

## MSCI Barra Announces Data Availability for Series of New MSCI Indices

*Data for New MSCI GCC Countries Size Indices, Frontier Markets Indices, and Asia APEX 50 Index Available in Starter Files December 18, 2007*

**New York – December 17, 2007** - MSCI Barra (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio analytics, announced today that index and constituent data for the new MSCI Frontier Markets Indices, MSCI Asia APEX 50 Index and MSCI GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) Countries Large Cap, Mid Cap, Small Cap and Provisional Standard Indices will be made available on December 18, 2007 via starter files.

Index levels and returns will also be available via [www.ms cibarra.com](http://www.ms cibarra.com) shortly after 5:15pm Eastern Standard Time on December 18, 2007, along with constituent data for the MSCI Asia APEX 50 Index. Real time index levels for the MSCI Asia APEX 50 Index will also simultaneously be made available to vendors. Eligible clients will be able to gain access to constituent data for all the new indices on request from MSCI Barra.

The index and constituent data will be added to the existing corresponding MSCI index products on February 7, 2008.

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### About MSCI Barra

MSCI Barra is a leading provider of investment decision support tools to investment institutions worldwide. MSCI Barra products include indices and portfolio analytics for use in managing equity, fixed income and multi-asset class portfolios.

The company's flagship products are the MSCI International Equity Indices, which are estimated to have over USD 3 trillion benchmarked to them, and the Barra risk models and portfolio analytics, which cover 56 equity and 46 fixed income markets. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm, is the majority shareholder of MSCI Barra.

MSCI Barra was voted "Index Provider of the Year" at the 2007 Global Pensions Magazine Awards.

**For further information on MSCI Barra, please visit our web site at [www.ms cibarra.com](http://www.ms cibarra.com)**

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