

MSCI Hires Kurt Winkelmann as Head of Risk & Analytical Research

London – March 4, 2011– MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today the appointment of Kurt Winkelmann as Managing Director and Head of Risk & Analytical Research. Based in New York, Mr Winkelmann will be responsible for setting the firm’s research agenda and will oversee the efforts of a global team of over 60 researchers across the firm.

“Kurt is well known and highly respected in the area of investment research and we are delighted that he has chosen to join MSCI,” said David Brierwood, Chief Operating Officer at MSCI Inc. “He brings with him a deep understanding and knowledge of leading edge approaches to issues in asset management, combined with practical experience of modeling and analytics systems. One of his primary objectives will be to work closely with our broad range of clients to ensure that MSCI’s research agenda reflects their needs and priorities.”

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Winkelmann said, “Today’s investors are confronted with almost unprecedented challenges, in the form of new types of investment opportunities and an uncertain investment environment. MSCI’s position as an industry leader in investment research and analysis places them in a unique position to help investors confront these challenges. I am delighted to have been asked to join MSCI, and I am looking forward to working with MSCI’s clients and my new colleagues at MSCI to develop and implement a robust research agenda.”

Prior to joining MSCI, Mr Winkelmann was a Managing Director at Goldman Sachs Asset Management where he established and led the Global Investment Strategies team, responsible for strategic asset allocation, asset/liability analysis and risk advisory across asset classes for the firm’s major global institutional clients. Between 1993 and 1999, he managed the Global Fixed Income Portfolio Strategy Group at Goldman Sachs International. Mr Winkelmann’s early career also included positions at Vestek Systems and Barra.

“Research and the provision of tools to help solve our clients’ investment process problems are at the very heart of MSCI,” added Henry Fernandez, Chairman and CEO at MSCI Inc. “They drive the development of all our products and services including our risk models, indices and analytics. We have one of the largest research teams in the index and analytics business, and a reputation for innovative and thought-provoking research. Kurt’s appointment reflects our commitment to this fundamental part of our business and to retaining our leading position in this area, and I am extremely pleased to welcome him to MSCI.”

Mr Winkelmann has a PhD and MA in Economics from the University of Minnesota and is an accomplished author and speaker. He has written extensively on investment themes such as risk budgeting and liability-driven investing, and has made numerous board and conference presentations on asset allocation-related themes. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees for the University of Minnesota Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors for the University of Minnesota Foundation Investment Advisors, and is Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the University of Minnesota’s Heller-Hurwitz Economics Institute.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices which include over 120,000 daily indices covering more than 70 countries; Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics covering global equity and fixed income markets; RiskMetrics market and credit risk analytics; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets; and CFRA forensic accounting risk research, legal/regulatory risk assessment, and due-diligence. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

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