

Wurts & Associates Selects MSCI's BarraOne

New York – July 31, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that Wurts & Associates has selected BarraOne as an integral tool in their investment process.

Wurts & Associates, a Seattle-based investment consultant with USD 40 billion in assets under advisement, will utilize BarraOne for both their newly launched Outsourced CIO (OCIO) platform as well as within their traditional, non-discretionary client base. BarraOne is being used by key practitioners in the industry to move from the traditional asset class asset allocation exercise to a more actionable risk factor-based approach.

"BarraOne will serve as the backbone to our risk-based asset allocation approach to fiduciary management at Wurts," said Jeff Scott, CIO, at Wurts. "We have a strong commitment to our risk management practices, and BarraOne provides a coherent, multi-asset class framework for interactive risk analysis." By combining global public markets coverage with alternatives and private asset class modeling, BarraOne enables Wurts to tailor allocations to the risk appetite and economic forecasts of each client.

Roveen Bhansali, Managing Director and Head of the Risk Management Analytics Business at MSCI, added, "We are delighted to be working with Wurts & Associates to provide them with the tools they need for their investment and risk management processes. We continue to see a strong demand in the Asset Owner space for our best-in-class products and services available in risk measurement and management, and Wurts' selection of BarraOne is helping to promote best practices. We look forward to a long, successful relationship with Wurts."

For more information www.msci.com/products/risk_management_analytics/barraone

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MSCI Inc. is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investors globally, including asset managers, banks, hedge funds and pension funds. MSCI products and services include indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and governance tools.

The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with approximately USD 7 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis¹; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; 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.

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

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