

Tae Jong Um Joins MSCI as Head of Korea

Seoul – April 26, 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, announced today that Tae Jong (TJ) Um has joined the firm as Head of Korea, with overall responsibility for driving the future development of MSCI's business in that market.

Dr Um joins MSCI as a Managing Director, reporting to Deborah Yang, Managing Director and Head of Asia ex Japan, and will be based in the company's Seoul office.

"We are delighted that TJ has decided to join MSCI," said Deborah Yang, Managing Director and Head of Asia ex Japan. "After opening our first office in Korea earlier this year, we are pleased to build on the momentum with this strategic hire to spearhead our efforts. TJ's unique experience and industry expertise is a perfect fit for MSCI as we continue to grow our business in the rapidly expanding market of Korea."

Prior to joining MSCI, Dr Um worked at Samsung Asset Management where he was most recently Chief Investment Officer for Public & Pension Investment and Chief Marketing Officer for Global Business Development. Before taking up these roles, Dr Um was Chief Investment Officer of Global Investment, also at Samsung, where he was in charge of global investments in traditional and alternative asset classes.

Before joining Samsung Asset Management in 2002, Dr Um held senior positions at Samsung Fire & Marine and Continuum Wealth Management. He has a PhD in Economics from Cornell University and a BA in Economics from Seoul National University.

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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.

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