

MSCI Hedge Fund Indices Performance

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New York - March 31, 2008 - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, announced today its February performance figures for the MSCI Hedge Fund Indices. Below is a summary of performance data for selected indices.

MSCI HEDGE FUND INDICES						
	February	YTD	1 Year	3 yr Ann. Ret.	3 yr Std Dev.	3 yr Sharpe
MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index	1.43%	-1.35%	6.47%	8.84%	4.82%	0.82
MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index - Asset Weighted	1.72%	-0.29%	8.20%	9.39%	4.48%	1.00
Process Groups						
MSCI Directional Trading Index	3.86%	4.00%	12.92%	9.72%	5.42%	0.89
MSCI Relative Value Index	-0.47%	-1.08%	3.11%	5.62%	2.09%	0.35
MSCI Security Selection Index	1.13%	-3.86%	5.64%	9.83%	6.73%	0.73
MSCI Specialist Credit Index	0.05%	-1.69%	2.82%	7.97%	3.29%	0.94
MSCI Multi-Process Group Index	1.41%	-1.34%	5.14%	8.62%	4.57%	0.82
Geography						
MSCI Hedge Fund Developed Markets Index	1.32%	-0.75%	4.94%	7.78%	4.34%	0.66
MSCI Hedge Fund Emerging Markets Index	2.22%	-2.85%	13.09%	13.59%	7.47%	1.16
MSCI Hedge Fund Global Markets Index	1.49%	-2.96%	11.57%	12.86%	6.82%	1.17
MSCI Hedge Fund Europe Index	0.79%	-2.69%	-0.78%	7.53%	5.24%	0.50
MSCI Hedge Fund North America Index	0.44%	-2.05%	3.75%	7.41%	4.45%	0.57
MSCI Hedge Fund Japan Index	0.39%	-3.23%	-5.86%	4.00%	6.91%	-0.13
Size						
MSCI Hedge Fund Core Fund Composite Index	1.54%	-1.13%	6.82%	9.23%	4.80%	0.90
MSCI Hedge Fund Small Fund Composite Index	1.35%	-1.46%	6.50%	8.54%	4.80%	0.76
MSCI EQUITY AND HEDGE INVEST INDICES						
MSCI World Equity Index	-0.58%	-8.18%	-0.53%	9.28%	9.38%	0.55
MSCI Hedge Invest Index[†]	1.24%	-1.06%	0.57%	4.78%	4.22%	-0.03
3-Month US Treasury	0.15%	0.31%	3.84%	4.13%	0.26%	-2.90

Data is as of February 29, 2008. All hedge fund indices listed above are equal weighted unless noted otherwise.

[†] MSCI Hedge Invest Index: Monthly returns are based upon performance from the last Tuesday in previous month until the last Tuesday in reported month. As with all historical performance data, it may not be used to predict future characteristics or performance of the index or relied on in making any investment decisions.

For the month of February, the MSCI Hedge Fund Composite Index, an equal weighted index, gained 1.43%. The MSCI World Equity Index declined 0.58%. The MSCI Hedge Fund Database has grown to over 3,400 hedge funds and more than 190 indices representing approximately \$400 billion in assets. More than 95% of the funds in the database reported performance as of this index calculation.

Among the process groups, the MSCI Directional Trading Index performed the best by gaining 3.86%, followed by the MSCI Multi-Process Group Index which gained 1.41%. The MSCI Relative Value Index posted the lowest return by declining 0.47%.

For February under the MSCI Directional Trading Index, Discretionary Trading funds gained 1.27% and Systematic Trading funds gained 6.44%. Within the MSCI Relative Value Index Statistical Arbitrage funds posted the highest return for the month by gaining 1.55% while Arbitrage funds posted the lowest return for the month by declining 1.37%.

Under the MSCI Security Selection Index, No Bias funds posted the highest return for the month by gaining 1.52%. Long Bias funds posted the lowest return for the month gaining 0.96%. Within the MSCI Specialist Credit Index, Long-Short Credit funds underperformed Distressed Securities funds with returns of -0.30% and 0.29% respectively.

Among geographic areas (Developed Markets, Emerging Markets & Global Markets), the MSCI Hedge Fund Emerging Markets Index posted the highest return for the month by gaining 2.22%, while the MSCI Hedge Fund Developed Markets Index posted the lowest return by gaining 1.32%. Note: MSCI Hedge Fund indices are hedged to remove the effect of currency on fund performance.

In terms of hedge fund size, the MSCI Directional Trading, Core Funds Index¹ posted the highest return for the month by gaining 4.14%, while the MSCI Relative Value, Core Funds Index¹ posted the lowest return for the month by declining 0.95%.

In terms of risk-adjusted returns, the MSCI Hedge Fund Multi-Process (RV), Offshore Funds Index had the highest 3 year Sharpe Ratio of 1.72 with a monthly return of 0.22%. The MSCI Hedge Fund Statistical Arbitrage, Developed Markets Offshore Funds Index had the lowest 3 year Sharpe Ratio of -0.66 with a return of 0.6% for the month.

Below is a brief description of the MSCI Hedge Fund Process Groups:

The **MSCI Directional Trading Index** - 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** - Relative Value strategies focus on spread relationships between pricing components of financial assets or commodities.

The **MSCI Security Selection Index** - 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** - Specialist Credit funds seek to lend to credit-sensitive issuers.

The **MSCI Multi-Process Group Index** - Multi-Process Group comprises funds that practice a strategy whereby a single investment process does not account for more than 80% of their risk capital.

¹Core Fund Composite Index comprises funds with assets greater than \$100mm

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