

MSCI Opens Office in Seoul, South Korea

New office significantly expands company's presence in Asia

Seoul – January 9, 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 it has opened a new office in Seoul, South Korea.

This announcement reinforces MSCI's commitment to the growing South Korean market with a local office, a local team and products tailored to the needs of local investors. The office, based in the central business district of Seoul, will enable MSCI to provide an on-the-ground presence to serve existing and prospective clients throughout South Korea.

Henry Fernandez, Chairman and CEO of MSCI, officially opened the office today at a celebratory event with clients and the media. He commented, "I am delighted to be here today to open our Seoul office. We have been serving the needs of our South Korean client base effectively from our other offices in the region since the late 1990s, but we have now decided to invest in a local office to meet the growing demand for our market leading products and services. I am confident that our team here will continue to grow the business and provide excellent local support to our clients in this fast evolving market."

MSCI also launched the MSCI Kukje Index today, a market capitalization weighted index designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets excluding South Korea. This index, specifically designed for the Korean market, will serve as an effective tool for Korean investors wishing to access the international equity market opportunity set.

The new office is located at:

27/F, West Center, Center 1 Bldg.
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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; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; 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.

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

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