

MSCI Launches New Factor ESG Target Indexes

Leader in the application of Factors with \$214 billion benchmarked to MSCI Factor Indexes¹

New York – September 28, 2017 - MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of research-based indexes and analytics announced today the launch of MSCI Factor ESG Target Indexes, designed to help clients leverage the power of MSCI Factor Indexes while integrating ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) into their investment strategies.

Demand for such investment products has grown as clients increasingly seek to integrate ESG criteria into their investment processes. MSCI continues to lead the natural evolution in this field by combining the attributes of both Factors and ESG to bring next generation products to market. These products are designed to allow clients to more effectively incorporate ESG integration into Factor focused portfolios.

“We are proud to be launching the MSCI Factor ESG Target indexes today,” said Diana Tidd, Head of Index at MSCI “MSCI is seen as a thought leader in ESG and Factor Investing, and this new suite of indexes helps our clients integrate ESG while still focusing on the benefits of Factor Investing. We work closely with our clients to bring index solutions to market.”

“An important example is how Taiwan’s Bureau of Labor Funds (BLF) has continued to embrace the responsible investment concept. The BLF continues to press ahead with enhancing the concept and is excited to work with MSCI on Factor ESG customized indexes.”

MSCI has been a leader in the application of Factors for 40+ years with \$214 billion in assets benchmarked to MSCI Factor Indexes¹ and is the world’s largest provider of ESG indexes². This unique position has allowed MSCI to develop MSCI Factor ESG Target Indexes, designed to help clients looking to embed ESG criteria into their Factor based strategies.

The new indexes are based on MSCI’s leading Factor Indexes; Minimum Volatility, Quality, Value and Multi-Factor indexes and use the award winning MSCI ESG Ratings, provided by MSCI ESG Research.

To learn more about MSCI Factor ESG Target Indexes, visit www.msci.com/msci-factor-esg-indexes.

- MSCI Minimum Volatility ESG Target Indexes
- MSCI Quality ESG Target Indexes
- MSCI Value ESG Target Indexes
- MSCI Multiple-Factor ESG Target Indexes

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¹ As of June, 2017 reported by eVestment, Morningstar, Bloomberg and MSCI

² By number of indexes and by assets tracking the indexes compared with publicly available information produced by FTSE and S&P Dow Jones

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Our line of products and services includes indexes, analytical models, data, real estate benchmarks and ESG research.

MSCI serves 97 of the top 100 largest money managers, according to the most recent P&I ranking.

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