
MSCI Barra Opens Office in Stamford, Connecticut

New office expands MSCI Barra's presence in the Americas

New York – July 31, 2008 - MSCI Barra (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics, announced today that it has expanded its presence in the Americas with the opening of a new office in Stamford, Connecticut. The office covers clients including hedge funds and asset managers across the state of Connecticut and Westchester County in New York State.

Commenting on the new office, Diana Kabir, Managing Director and Head of Americas Client Coverage, said, "The opening of the new Stamford office is a direct result of increasing demand for our index and analytics products in this region. A base in Stamford will enable us to provide our clients in Connecticut and Westchester County, New York, with local support and the best possible service."

The Stamford-based team is headed by Brett Tarleton, Executive Director and supports clients utilizing the MSCI Indices and Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics.

The opening of the Stamford office brings the total number of MSCI Barra offices worldwide to 20, including the company's headquarters in New York.

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About MSCI Barra

MSCI Barra is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Barra products include indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

The company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which are estimated to have over USD 3 trillion benchmarked to them, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is the controlling shareholder of MSCI Barra.

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