

## **MSCI HIRES JIGAR THAKKAR AS CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AND HEAD OF ENGINEERING**

**New York – May 24, 2018** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of research-based indexes and analytics, today announced the appointment of Jigar Thakkar as Chief Technology Officer and Head of Engineering. Mr. Thakkar will report to Baer Pettit, President of MSCI, and will be a member of the firm’s Executive Committee. He will be based in New York and is expected to start in late July 2018.

“Jigar’s extensive experience as a contemporary technology leader will be incredibly valuable in optimizing our technology strategy and enhancing our culture of technical excellence,” said Mr. Pettit. “Jigar joins MSCI at an exciting time for our firm as we continue to build on our heritage of innovation by developing world-class products and solutions to benefit the world’s most sophisticated investors.”

Mr. Thakkar joins MSCI from Microsoft where he most recently served as Corporate Vice President leading software engineering for Microsoft Teams and Skype for Business. During his 19-year tenure at Microsoft, Jigar built large-scale products and served in various leadership positions within the Office 365, Dynamics CRM, Bing, Windows and MSN divisions. He holds an M.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California and a B.S. in electronics engineering from the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda in India.

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