

MSCI Licenses Indices to BlackRock Canada for New iShares ETFs

New York – May 13, 2013 – [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, has announced that BlackRock Canada has licensed two of its flagship indices, the [MSCI EAFE Investable Market Index \(IMI\)](#) and the [MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market Index \(IMI\)](#), as the basis for the following two unhedged exchange traded funds (ETFs) for the Canadian market:

- iShares MSCI EAFE IMI Index ETF (XEF)
- iShares MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index ETF (XEC)

The two funds were launched on April 15, 2013.

The MSCI EAFE IMI represents the performance of large, mid and small cap securities across Developed Markets countries, excluding the US and Canada. The MSCI Emerging Markets IMI represents the performance of large, mid and small cap securities across 21 Emerging Markets countries.

Diana Tidd, Managing Director and Head of the MSCI Index Business in the Americas, said, “MSCI continues to be the benchmark of choice for the ETF market and we are pleased that BlackRock has once again chosen MSCI for their iShares franchise.”

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The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices with close to USD 7 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, indices and analytics; MSCI ESG (environmental, social and governance) Research screening, analysis and ratings; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; 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.

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