

MSCI Expands On Campus Offering

Program Now Offers Suite of ESG, Risk and Portfolio Management Applications

New York – September 9, 2013 – Through its “MSCI on Campus” program, [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, has expanded its offering to academic institutions to include environmental, social, and governance (ESG) research, ratings, and screening in addition to risk and portfolio management applications.

“MSCI on Campus was developed to expose students to the cutting-edge concepts underpinning multi-factor modeling that will give them a competitive advantage once they enter the workforce,” said Deborah Berebichez, Vice President for Portfolio Management Analytics at MSCI. “These students are the next generation of quantitative investment professionals, and it’s essential to expose them to real-life market tools like Barra analytics and ESG research and tools that are helping solve today’s investment challenges.”

[MSCI ESG Manager on Campus](#) is a dedicated online ESG research platform for both students and faculty looking to research sustainability issues, the effect of ESG factors on investment returns, and other topics in this domain. It provides an integrated suite of tools to conduct company research and analysis across a broad spectrum of ESG factors through MSCI ESG Research’s three core products: MSCI ESG IVA for ESG ratings, MSCI ESG Impact Monitor for reputational risk assessments and MSCI ESG Business Involvement Screening Research.

MSCI on Campus recently participated in the university Investment Challenge sponsored by the Chicago Quantitative Alliance (CQA), a premier professional investment organization in the US. MSCI was the sole provider of risk analytics to fifteen participating schools and provided two of its flagship equity models, the [Barra Global Equity Model \(GEM2\)](#) and the [Barra US Equity Model \(USE3\)](#), as well as its portfolio management analytics software, [Barra Portfolio Manager](#), for use in the competition. Students were also exposed to MSCI’s state-of-the art [Barra Open Optimizer](#), a complete portfolio construction solution for efficient optimization.

MSCI’s ‘On Campus’ program started in 1988 with the launch of Barra on Campus. Since its inception, more than 250 schools across 28 countries have participated in the program. For more information or to participate in MSCI on Campus, contact the program coordinator, Deborah Berebichez, at Deborah.Berebichez@msci.com.

QUOTES FROM PARTICIPANTS

“Teaching untrained college students the intricacies of quantitative investing is no easy task, but Barra Equity models, and its risk and return attribution software, Barra Portfolio Manager, made it much easier. Now, when they enter the workforce, they will understand and be conversant on topics like optimization, risk modeling, and performance attribution.”

Robert Jones, former Chief Investment Officer for Quantitative Equity at Goldman Sachs Asset Management and a CQA member who mentored one of the competing teams.

“Barra Portfolio Manager and Equity models allowed us to quantitatively assess our portfolio’s risk and return, and we used these tools to actively manage our exposures. Being new students with little experience, we were able to set up reporting that our industry mentors termed high in quality.”

William Longstretch, UCLA student participant

“With little training in the field of quantitative investing, taking on the CQA Investment Challenge looked like a daunting task, but with the help of Barra Portfolio Manager, I was able to pick up the concepts quickly and, with the use of the rebalance tool, easily optimize new data. The performance attribution page on Barra Portfolio Manager was also very useful in helping me understand where my returns were coming from and how to improve the portfolio. Barra Portfolio Manager was a wonderful tool to help me understand and put to use the basics of quantitative investing.”

Bo Jones, Bucknell University student participant

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The company’s flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with close to 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; IPD real estate information, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS governance research 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.

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