

## MSCI HIRES JEREMY BASKIN AS HEAD OF CLIENT COVERAGE IN THE AMERICAS

**New York – Sept. 18, 2017** – <u>MSCI</u> Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of portfolio construction and risk management tools for global investors, announced today that <u>Jeremy Baskin</u> has joined MSCI as Head of Client Coverage in the Americas. Based in New York, Mr. Baskin reports to Laurent Seyer, Chief Client Officer, and will be a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He succeeds <u>Jay McNamara</u> who led the team for 5 years and will now head the firm's real estate product line.

In his new position, Mr. Baskin, will oversee MSCI's sales, consulting, and client service teams in the Americas. He brings more than 30 years of experience within the financial services industry, with a focus in the investment management business, including portfolio management, research, risk management, trading, compliance and sales management operations.

Mr. Baskin was most recently Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer for Rosenberg Equities, AXA Investment Managers where he successfully returned the investment firm to profitability and restructured the global investment organization for scale, robustness, innovation, agility and cost efficiencies.

"Jeremy's extensive leadership experience and global strategic perspective will help us continue to deliver real and sustainable value to our clients in the Americas," said Laurent Seyer, Chief Client Officer, MSCI. "His proven track record of portfolio management and improving investment performance through greater efficiency and reducing operational risk will have a significant contribution in attracting, engaging and supporting clients in the region. We're thrilled to have a leader with Jeremy's skillset on board at MSCI."

He is currently a CFA charter holder and a member of the Chicago Quantitative Alliance. Prior to joining MSCI, Mr. Baskin held board positions on AXA's Investment Managers Management Board and various AXA IM global legal entities.

After earning his BA degree in history from Wesleyan University, Mr. Baskin went on to obtain an MBA in both finance and marketing from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

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