

# Assets in ETFs Linked to MSCI Indexes Reach Record High of \$418 Billion

## MSCI strengthens leadership position in factor indexes

**New York – May 13, 2015** – [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of research-based indexes and analytics, reports that assets in ETFs linked to MSCI indexes grew more than 12 percent during the first quarter of 2015, reaching an all-time high of \$418 billion.

The [surge in demand from ETF providers for MSCI Factor Indexes](#) continued, with 11 new ETFs in the first quarter. In total, ETFs linked to MSCI Factor Indexes attracted \$4.4 billion in assets, or 31 percent of the total asset flows into that category.

### Other highlights:

ETFs linked to [MSCI Minimum Volatility Indexes](#), [the industry's first low volatility benchmarks](#), reached a record \$13 billion in assets under management.

Assets in ETFs tracking the [MSCI USA Quality Index](#) surpassed the \$1 billion mark.

Global currency hedged ETF assets attracted \$28 billion in new assets, with half of those fund flows going to ETFs linked to [MSCI Currency Hedged Indexes](#). There are now 68 currency-hedged ETFs globally linked to MSCI indexes.

“Following strong growth in the number of ETFs tracking our indexes in 2014, this year is off to a record-setting start,” said Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Global Head of Products. “As the industry grows in size and complexity, we intend to maintain our position as the first choice of ETF providers who are looking for both leading-edge innovation and exceptional quality.”

With over 730 ETFs tracking MSCI indexes globally, more equity ETFs track MSCI indexes than those of any other index provider.

### Recent Awards

ETF.com Index Provider of the Year 2015

Pensions Age 2015 Index Provider of the Year

ETF Risk European Rankings Best Index Provider for ETF Products 2014

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