



MSCI Becomes First Major Global Equity Index Provider Authorised as an EU Regulated Benchmark Administrator

London – 8 March 2018 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of research-based indexes and analytics, today announced that on 5 March 2018 the UK’s Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) granted MSCI Limited authorisation as a regulated UK benchmark administrator, under the EU benchmark regulation.

Successful authorisation from the FCA comes following MSCI’s application submission in October 2017, making it the first large global index provider to gain this status. MSCI Limited is the benchmark administrator for all MSCI equity indexes.

Commenting on the FCA’s approval, Baer Pettit, president of MSCI, said: “We welcome the positive news of the FCA’s decision and feel it reflects our continued commitment to high standards in benchmark administration, which pre-dates the EU benchmark regulation. This is evidenced through our adoption of the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks and our long history as a respected benchmark provider. We fully support the objectives of the benchmark regulation and will continue to be an active contributor to its development. Today’s announcement underlines MSCI’s commitment towards providing our clients with certainty and stability.”

MSCI Limited is listed on the [FCA register](#) and on the [ESMA register](#) for administrators.

More information can be found on the [index regulation page](#) of MSCI’s website.

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Our line of products and services includes indexes, analytical models, data, real estate benchmarks and ESG research.

MSCI serves 99 of the top 100 largest money managers, according to the most recent P&I ranking.

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