

## NYSE Liffe Expands Futures Based on MSCI Factor Indexes

**London – February 6, 2014** – [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced that NYSE Liffe, operated by Intercontinental Exchange Group (NYSE: ICE) a leading global network of exchanges and clearing houses, will expand its index derivatives franchise with the launch of futures based on [MSCI Factor Indexes](#). The new futures contracts, based on the [MSCI Minimum Volatility](#) Index and the [MSCI Equal Weighted](#) Index families, will be available February 3 on the Bclear platform:

- MSCI Emerging Market Minimum Volatility and Equal Weighted Futures
- MSCI Europe Minimum Volatility and Equal Weighted Futures
- MSCI USA Equal Weighted Futures
- MSCI World Minimum Volatility and Equal Weighted Futures

“NYSE Liffe is committed to supporting the evolving requirements of its customers. The addition of Minimum Volatility and Equal Weighted index futures contracts to NYSE Liffe’s MSCI derivatives portfolio enables market users to directly implement smart passive strategies via Bclear, our flexible and cost effective wholesale facility,” said Ade Cordell, Executive Director of Equity Derivatives, NYSE Liffe. “We are pleased to be the first exchange to offer futures contracts on these innovative MSCI indexes.”

“MSCI’s Factor Indexes are designed to reflect the performance of systematic returns associated with certain key investment styles,” said Baer Pettit, Managing Director and Global Head of the MSCI Index Business. “The introduction of futures based on these indexes on the Bclear platform shows NYSE Liffe’s commitment to continuously stay ahead of the trends in the investment and derivatives markets.”

Equity factor investing was pioneered in the 1970s based on research, data and analytics created by Barra – today an MSCI company. In recent years, MSCI has developed a range of indexes that provide institutional investors with a basis for implementing a transparent and efficient passive approach to seek the excess returns historically obtained over long time horizons through active factor investing. In 2008, MSCI introduced the industry’s first Minimum Volatility Index. More than USD 60 billion in assets are benchmarked to MSCI Factor Indexes<sup>1</sup>.

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### About MSCI

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 7.5 trillion estimated to be benchmarked to them on a worldwide basis<sup>1</sup>; Barra multi-asset class factor models, portfolio risk and performance analytics; RiskMetrics multi-asset class market and credit risk analytics; IPD real estate information, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS corporate governance research, data and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; and FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

<sup>1</sup>As of March 31, 2013, as reported on July 31, 2013 by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg

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