

Kazuya Nagasawa Joins MSCI as Head of Japan

Tokyo – January 31, 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 Kazuya Nagasawa has joined the firm as Head of Japan, with overall responsibility for MSCI's growing business in that market.

Mr Nagasawa joins MSCI as a Managing Director and a member of the Operating Committee, reporting to Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Global Head of Client Coverage and Marketing. He replaces Philippe Ballet who has decided to retire at the end of February to spend more time with his family.

"I am delighted that Kazu has decided to join MSCI," said Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Global Head of Client Coverage and Marketing. "His experience and knowledge of the local market is extremely relevant to our growing business in Japan. We all look forward to working closely with him over the coming months as he builds on the solid foundations laid by his predecessor."

Prior to joining MSCI, Mr Nagasawa worked within the Quantitative Investment Strategies group at Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM). He took on overall responsibility for that group within Japan in 2007, and also sat on the Executive Committee of GSAM Japan.

Before joining GSAM in 1998, Mr Nagasawa worked at Meiji Life Insurance for four years. He has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and a Masters in Mechanical Engineering, both from Keio University.

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