

MSCI Launches New Barra Stochastic Factor Models

Barra Europe Stochastic Factor Model (EURS1) first to come to market

London – September 5, 2012 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, is pleased to announce the launch of the first in a family of Barra Stochastic Factor models, the Barra Europe Stochastic Factor Model (EURS1). EURS1 provides new insights into market dynamics that complement the analytical power offered by the Barra fundamental factor models.

Barra EURS1 incorporates numerous innovative techniques, and can be used to generate equity portfolio risk forecasts that provide institutional investors with new opportunities to view their risk and return. There are six versions of EURS1 that cater for a broad range of investment styles, from managers who look to trade on a daily basis, to those who manage their portfolios with long-term horizons.

Peter Zangari, Managing Director of Equity Portfolio Management Analytics at MSCI said, “MSCI has a long-standing position as a leader in equity risk analytics. This position is built upon our research in fundamental factor models and we plan to continue that success with our new stochastic risk model. The stochastic model makes use of mathematical and statistical methods to ‘learn’ factors and exposures that evolve with the market.”

“Challenging market conditions such as those experienced by many of our clients over recent years have highlighted the need for institutional investors to scrutinize their investment and risk management processes, and in many cases, seek additional approaches to view the market.”

“EURS1 is well placed to serve as a standalone risk model, or as a complement to the Barra fundamental factor models, thus providing users with a powerful suite of tools for portfolio construction and risk management.”

For more information on the Barra EURS1 Stochastic Factor model, please visit msci.com.

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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; 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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