

## MSCI Hedge Fund Indices - September 2007

### Early Reporting Funds

**New York** - October 16, 2007 - MSCI announced performance figures for early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite and Process Group Indices. The performance figures for September are based on the returns of funds that have reported through October 16, 2007. 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                | Early Reports |              | YTD<br>2007  | Annual<br>2006 | 3 yr.<br>Sharpe | %<br>Reporting |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|  | Sep-07        | Aug-07       |              |                |                 |                |
| <b>MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index</b> | <b>2.6%</b>   | <b>-1.6%</b> | <b>8.6%</b>  | <b>11.3%</b>   | <b>1.74</b>     | <b>81%</b>     |
| <b>Process Groups</b>                  |               |              |              |                |                 |                |
| MSCI Directional Trading Index         | 4.0%          | -2.5%        | 5.6%         | 7.6%           | 0.85            | 86%            |
| MSCI Relative Value Index              | 1.1%          | -0.6%        | 5.2%         | 9.9%           | 1.09            | 75%            |
| MSCI Security Selection Index          | 2.9%          | -1.6%        | 11.4%        | 13.2%          | 1.89            | 82%            |
| MSCI Specialist Credit Index           | 1.5%          | -1.3%        | 6.9%         | 12.8%          | 2.51            | 75%            |
| MSCI Multi-Process Group Index         | 2.2%          | -1.4%        | 10.0%        | 12.0%          | 2.08            | 80%            |
| <b>Other Reference Indices</b>         |               |              |              |                |                 |                |
| MSCI World Equity Index                | <b>4.8%</b>   | <b>-0.1%</b> | <b>11.7%</b> | <b>20.0%</b>   | <b>1.76</b>     | <b>N/A</b>     |

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

For the month of September, the early reporting funds in the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index, an equal weighted index, posted a gain of 2.6% with 81% of the constituent funds reporting, while the MSCI World Equity Index gained 4.8%.

The performance of the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index 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 Index** gained 4.0% for the month of September based on 86% 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 Index** gained 1.1% for the month of September based on 75% of funds reporting. Relative Value strategies focus on spread relationships between pricing components of financial assets or commodities.

The **MSCI Security Selection Index** gained 2.9% for the month of September based on 82% 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 Index** gained 1.5% for the month of September based on 75% of funds reporting. Specialist Credit funds seek to lend to credit-sensitive issuers.

The **MSCI Multi-Process Group Index** gained 2.2% for the month of September based on 80% 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 3,200 hedge funds. The MSCI Hedge Fund Indices are comprised of more than 190 indices representing over \$360 billion in assets.

**MSCI Hedge Fund Indices – Index Structure**



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