
MSCI Launches Value Weighted Indices

New York – December 7, 2010 - MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics and corporate governance services, announced today that it has launched a series of value weighted indices. The MSCI Value Weighted Indices are based on several flagship MSCI indices and include the MSCI World Value Weighted Index, the MSCI Emerging Markets Value Weighted Index, and the MSCI EAFE Value Weighted Index, among others.

Each MSCI Value Weighted Index reweights the constituents of a standard MSCI parent index on four fundamental accounting variables: sales, earnings, cash earnings and book value. There is no security selection based on fundamental data, rather the MSCI Value Weighted Indices include all constituents of the MSCI parent index which helps maintain the equivalent trading liquidity, investment capacity and turnover characteristics of the parent index. The resultant index effectively tilts the MSCI parent index towards stocks with relatively lower valuations, hence displaying value characteristics.

While traditional capitalization weighted indices remain the most efficient tools for capturing market beta, investors have increasingly recognized that there are additional sources of systematic return associated with particular investment styles and strategies (including value, momentum, or volatility, for example). Alternatively weighted indices such as the MSCI Value Weighted Indices are designed to offer systematic beta exposures.

"The MSCI Value Weighted Indices are based on a transparent index methodology and can provide a basis for a passive and cost-effective exposure to what value investors often refer to as the 'value premium' or the 'mispricing' of value stocks over time," said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Head of Index Research. "The MSCI Value Weighted Indices are part of the broader family of MSCI Strategy Indices that seek to capture, in a codified way, some of the well-researched sources of systematic return."

The launch of the MSCI Value Weighted Indices represents the company's most recent contribution to the alternatively weighted index category, which includes the MSCI GDP Weighted Indices and the MSCI Equal Weighted Indices, reaffirming MSCI's track record as an innovative index provider with an ongoing commitment to addressing the evolving needs of its clients.

The following lists the 13 MSCI Value Weighted Indices:

- MSCI World Value Weighted Index
- MSCI Emerging Markets Value Weighted Index
- MSCI EAFE Value Weighted Index
- MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) Value Weighted Index
- MSCI UK Value Weighted Index
- MSCI Europe ex UK Value Weighted Index
- MSCI World ex UK Value Weighted Index
- MSCI North America Value Weighted Index
- MSCI USA Value Weighted Index
- MSCI Japan Value Weighted Index
- MSCI Kokusai Value Weighted Index
- MSCI Pacific ex Japan Value Weighted Index
- MSCI World Value Weighted Index (hedged to GBP)

The MSCI Value Weighted Index Methodology is available at www.msci.com

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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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