

MSCI Takes Top Honors in Index Industry Awards

- **Index Innovation of the Year**
- **Best Index Provider for ETF Products**
- **Best Provider of Benchmark Indices**

London – November 25, 2013 – [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, is pleased to announce that it has won top honors in three industry awards recognizing leadership in the index industry.

Earlier this month, MSCI was awarded **'Index Innovation of the Year'** in the Structured Products Europe Awards 2013, which recognize excellence and innovation in the manufacture and distribution of structured products. MSCI was also voted **'Best Index Provider for ETF Products'** in the inaugural ETF Risk European Rankings 2013, which name the best providers in the exchange-traded fund (ETF) industry, as voted by institutional investors, consultants, trading houses, ETF issuers, research firms and exchanges. In October, for the fifth consecutive year, MSCI was named **'Best Provider of Benchmark Indices'** in the Asian Investor 2013 Service Provider Awards.

"These industry awards reflect MSCI's position as a pioneer in the creation of innovative products, such as factor indices, and the enduring appeal of our traditional market cap weighted indices," said Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Global Head of the MSCI Index Business. "With the continued adoption of our indices as the basis of new ETFs, and a number of exciting new index launches this year, MSCI continues to set the standard in the index world and we are proud that this has been recognized by the industry."

This has been a year of recognition for MSCI's index business. In October, Deborah Yang, Managing Director and Head of the MSCI Index Business in EMEA and India, was named one of the [Top 100 Influential Women in the European financial markets by Financial News](#). In July 2013, MSCI was named the benchmark of choice for international equity ETFs in the fourth annual [Greenwich Associates](#) study.¹ The study found that 88% of US institutional ETF users and 100% percent of investment consultants named MSCI as their benchmark of choice.

Commenting on MSCI winning the 'Index Innovation of the Year' award, Structured Products Magazine wrote, "MSCI has taken the lead in transforming academic research into empirical indexes with its range of risk premia benchmarks, which have gathered a total of USD 31 billion throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa in structured products and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). At a time when risk premia strategies are a hot topic with investors exploring risk factors, MSCI stands out as the index provider that best reflects their prevailing investment preferences."

¹ Greenwich Report "Institutional Investors' Relationship with ETFs Deepens", May 2013, Greenwich Associates.

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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 7.5 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; IPD real estate information, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS corporate governance research, data 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.

¹As of March 31, 2013, as reported on July 31, 2013 by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg

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