | 4.4% | 2.7% | 1.22 | 66% |
| MSCI Security Selection Index SM | 2.1% | 2.3% | 9.2% | 10.8% | 2.59 | 61% |
| MSCI Specialist Credit Index SM | 1.8% | 1.2% | 6.0% | 7.6% | 4.30 | 57% |
| MSCI Multi-Process Group Index SM | 1.9% | 1.7% | 7.3% | 8.0% | 3.04 | 53% |
| Other Reference Indices | | | | | | |
| MSCI World Equity Index SM | 3.0% | 2.2% | 9.8% | 9.5% | 2.32 | N/A |
| MSCI World Sovereign Debt Index SM | 2.4% | -1.1% | 2.0% | -6.9% | 0.33 | N/A |

All hedge fund indices listed above are equal weighted and are expressed in US dollars.
The MSCI World Equity IndexSM is measured with dividends reinvested.

For the month of April, the early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite IndexSM, an equal weighted index, posted a gain of 2.1% with 63% of the constituent funds reporting.

For the month of April, the MSCI World Equity IndexSM gained 3.0% and the MSCI World Sovereign Debt IndexSM gained 2.4%. The performance of the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite IndexSM is comprised of five Process Group Indices: the MSCI Directional Trading, Relative Value, Security Selection, Specialist Credit and Multi-Process Indices.

Below is a brief description of the performance of select MSCI Hedge Fund Indices:

The **MSCI Directional Trading IndexSM** gained 2.9% for the month of April based on 69% of funds reporting. MSCI defines Directional Trading strategies as those based upon speculating on the direction of market prices of currencies, commodities, equities, and bonds in the futures and cash markets.

The **MSCI Relative Value IndexSM** gained 0.9 % for the month of April based on 66% of funds reporting. Relative Value strategies focus on spread relationships between pricing components of financial assets or commodities.

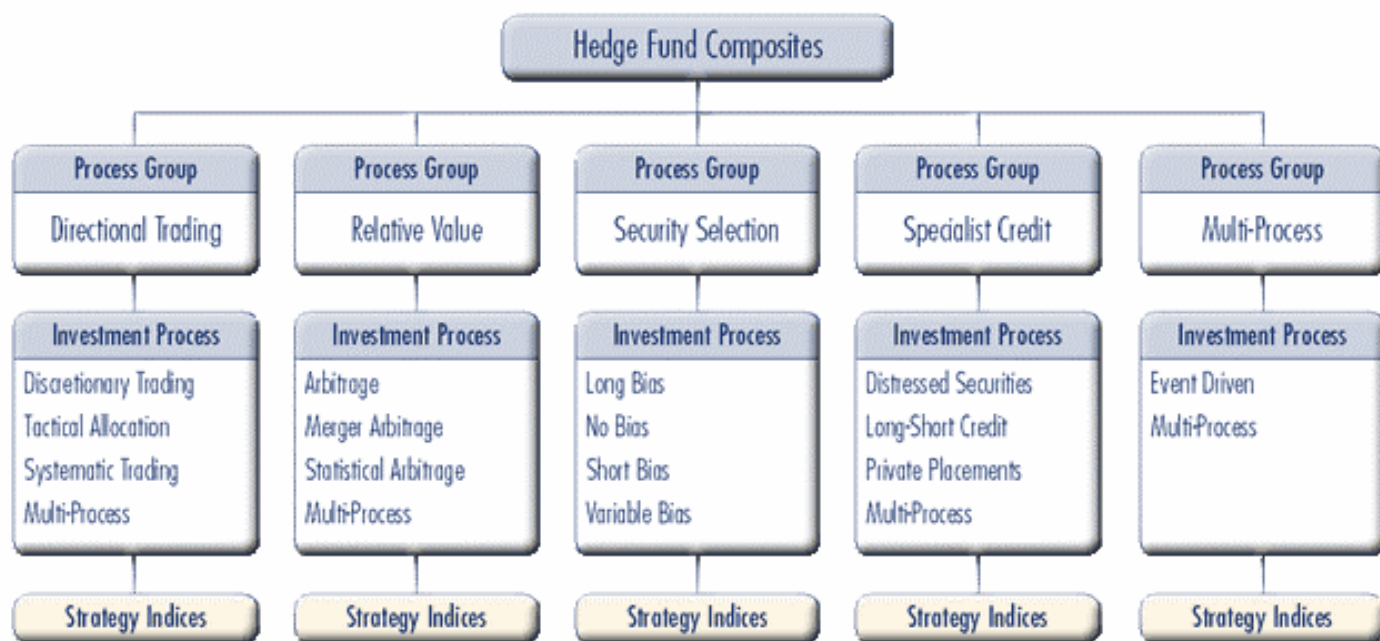
The **MSCI Security Selection IndexSM** gained 2.1% for the month of April based on 61% of funds reporting. Security Selection managers combine long positions and short sales with the aim of benefiting from their ability in selecting investments while offsetting systematic market risks.

The **MSCI Specialist Credit IndexSM** gained 1.8% for the month of April based on 57% of funds reporting. Specialist Credit funds seek to lend to credit-sensitive issuers.

The **MSCI Multi-Process Group IndexSM** gained 1.9% for the month of April based on 53% of funds reporting. The Multi-Process Group comprises funds, which practice a strategy whereby a single investment process does not account for more than 80% of their risk capital.

The MSCI Hedge Fund Database has grown to over 2,600 hedge funds. The MSCI Hedge Fund Indices are composed of more than 190 indices representing more than \$255 billion in assets.

MSCI Hedge Fund Indices – Index Structure



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