

Assets in Equity ETFs Linked to MSCI Indexes Reach All-Time High of \$511 Billion

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- **Over \$53 billion worldwide in ETFs linked to MSCI’s factor indexes**

New York – February 2, 2017 – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI) announced today that assets in equity exchange-traded funds (ETFs) linked to its indexes reached an all-time high of \$511 billion on January 27, 2017, up 28% from the same period a year earlier.¹

Since the start of the year, assets in ETFs linked to MSCI’s indexes rose \$30 billion, which includes in-flows of \$12 billion and market appreciation of \$17 billion, as of January 27, 2017.¹

With more than 900 ETFs tracking MSCI’s indexes globally, more equity ETFs track MSCI’s indexes than those of any other index provider.¹

“This milestone is a testament to the diversity of MSCI’s indexes and our ability to deliver innovative, high-quality products,” said Diana Tidd, MSCI’s Head of Index. “Following strong growth in 2016, we intend to maintain our leadership with the combination of innovation and quality that ETF providers expect from MSCI.”

Overall, assets in ETFs linked to MSCI’s factor indexes reached \$53 billion globally, as of January 27, 2017.¹ ETF assets linked to MSCI indexes are one component of the more than \$10 trillion in assets under management benchmarked to MSCI’s indexes worldwide.²

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¹ Source: Bloomberg data, as of Jan 27, 2017. Data calculated by aggregating the number of share classes of all exchange traded funds tracking an MSCI index, as identified by separate Bloomberg tickers using MSCI classification. Only primary listings, and not cross-listings, are counted

² As of June 2016, reported in September 2016 by eVestment, Morningstar and Bloomberg

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