

# MSCI Launches New ESG Indices for Emerging Markets and ACWI

## New Benchmarks Join Family of MSCI Global Sustainability Indices

**London—June 6, 2013**—[MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, today launched two new [Environmental, Social and Governance \(ESG\) Indices](#), the [MSCI Emerging Markets ESG Index](#) and the [MSCI ACWI ESG Index](#). The new indices bring comprehensive global coverage to the [MSCI Global Sustainability Indices](#) family.

“Sustainability best practices are increasingly becoming part of the corporate agenda as socially responsible investing gains importance. Our new MSCI ESG Indices are in response to growing demand in the market for sustainability indices that cover the global equity universe,” said Remy Briand, Managing Director and Global Head of Index and ESG Research at MSCI.

The MSCI Emerging Markets ESG and the MSCI ACWI ESG Indices aim to capture securities with high ESG rankings which are derived from in-depth analysis across a spectrum of [ESG factors](#). The MSCI Global Sustainability Indices methodology targets sector weights that reflect the relative sector weights of their MSCI parent indices, helping to limit systematic risk introduced by the ESG selection process. Generally, each MSCI ESG Index targets coverage of 50 percent of its respective parent index.

On June 18, 2013, MSCI is hosting a webinar on the MSCI Global Sustainability Indices. Topics will include the benefits of the MSCI Global Sustainability Indices, the principles of their construction and the MSCI ESG Research Framework.

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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 basis<sup>1</sup>; 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.

<sup>1</sup>As of September 30, 2012, as published by eVestment, Lipper and Bloomberg on January 31, 2013

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