
MSCI Barra Opens Office in Boston

New Office Expands MSCI Barra's Presence in the Americas

New York - January 13, 2009 - MSCI Barra (NYSE:MXB), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices and portfolio risk and performance analytics, announced today that it has expanded its presence in the Americas with the opening of a new office in Boston. The office serves many of the world's largest asset managers, pension plans, endowments, hedge funds and custodians across most of New England.

The Boston-based team, including several new hires, provides support for clients using the MSCI Indices and Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics. Heading the office is Frank Cummings, Executive Director and Head of FEA, MSCI Barra's energy and commodity asset valuation analytics group.

Commenting on the new office, Diana Kabir, Managing Director and Head of Americas Client Coverage, said, "The growth of the Boston business under Jay McNamara, Executive Director, based in New York, has been substantial and merits our opening a local office. Today, many of our largest clients are based in Boston and this office will enable us to provide them with local support and the best possible service."

The opening of the Boston office brings the total number of MSCI Barra offices worldwide to 19, including the company's headquarters in New York, and sales offices in San Francisco, Chicago, Stamford, and São Paulo in Brazil.

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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 risk and performance 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 controlling shareholder of MSCI Barra.

In 2008 MSCI Barra was named Index Provider of the Year at the European Pensions Awards and Best Provider of Benchmark Indices in Asia Pacific at the AsianInvestor Service Provider Awards.

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