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## **MSCI Launches Barra Portfolio Manager**

### ***Significant Investment Reflects Commitment to Deliver New Equity Portfolio Management Tools***

**New York – December 13, 2010** - MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics and corporate governance services, announced today the launch of Barra Portfolio Manager, the next generation of equity portfolio management tools for institutional investors.

Designed to help fund managers and their teams manage, monitor and build better equity portfolios, Barra Portfolio Manager provides users with additional portfolio insight and enables them to make faster, more informed investment decisions. With its easy-to-use, interactive user interface, Barra Portfolio Manager offers a cost-effective way to access a broad range of equity portfolio analytics, advanced workflow tools, and high quality data.

"In this competitive environment, our clients need flexible, easy-to-use tools that align with their investment process – whether quantitative, fundamental or a blend of both," said Nathan Tidd, Global Head of Equity Analytics at MSCI. "We designed Barra Portfolio Manager with these requirements in mind and the result is a platform that investment managers can rely on for a broad range of mission-critical information."

The launch of Barra Portfolio Manager is part of a multi-year, multi-phase investment by MSCI in its portfolio management analytics business. Future releases of Barra Portfolio Manager will add further capabilities for developing, testing and managing investment products. Over time, MSCI plans to add additional portfolio construction capabilities for strategy development, back testing, optimized rebalancing, alpha investigation, and standard web-based interfaces (APIs).

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#### **About MSCI Inc.**

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 indices, portfolio risk and performance analytics, and governance tools.

The company's flagship product offerings are: the MSCI indices which include over 120,000 daily indices covering more than 70 countries; Barra portfolio risk and performance analytics covering global equity and fixed income markets; RiskMetrics market and credit risk analytics; ISS governance research and outsourced proxy voting and reporting services; FEA valuation models and risk management software for the energy and commodities markets; and CFRA forensic accounting risk research, legal/regulatory risk assessment, and due-diligence. MSCI is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world.

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