

MSCI Indices Q3 2012 Performance Results

Global Equity Markets Surprise—Despite Economic Gloom

- *Global equities gain in the face of continued uncertainty about the global economy. After falling by -6.4% in Q2, the MSCI ACWI Index rose by 6.2% in Q3 2012*
- *Both developed and emerging markets produced strong returns in Q3; YTD, the MSCI World and Emerging Market Indices posted returns of 10.9% and 9.4%, respectively.*
- *The MSCI Frontier Markets Index rebounded in Q3 as well, bringing the index back to positive YTD returns*

London – October 3, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics and corporate governance services, today published the Q3 2012 performance of its MSCI Indices, revealing widespread positive returns across global markets for the quarter and year-to-date (YTD) 2012.

Major financial markets worldwide showed positive returns across all size segments in Q3 2012. **MSCI ACWI IMI**, comprised of close to 9,000 large, mid and small cap securities across 24 Developed and 21 Emerging Markets countries, for example, delivered a return of 6.26% for the quarter, resulting in a YTD 2012 return of 10.91%¹.

Developed Markets

The MSCI Developed Markets Indices posted positive returns in Q3 2012, averaging about 8% for the period. The **MSCI World Index** returned 6.13% for the quarter, slightly below average, while double digit returns prevailed in certain European countries and regions. The **MSCI Germany Index**, for example, was a top performer, returning 13.93% in Q3, followed by the **MSCI Norway** and **Portugal Indices**, with Q3 returns of 13.29% and 12.85%, respectively. The **MSCI Greece, Japan** and **Ireland Indices** delivered the only Q3 negative returns across the entire Developed Markets, with losses of -1.39%, -1.84% and -2.11% for the quarter, respectively.

The **MSCI USA Index**, with a Q3 return of 5.80%, was outpaced by most other Developed Market countries and regions. However, the **MSCI USA Index**, the **MSCI World Index** and many other Developed Markets regional and country indices displayed double digit returns YTD, with the **MSCI Belgium** and **Denmark Indices** at the head of the pack, returning 28.18% and 25.48% for the period, respectively.

Emerging Markets

The MSCI Emerging Markets Indices posted a slightly narrower range of positive results relative to the Developed Markets. The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** returned 6.97% for Q3, which was about average across its regions and countries. For YTD 2012, the index returned 9.41%. The **MSCI Emerging Market Small Cap Index** outperformed its large- and mid-cap sibling in Q3, returning 7.42%, and YTD 2012 it has

¹ All Q3 and year-to-date (YTD) 2012 index performance data is based on price index levels in USD for the periods 1 July – 28 September 2012 and 1 January – 28 September 2012, respectively.

returned 13.92%. The two stand-out Q3 performers among the Emerging Markets countries were the **MSCI Egypt** and **India Indices**, with Q3 2012 returns of 22.63% and 14.92% and YTD 2012 returns of 61.95% and 23.59%, respectively. The **MSCI Morocco Index** was the single Emerging Markets region or country to deliver negative Q3 results, with a return of -3.97% (and posting a return of -17.52% for YTD 2012).

Frontier Markets

The MSCI Frontier Markets Indices produced the most widely dispersed results in Q3 2012. The **MSCI Frontier Markets Index** returned 6.98% over the quarter and 1.98% YTD 2012. The **MSCI Frontier Markets Africa Index** was the top-performing regional Frontier Markets index delivering a Q3 2012 return of 23.79% and a YTD 2012 return of 33.36%. The top two single country Frontier Markets index performers for Q3 2012 included the **MSCI Nigeria** and **Sri Lanka Indices** which posted returns of 31.76% and 24.85%, respectively. The bottom performers were the **MSCI Bahrain** and **Vietnam Indices** with Q3 returns of -10.60%, and -8.55%, respectively.

Historical index levels for the full range of MSCI Indices are available at www.msci.com.

MSCI Indices Performance Table: Q3 and YTD 2012

Index	Q3 2012 1 Jul 2012 – 28 Sep 2012	YTD 2012 1 Jan 2012 – 28 Sep 2012
MSCI All Country (AC) Indices		
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index	8.32%	13.16%
MSCI AC Europe Index	8.16%	8.23%
MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index	6.41%	12.18%
MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index (IMI)	6.26%	10.91%
MSCI ACWI	6.24%	10.71%
MSCI AC Americas Index	6.04%	13.16%
MSCI Developed Markets (DM) Indices		
MSCI Germany Index	13.93%	17.24%
MSCI Norway Index	13.29%	13.21%
MSCI Portugal Index	12.85%	-9.84%
MSCI New Zealand Index	12.81%	17.99%
MSCI Hong Kong Index	11.76%	18.24%
MSCI Nordic Countries Index	11.14%	13.13%
MSCI Europe Small Cap Index	10.46%	16.68%
MSCI Belgium Index	9.74%	28.18%
MSCI Spain Index	9.68%	-10.78%
MSCI Singapore Index	9.26%	23.09%
MSCI Europe Index	8.13%	8.00%
MSCI Italy Index	6.84%	-0.42%
MSCI World Small Cap Index	6.29%	11.98%
MSCI EAFE	6.14%	6.95%

MSCI North America Index	6.13%	13.81%
MSCI World Index	6.13%	10.90%
MSCI UK Index	5.99%	7.11%
MSCI Japan Index	-1.84%	0.09%
MSCI Ireland Index	-2.11%	0.92%
MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Indices		
MSCI Egypt Index	22.63%	61.95%
MSCI India Index	14.92%	23.59%
MSCI Thailand Index	9.94%	23.63%
MSCI Korea Index	9.82%	14.65%
MSCI Russia Index	9.01%	7.38%
MSCI EM Eastern Europe Index	8.91%	9.33%
MSCI EM Europe Index	8.79%	12.85%
MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index	7.42%	13.92%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	6.97%	9.41%
MSCI BRIC Index	6.43%	4.52%
MSCI EM Latin America Index	4.35%	2.01%
MSCI Brazil Index	4.34%	-5.60%
MSCI Morocco Index	-3.97%	-17.52%
MSCI Frontier Markets Indices		
MSCI Nigeria Index	31.76%	39.81%
MSCI Frontier Markets Africa Index	23.79%	33.36%
MSCI Kazakhstan Index	12.67%	25.40%
MSCI United Arab Emirates Index	9.85%	18.03%
MSCI Kenya Index	8.90%	39.91%
MSCI Pakistan Index	8.41%	19.69%
MSCI Frontier Markets Index	6.98%	1.98%
MSCI Frontier Markets Small Cap Index	5.24%	2.09%
MSCI Argentina Index	0.83%	-46.87%
MSCI Bulgaria Index	-1.69%	-32.04%
MSCI Vietnam Index	-8.55%	13.02%
MSCI Bahrain Index	-10.60%	-7.24%

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¹ As of June 30, 2011, based on eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg data.

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