

MSCI Barra Named Index Provider of the Year at Inaugural European Pensions Awards

London – July 31, 2008 - MSCI Barra (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics, is pleased to announce that the company was named the Index Provider of the Year at the inaugural European Pensions Awards held earlier this month in London.

“We are delighted to have won this award,” said David Brierwood, Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer. “We aim to provide industry leading products, high quality research and data, and superior client service to our clients globally. It is therefore very encouraging to be recognized as the leading provider of indices by the European Pensions Awards. It also reinforces the importance our pension fund clients place on having a truly global and consistent set of benchmark indices that can be ‘sliced and diced’ to meet their needs.”

The European Pensions Awards are dedicated to recognizing outstanding achievement in the varied fields of European pension provision, honoring investment firms, consultancies and suppliers of services to the European pensions industry.

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About MSCI Barra

MSCI Barra is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Barra products include indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

The company’s flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which are estimated to have over USD 3 trillion benchmarked to them, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is the controlling shareholder of MSCI Barra.

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