

## BMO Asset Management Inc. Chooses MSCI as the Basis for 2 ETFs

**New York – May 14, 2013** – <u>MSCI</u> Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, has announced that BMO Asset Management Inc. (BMO AM) has licensed the <u>MSCI</u> <u>Emerging Markets Index</u> and the MSCI EAFE 100% Hedged to CAD Dollars Index for two exchange traded funds (ETFs) for the Canadian market.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index represents the performance of large and mid cap securities across 21 Emerging Markets countries. The MSCI EAFE 100% Hedged to CAD Dollars Index represents the performance of large and mid cap securities across Developed Markets countries, excluding the US and Canada, and is designed to represent a close approximation of the return from hedging the currency exposures of the constituents of the index in the one month forward market at the end of each month.

"BMO Asset Management Inc. recognizes that MSCI is known as the pre-eminent benchmark provider for international equity performance and global emerging markets equity performance and we are pleased to have the opportunity to license the MSCI EAFE 100% Hedged to CAD Dollars Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index," said Kevin Gopaul, Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, BMO AM.

Diana Tidd, Managing Director and Head of the MSCI Index Business in the Americas, said, "We are pleased that BMO has chosen MSCI and to begin our relationship with this important player in the ETF market in Canada. MSCI is the premier index provider for international investing and the continued adoption of our indices as the basis for ETFs is further evidence of that."

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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 close to USD 7 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis<sup>1</sup>; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; IPD real estate information, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; and FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

<sup>1</sup>As of September 30, 2012, as published by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg on January 31, 2013

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