

MSCI Completes Implementation of MSCI WealthBench® for Daiwa Securities

TOKYO – August 6, 2020 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of mission critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community, announced the successful completion of the implementation of MSCI WealthBench® for Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd., a group securities firm of Daiwa Securities Group Inc. (TSE:8601) and one of the largest securities firms in Japan.

The roll out of MSCI WealthBench®, has supported the launch of Daiwa’s new “Investment Planning” service which provides investment solutions for their clients across all stages of the investment process, from portfolio analysis, investment strategy planning, portfolio implementation to monitoring.

The flexibility of MSCI WealthBench® enables Daiwa’s investment advisors to create customized investment proposals for their clients in Japanese language with streamlined workflows. The implementation of MSCI WealthBench® for Daiwa Securities represents the first full implementation of MSCI WealthBench® for a Japanese client after many years of successfully supporting clients in the U.S. and Europe.

Jack Lin, Head of Client Coverage Asia Pacific at MSCI said, “We are delighted to support Daiwa to provide the innovative wealth management solution to its clients in Japan, helping investors effectively build and manage their investment portfolios.”

Howard Zhu, Head of Analytics Asia Pacific at MSCI added, “This implementation underpins MSCI’s commitment to provide innovative tools and solutions which are designed to empower investors to gain better insights into the performance and effectiveness of their portfolios, leading to enhanced client conversations and engagement.”

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MSCI is a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. With over 45 years of expertise in research, data and technology, we power better investment decisions by enabling clients to understand and analyze key drivers of risk and return and confidently build more effective portfolios. We create industry-leading research-enhanced solutions that clients use to gain insight into and improve transparency across the investment process. To learn more, please visit www.msci.com.

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