

# US REAL ESTATE MARKET SIZE SHOWS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH ACCORDING TO MSCI ANNUAL MARKET SIZE REPORT

**New York: July 18, 2019** - MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community, has released its annual [Real Estate Market Size report](#), which examines the size of the professionally managed global real estate investment market for 2018. The key findings of this year's report are as follows:

- The size of the global professionally managed real estate market rose from \$8.5 trillion in 2017 to \$8.9 trillion for 2018
- The US real estate market showed the most significant absolute change, with a market size increase of \$172 billion
- The US's absolute market size has increased by 83 percent from the trough levels recorded during the 2008 global financial crisis
- The relative weight of the US within the MSCI Global Annual Property Index increased by 94 bps in 2018, following a decline in 2017
- Despite both markets seeing growth, China replaced Germany as the fourth largest market in 2018
- Currency movements effectively decreased the size of the global real estate investment market by approximately -2.6% in U.S. dollars, in contrast to +5.3% impact from 2017

The MSCI Real Estate Market Size Report estimates the size of the professionally managed real estate investment markets across 32 countries. The estimates are driven by national market changes, including local capital growth fluctuations, currency movements, and structural changes within each market. This data is fundamental in creating the MSCI Global Annual Property Index, which weights the real estate investment returns across 25 major markets, excluding seven Asian nations: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

**Will Robson, Global Head of Real Estate Solutions Research at MSCI**, comments: "Our annual market size report is designed to give investors transparency and clarity into the workings of the global real estate market and provide the insight they need to make informed investment decisions. This year's report highlighted the significant impact currency fluctuations had on global portfolios, as well as interesting shifts at play in the UK, US and Asia markets.

"The US, for example, remains the largest market in the MSCI Global Annual Property Index, now accounting for 40.9% of the 25-country index in 2018. The \$172 billion increase in its market size represented just under half the \$350 billion increase in the global market's size."

Furthermore, in 2018 MSCI's index coverage increased by 20 bps globally and by 30 bps within the MSCI Global Annual Property Index. Several country level changes were more pronounced, with the representativeness of MSCI's asset-level real estate indexes increasing by 5.2% in the US and 15.2% in France.

**Jay McNamara, Head of Real Estate at MSCI** comments: "It's encouraging to see our index coverage has increased in the past year, a signal that the global real estate market is on the right track to become more transparent, something which is undoubtedly positive for investors and the industry as a whole."

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