

MSCI Hires Laurent Seyer as Global Head of Client Coverage

London – December 1, 2014 – [MSCI Inc.](#) (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, announced today that Laurent Seyer has joined MSCI as a Managing Director and Global Head of Client Coverage. Based in London, Mr. Seyer reports to Henry Fernandez, MSCI's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and is a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

"I am delighted that Laurent has joined MSCI. He brings a wealth of experience in building and managing global client coverage teams," said Mr. Fernandez. "He is also very familiar with the way global investors build and manage their portfolios and bring innovative strategies to market. His appointment further strengthens our senior leadership team and will enable us to develop and expand MSCI's relationships with our clients around the world."

Mr. Seyer added, "I am thrilled to join an innovative international company like MSCI. In today's complex and volatile markets, asset owners and managers are looking for tools to help them make more informed investment decisions and better monitor risks. MSCI is ideally positioned to provide these products and services to clients, today and in the future."

Before joining MSCI, Mr. Seyer was Global Head of the Client Group at AXA Investment Managers LLC in Paris, where he previously also served as Global Head of Multi Asset Client Solutions. Prior to that, Mr. Seyer spent 24 years at Société Générale where he held a variety of senior roles in equity derivatives and structured product sales, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and corporate development and business strategy, culminating in his role as CEO of Lyxor Asset Management from 2006 to 2012. Mr. Seyer graduated from the Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris.

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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 indexes, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and ESG data and research.

The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indexes with over USD 9.5 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, indexes and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; 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. MSCI#IR

¹ As of June 30, 2014, as reported on September 30 2014 by eVestment, Morningstar and Bloomberg

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Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in MSCI’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 filed with the SEC on February 28, 2014, and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what MSCI projected. Any forward-looking statement in this release reflects MSCI’s current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCI’s operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCI assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.