

# MSCI Hires Andy Sparks as Head of Product Management for Risk Management Analytics

**New York – May 31, 2011**– MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today the appointment of Andy Sparks as Managing Director and Head of Product Management in the firm's Risk Management Analytics business. Based in New York, Mr Sparks will be responsible for driving the product agenda for Riskmetrics RiskManager and BarraOne, MSCI's flagship risk management product suites. This will include leading decision making on product prioritization and resource allocation, as well as providing product leadership on the technology integration of the platform.

"We are delighted that Andy has chosen to join MSCI," said Roveen Bhansali, Managing Director and Head of Risk Management Analytics at MSCI. "Andy's extensive experience in developing portfolio and risk analytics tools, his deep knowledge of the clients' investment processes, and his product and content expertise, particularly in fixed income, will be invaluable as we scale up our product roadmaps for our multi-asset class risk analytics products."

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Sparks said, "I am very excited to be joining MSCI. The company's commitment to research, its extensive global reach, and its innovative products are all truly impressive. I believe MSCI is strongly positioned to take advantage of the market's growing need for enhanced risk management tools."

Prior to joining MSCI, Mr Sparks had been Head of Product Management for the POINT business at Barclays Capital, where he had responsibility for product strategy and product execution for the POINT portfolio analytics platform. In this role, he was able to leverage his extensive knowledge of indices, valuation models, and portfolio risk tools.

Mr Sparks was named the founding member and Head of the POINT Marketing group at Lehman Brothers in 2004. He also had managerial responsibility for the index business between 2006 and 2008.

Mr Sparks joined Lehman Brothers in 1995. Other senior level positions he held within the bank included Head of Mortgage Strategies and Head of US Rate Strategies. Before joining Lehman Brothers, Mr Sparks was Head of Mortgage and Rates Research at Citicorp Securities.

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices which include over 148,000 daily indices covering more than 70 countries; Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics covering global equity and fixed income markets; RiskMetrics 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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