

# EXPERIENCE THE MODERN INDEX STRATEGY

MSCI indexing offers a modern, seamless and fully integrated approach at measuring the full equity opportunity set, with no gaps or overlaps.



# **EXPERIENCE THE MODERN INDEX STRATEGY**

### MODERN

# Evolves to measure and capture equity markets as they exist today

Our indexes are built using an innovative maintenance methodology that provides superior balance between the need for a stable index that is flexible enough to adjust quickly to a constantly changing opportunity set. We provide timely and consistent treatment of corporate events and synchronized rebalancings, globally.

# **SEAMLESS**

# Covers the full opportunity set and all its segments, including GICS® sectors

All of MSCI's indexes are created using the Global Industry
Classification Standard (GICS®),
an industry classification system
developed by MSCI and S&P Global,
which provides a common framework
to classify stocks. They offer
exhaustive coverage of the investable
opportunity set with non-overlapping
size and style segmentation.

# INTEGRATED Consistent methodology for every market

Where other providers use either a long- or short-term liquidity measure to assess the eligibility of stocks for their indexes, MSCI uses both, recognizing the differences in liquidity between developed and emerging markets and enhancing the investability and replicability of our indexes. MSCI puts strong emphasis on investability and replicability of its indexes through the use of size and liquidity screens.

# MSCI FLAGSHIP INDEXES

## **MSCI ACWI**

The MSCI ACWI Index, MSCI's flagship global equity index, is designed to represent performance of the full opportunity set of large- and mid-cap stocks across 23 developed and 24 emerging markets. As of September 2017, it covered more than 2,400 constituents across 11 sectors and represented approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each market.

# **MSCI WORLD**

The MSCI World Index is designed to represent the performance of large- and mid-cap stocks across 23 developed markets. With more than 1,600 constituents, it covered approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country as of September 2017.

# **MSCI EAFE**

The MSCI EAFE Index is designed to represent the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets in Europe, Australasia and the Far East, excluding the U.S. and Canada. With more than 900 constituents as of September 2017, the MSCI EAFE Index covered approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

### MSCI EMERGING MARKETS

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is designed to represent the performance of large- and mid-cap securities in 24 countries. It had more than 830 constituents as of September 2017 and covered approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

### **MSCI USA**

The MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. market. As of September 2017, it covered more than 600 constituents and approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the U.S. It represents over 52% of the MSCI ACWI Index, MSCI's flagship gauge of global equity markets.

# **MSCI EUROPE**

The MSCI Europe Index is designed to represent the performance of large- and mid-cap equities across 15 developed markets. As of September 2017 it had more than 400 constituents and covered approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across European developed-market equity.

# MSCI GLOBAL EQUITY INDEXES

The MSCI Global Equity Indexes are used by institutional investors worldwide for investment analysis, performance measurement, asset allocation, hedging and the creation of a wide range of index derivatives, funds, ETFs and structured products. From market cap weighted regional, country and sector indexes to indexes based on investment strategies such as factor investing, MSCI delivers The Modern Index Strategy enabling the construction and monitoring of portfolios in a cohesive and complete manner, avoiding benchmark misfit and uncompensated risks.

MARKET CAP INDEXES	MSCI FACTOR AND STRATEGY INDEXES	MSCI THEMATIC INDEXES	REAL ESTATE INDEXES	MSCI ESG INDEXES	MSCI CUSTOM INDEXES
All Country (AC) (DM + EM)	Single Factor Indexes: Quality	Economic Exposure	Sector Real Estate	ESG Leaders	Select Universe
Developed Markets	Value	Emerging + Frontier Markets Workforce	Core Real Estate	SRI	Different Weighting
(DM)	Size Yield	Index	Liquid Real Estate	Global ex Controversial Weapons	Currencies & Tax Rates
Emerging Markets (EM)	Volatility Momentum	Agriculture Food Chain	IPD Property Fund	Global Environment	
Frontier Markets (FM)		Commodity Producers	IPD Direct Property		
Domestic	Multi-Factor Series	Infrastructure	Custom Real Estate	Sustainable Impact	
Large Cap	Diversified Multiple-Factor	Faith based		Low Carbon	
Mid Cap	Strategic Indexes:	Cyclical Sectors		ESG Focus	
Standard	Capped: 10/40	Defensive Sectors		ESG Select	
(Large + Mid Cap)	25/50	Islamic		Governance-Quality	
Small Cap	Standard Capped	Islamic M-Series		Women's Leadership	
SMID CAP (Small + Mid Cap)	Hedged & Currency: Hedged			ESG Universal	
IMI (Large + Mid	FX Hedge Currency			Global ex Coal	
+ Small Cap)	Adaptive Hedge			Global ex Fossil fuels	
Micro Cap (DM only)	Short & Leveraged (Daily)			Bloomberg Barclays MSCI ESG Fixed Income*	
All Cap (DM only)				rixed income	
Value & Growth					
Sectors (GICS)					

94% OF US PENSION FUND ASSETS INVESTED IN GLOBAL EQUITIES ARE BENCHMARKED TO MSCI INDEXES<sup>1</sup>

MORE THAN 85% OF ALL INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND ASSETS ARE BENCHMARKED TO MSCI INDEXES

<sup>\*</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays MSCI ESG Fixed Income Indexes includes more than 500 indexes, including the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Green Bonds Index.

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2016, according to Intersec.

# MSCI MARKET CAP WEIGHTED INDEXES

Designed to represent equity markets around the world, MSCI Market Cap Weighted Indexes are used by thousands of asset managers, pension funds, hedge funds and banks as benchmark for over USD 12.4 trillion of assets<sup>2</sup>.

The MSCI Market Cap Weighted Indexes provide exhaustive equity market coverage for more than 80 countries in the Developed, Emerging and Frontier Markets, applying a consistent index construction and maintenance methodology.

This methodology allows for meaningful global views and cross regional comparisons across all market capitalization size, sector and style segments and combinations.

				MSCI ACWI &	FRONTIER MA	ARKETS INDEX	(			
MSCI ACWI INDEX				MSCI EMERGING & FRONTIER MARKETS INDEX						
MSCI WORLD INDEX MS			MSCI EM	MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEX		MSCI FRONTIER MARKETS INDEX				
DEVELOPED MARKETS			EMERGING MARKETS		FRONTIER MARKETS					
Americas	Europe & Middle East	Pacific	Americas	Europe, Middle East & Africa	Asia	Americas	Europe & CIS	Africa	Middle East	Asia
Canada Austria United States Belgium Denmark Finland France Germany Ireland Israel Italy Netherlands Norway Portugal Spain Sweden Switzerland United Kingdom	Belgium Denmark Finland France Germany Ireland Israel Italy Netherlands Norway	elgium Hong Kong enmark Japan inland New Zealand rance Singapore ermany eland rael aly etherlands orway oortugal pain weden witzerland	Brazil Chile Colombia Mexico Peru	Czech Republic Egypt Greece Hungary Poland Qatar Russia South Africa Turkey United Arab Emirates	China India Indonesia Korea Malaysia Pakistan Philippines Taiwan Thailand	Argentina	Croatia Estonia Lithuania Kazakhstan Romania Serbia Slovenia	Kenya Mauritius Morocco Nigeria Tunisia WAEMU <sup>2</sup>	Bahrain Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Oman	Bangladesh Sri Lanka Vietnam
	Spain Sweden Switzerland		MSCI STANDALONE MARKET INDEXES¹  Saudi Arabia  Jamaica Bosnia Herzegovina Ghana							
						Panama <sup>3</sup> Trinidad & Tobago	Bulgaria Ukraine	Ghana Zimbabwe		

- 1 The MSCI Standalone Market Indexes are not included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or MSCI Frontier Markets Index. However, these indexes use either the Emerging Markets or the Frontier Markets methodological criteria concerning size and liquidity.
- 2 The West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) consists of the following countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo. Currently the MSCI WAEMU Indexes include securities classified in Senegal, Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso.
- 3 MSCI Panama Index has been launched as a Standalone Market Index with effect from June 1, 2017.

# GLOBAL INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION STANDARD (GICS®)

- In 1999, MSCI and S&P Global developed the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS), seeking to offer an efficient investment tool to capture the breadth, depth and evolution of industry sectors.
- GICS is a four-tiered, hierarchical industry classification system.
- It consists of 11 sectors, 24 industry groups, 68 industries and 157 sub-industries.



# **MSCI FACTOR INDEXES**

The MSCI Factor Indexes are systematic rules-based indexes that represent the return of factors that have historically earned a persistent premium over long periods of time — such as Value, Low Size, Low Volatility, High Yield, Quality and Momentum. MSCI launched the industry's first Minimum Volatility index in 2008, and now provides a broad range of factor indexes such as

the MSCI Quality Indexes and the MSCI Momentum Indexes.

- Both factor indexes and market cap weighted indexes play important roles in asset allocation.
- Market cap indexes can be used to help implement a macro consistent, buy-and-hold

investment strategy aiming to capture the long-term equity risk premium. MSCI methodology takes into account turnover, liquidity and investment capacity.

 Factor indexes can be used to help tilt a portfolio towards factors that have historically outperformed market cap indexes.

# **MSCI FACTOR INDEXES**

SYSTEMATIC FACTORS	MSCI INDEXES
<b>©</b>	MSCI Quality Indexes represent the performace of high quality stocks by weighting based on debt-to-equity, return-on-equity and earnings variability. They are designed to reflect the performance of a quality growth investment strategy
QUALITY	High Exposure: MSCI Quality Index, MSCI Sector Neutral Quality Index High Capacity: MSCI Quality Tilt Indexes
\$ VALUE	MSCI Value Weighted Indexes represent the performance of the value factor by weighting according to four fundamental variables (Sales, Earnings, Cash Flow, Book Value)  High Exposure: MSCI Enhanced Value Index  High Capacity: MSCI Value Weighted Index
SML	MSCI Equal Weighted Indexes represent the performance of the low size effect by equally weighting all stocks in a given parent index  High Exposure: MSCI Equal Weighted Index
O/O  YIELD	MSCI High Dividend Yield Indexes include high dividend stocks with screens for quality and potential yield traps  High Exposure: MSCI High Dividend Yield
VOLATILITY	MSCI Minimum Volatility Indexes include low volatility and lowly correlated stocks to reduce the risk characteristics of the index  High Exposure: MSCI Minimum Volatility Index, MSCI Risk Weighted Index  High Capacity: MSCI Volatility Tilt Index
MOMENTUM	MSCI Momentum Indexes reflect the performance of high momentum stocks by weighting based on 6 and 12 month momentum scaled by volatility  High Exposure: MSCI Momentum Index  High Capacity: MSCI Momentum Tilt Index

# MSCI MULTI-FACTOR INDEXES

MSCI Multi-Factor Indexes combine MSCI Factor Indexes into a single blended index and are designed to allow institutional investors a basis for implementing multi-factor strategies transparently and cost-effectively. These indexes are available in a standard combination provided by MSCI, such as the MSCI Factor Mix A-Series and the Diversified Multiple-Factor Indexes, or as a custom mix created by the client. Client-designed multi-factor indexes enable clients to choose their own mix of MSCI

Factor Indexes and dynamically manage it over time, with insight from IndexMetrics, MSCI's new analytical framework. Both approaches can be based on underlying flagship indexes such as the MSCI EAFE, MSCI ACWI, MSCI World and MSCI Emerging Markets Indexes.

# **GLOBAL EQUITY BETA ADDED VALUE** Passive Investing **Factor Investing Active Management** Indexes **Multi-Factor Investing Active Mandates** Strategic Factor Tilts Volatility Tactical Asset Quality MSCI ACWI IMI Yield Allocation Security Selection Market Timing Tactical Factor Tilts & Overlay Strategies ESG Investing Strategies

APPROXIMATELY USD 213 BILLION
BENCHMARKED TO MSCI FACTOR INDEXES<sup>1</sup>

GLOBALLY, 66% OF LOW VOLATILITY EQUITY ETF ASSETS ARE LINKED TO MSCI INDEXES<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Data as of June, 2017 and reported as of September, 2017 by eVestment, Morningstar, Bloomberg and MSCI.

<sup>2</sup> Bloomberg and MSCI data, as of September 30, 2017. Data calculated by aggregrating the number of share classes of all exchange traded funds tracking an MSCI index, as identified by separate Bloomberg tickers using MSCI classification of factor indexes. Only primary listings, and not cross-listings, are counted.

# MSCI THEMATIC INDEXES

Thematic investing seeks to identify specific social, economic, industrial, environmental or demographic trends and their long-term secular, cyclical and structural influences on the world's economies and markets.

MSCI Thematic Indexes are designed to capture the performance of various broad investment themes. Five thematic indexes are currently available: Economic Exposure, the MSCI Agriculture & Food Chain, Commodity Producers, Infrastructure and Faith-Based.

### MSCI Economic Exposure Indexes

aim to represent the performance of companies with significant exposure to specific regions or countries, regardless of their domicile. The indexes establish an alternative approach to categorizing the global equity universe by deriving a company's economic exposure using the geographic distribution of its revenues. Economic exposure also

reflects the sensitivity of companies to specific countries and regions, which may be an important factor that impacts security level risk and return.

MSCI Emerging + Frontier Markets
Workforce Index includes large and
mid-cap securities and is designed
to represent the performance
of countries with favorable
demographics, education and
employment patterns. The countries
which satisfy the relevant criteria
based on four parameters namely,
youth population, net secondary
school enrolment, agricultural
employment and rural population are
eligible for inclusion in the index.

MSCI Agriculture & Food Chain Indexes aim to capture fundamental shifts that may occur in the global supply/demand balance of the agriculture industry.

### **MSCI Commodity Producers Indexes**

are equity-based indexes that seek to reflect the performance of three underlying commodity markets: energy, metals and agricultural products. As commodities have historically benefited from rising inflation, equity indexes can serve as the basis for products that consumers can use as an inflation hedge and offer diversification benefits.

MSCI Infrastructure Indexes seek to reflect the investment opportunity set represented by companies that are infrastructure owners or operators — companies that tend to demonstrate highly inelastic demand patterns, stable, predictable returns and inflation-linked pricing power.

MSCI 'Faith-Based' Indexes aim to represent a relevant opportunity set for values-based investors. The indexes include companies that are compatible with religious values. The indexes exclude companies that are inconsistent with specific values-based criteria.

# MSCI DOMESTIC AND EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

# **MSCI DOMESTIC INDEXES**

MSCI provides domestic equity indexes for a number of equity markets to reflect the full breadth of investment opportunities within those markets. Examples include:

MSCI US Equity Indexes aim to reflect a full breadth of investment opportunities within the US equity markets by market capitalization size, by value and growth investment styles and by sectors and industries.

MSCI China Indexes are designed for use by both international and domestic clients in the China market, including Qualified Domestic Institutional Investors (QDII) and Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors (QFII) licensees.

MSCI Australia Indexes, created using MSCI's industry-leading index methodology, are a suite of MSCI Indexes that may be used for portfolio management and benchmarking purposes and as the basis for various tradable investment products such as exchange traded funds (ETFs). MSCI offers several real-time, market capitalization-weighted indexes designed for Australian institutional investors

MSCI Hong Kong MPF Indexes are designed to reflect the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority's (MPFA) investment restrictions on Mandatory Provident Funds (MPF). They provide a broad and diverse range of benchmark options for index tracking and actively managed funds.

# MSCI EMERGING MARKETS INDEXES

In 1988, MSCI launched the emerging markets index and since then, a progressive opening up of more countries to foreign investors has been accompanied by major structural transformations in many parts of the world. Strong economic growth combined with the development of financial markets has led to the expansion of investment opportunities in emerging markets and has reshaped the equity universe. Today, emerging markets have become an important and integrated part of a global equity portfolio allocation.

Examples include:

## **MSCI Emerging Markets Index**

is designed to represent the performance of large and mid cap stocks across Emerging Markets (EM) countries. From just 10 countries in 1988 representing less than 1% of world Market Capitalization to 24 emerging markets, today the MSCI Emerging Markets Index is now available for a number of regions and market segments/sizes. Several ETFs based on the MSCI Emerging Markets Index have been launched and are listed on major stock exchanges around the world.

MSCI EM Beyond BRIC Index is a subset of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index and is designed to provide a broad measure of the performance of emerging market equities outside of the BRIC markets – Brazil, Russia, India and China. To provide greater country diversification, the larger countries (e.g. Taiwan and Korea) are capped quarterly at 15% to give greater prominence to smaller Emerging Markets countries including Thailand. Malaysia and Indonesia.

### **MSCI Frontier Markets Indexes**

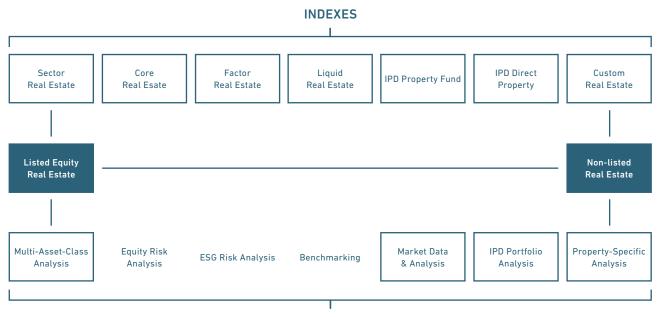
include large, mid and small cap, and aim to provide broad representation of the equity opportunity set while taking investability requirements into consideration within each market. The MSCI Frontier Markets Indexes can be segmented by size, sector and geography, allowing for consistent global views and cross regional comparisons. MSCI classifies 33 countries as Frontier Markets, 22 of which are included in the MSCI Frontier Markets Index.

OVER
USD 1.6 TRILLION
BENCHMARKED TO
THE MSCI EMERGING
MARKETS INDEX<sup>1</sup>

# MSCI REAL ESTATE INDEXES AND ANALYTICS

MSCI is a leading provider of real estate performance and risk analysis, providing critical business intelligence to real estate owners, managers, brokers and occupiers worldwide.

The range of MSCI services straddle public and private real estate, and can be distinguished into a set of Indexes, as well as Performance and Risk Analytics.



# PERFORMANCE AND RISK ANALYTICS

## **CORE REAL ESTATE**

### MSCI US REIT Index is a free

float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is comprised of Equity REIT securities. The MSCI US REIT Index is based on the MSCI USA Investable Market Index (IMI) ("the parent index"), which is comprised of all the securities included in the MSCI USA Large Cap, MSCI USA Mid Cap and MSCI USA Small Cap Indexes.

### MSCI World Real Estate Index

is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that consists of large and mid-cap equity REITs across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries, which generate a majority of their revenue and income from real estate rental and leasing operations. With around 100 constituents, it represents about 85% of the REIT universe in each country and all securities are classified in the REIT sector according to the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®).

### Sector Real Estate Indexes

are based on the MSCI Global Investable Market Indexes (GICS®) classifications and reflects the global real estate opportunity set. In 2016, MSCI created a Real Estate sector within the GICS. This move reflects the importance of real estate as a distinct asset class within the broader equity market.

# MSCI REAL ESTATE INDEXES

### LISTED EQUITY REAL ESTATE

Offers investors the risk return proposition of investing in physical property through an index comprised of REITs and inflation linked bonds. It leverages an index that includes real property values with liquid securities such as REIT.

### **NON-LISTED REAL ESTATE**

Offers a vast pool of real estate performance data across the globe, providing a suite of indexes and performance and risk analytics that enable investors and managers to gain a clear view of risk and return in the industry.

## **IPD Property Fund Indexes**

The IPD Global Property Fund Index represents the first index of real estate that track performance at both the asset and fund level. All funds within the index are measured by the Portfolio Analysis Services.

The Index is designed as a benchmark for global investors and for monitoring individual fund performance.

As a broad and investible global real estate benchmark, the Index can play a critical role in an integrated global investment process, reporting both the direct real estate and indirect returns.

### **IPD Direct Property Indexes**

The IPD Global Annual Property Index measures the combined performance of real estate markets in 25 countries.

Providing transparency of investment returns to property markets across the globe enables market level analysis on national markets with regional and sector level segments, as well as city level analysis. The Index reports the market rebalanced returns of the 25 most mature markets measured by MSCI and our partners, together worth an estimated \$1.5 trillion as at end 2015.

# REAL ESTATE ANALYTICS Multi-Asset-Class Analysis

The Barra integrated Model has been extended to cover Private Real Estate through the PRE2 Model. This model captures the true risk characteristics of real estate across global markets and enables their analysis within a multi-asset-class context.

## Market Data & Analysis

Provides authoritative data sets on market performance and risk at high levels of granularity across 32 national markets and 6 property types.

### Portfolio Analysis

Provides detailed diagnostics on portfolio performance and risk.

Based on analysis of individual portfolios against relevant benchmarks, the service has a range of uses including management insight, regulatory and investor reporting, portfolio management and risk oversight.

### **Factor Real Estate**

Applying the MSCI Factor
Methodology to Real Estate, the
index is a subset of the Core Real
Estate Indexes capturing key Real
Estate performance factors and
aims to reflect the performance
characteristics of investment styles
and strategies in the listed real
estate space.

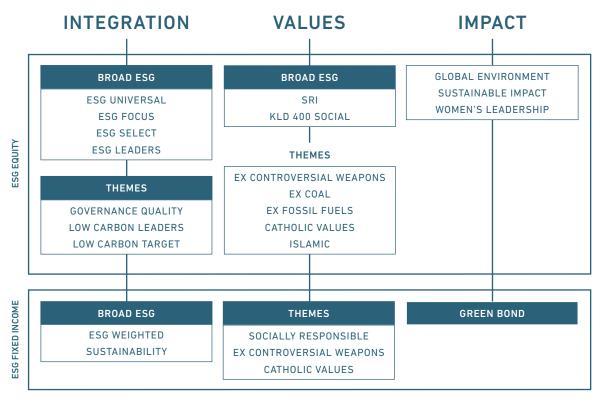
- High Dividend Yield which selects high dividend stocks with screens for quality and potential yield traps.
- Small Size which captures low size effect by equally weighting all stocks in a given parent index.
- Volatility which selects low volatility and lowly correlated stocks to create a low risk portfolio.

# **MSCI ESG INDEXES**

The world is changing. With it, the world of investing is changing. Asset owners and managers are increasingly becoming aware of the potential impact of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors. From natural resource scarcity to changing governance standards, from global workforce management to an evolving regulatory landscape, ESG factors may impact the long-term risk and return profile for institutional investors.

According to a 2015 Natixis survey of 660 institutional investors globally, 95% reported incorporating ESG criteria in their investment decision-making process and 50% believed that ESG could be a potential source of alpha<sup>1</sup>.

With the fast paced growth in the number of signatories to the UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) worldwide, the integration of ESG has moved from a niche strategy to the mainstream. Signatories agree to six principles which include integration of ESG factors in the investment decision-making process as well as regular reporting on engagement efforts. Global assets under management by nearly 1,500 signatories from over 50 countries totals more than USD 60 trillion, up from USD 4 trillion in 2006.<sup>2</sup>



BROAD ESG – Methodology is based on ESG Ratings reflecting a combination of environmental, social and governance issues THEMES – Methodology is based on data for specific ESG issue(s)

# MSCI ESG RESEARCH WORKS WITH 46 OF THE TOP 50 GLOBAL ASSET MANAGERS<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Global Survey of Institutional Investors 2015, Natixis Global Asset Management.

<sup>2</sup> PRI as of December 2016 http://www.unpri.org/about-pri/about-pri

<sup>3</sup> Based on latest P&I AUM data and MSCI clients as of September 2017.

# **MSCI ESG INDEXES**

MSCI ESG Indexes are designed to represent the performance of the most prevalent environmental, social and governance (ESG) investment strategies, utilizing our award-winning ESG data and ratings on thousands of companies worldwide. Institutional investors interested in sustainable investing can use these industry-leading indexes to benchmark ESG investment performance, issue index-based ESG investment products, and manage and report on ESG mandate compliance.

### **MSCI ESG Leaders Indexes**

These indexes target the highest ESG rated companies making up 50% of the adjusted market capitalization in each sector of the underlying index.

The indexes are designed for investors seeking exposure to companies with strong sustainability profiles with relatively low tracking error to the underlying equity market and are reconstituted annually. The ESG Leaders Indexes includes the MSCI ACWI ESG Leaders Index, MSCI EM ESG Leaders Index, etc.

MSCI SRI Indexes These indexes consist of companies with the highest ESG ratings making up 25% of the adjusted market capitalization in each sector of a parent MSCI index, after excluding companies involved in alcohol, tobacco, gambling, civilian firearms, military weapons, nuclear power, adult entertainment and genetically modified organisms (GMOs). In addition to MSCI ACWI SRI Index, MSCI World SRI Index and MSCI EM SRI Index, region and country sub-indexes

are available. It also includes the MSCI KLD 400 Social Index, which was launched in May 1990 and is one of the first SRI indexes.

### **MSCI ESG Universal Indexes**

These Indexes are designed to address the needs of asset owners (who also classify themselves as universal owners), who may look to enhance their exposure to ESG while maintaining a broad and diversified universe to invest in. By re-weighting free-float market cap weights based upon certain ESG metrics tilting away from free-float market cap weights, the indexes enhance exposure to those companies that demonstrate both a higher MSCI ESG Rating and a positive ESG trend, while maintaining a broad and diversified investment universe.

# MSCI Global ex Controversial

Weapons Indexes These indexes are designed for investors who wish to avoid investments in cluster bombs, land mines, chemical and biological weapons, and depleted uranium weapons. The selection universe for the MSCI Global ex Controversial Weapons Indexes is defined by the constituents of MSCI AWCI. In addition to MSCI ACWI ex Controversial Weapons Index, MSCI World ex Controversial Weapons Index, and MSCI EM ex Controversial Weapons Index, region and country sub-indexes are available.

### **MSCI Global Environmental Indexes**

The MSCI ESG Environmental Indexes provides Low Carbon, Fossil Fuels Exclusion and Thematic indexes for

investors. Increasingly, institutional investors may need to consider how climate change may present risks and opportunities and how to manage carbon exposure in their portfolios. These indexes are designed to support various low carbon investment strategies and include the MSCI Low Carbon Indexes, MSCI Global Fossil Fuels Exclusion Indexes, and the MSCI Thematic Indexes.

## **MSCI ACWI Sustainable Impact Index**

This index is comprised exclusively of companies whose core business addresses at least one of the world's social and environmental challenges, as defined by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The Sustainable Impact categories include: nutritious food, treatment of major diseases, sanitary products, education, affordable housing, loans to small and medium size enterprises, alternative energy, energy efficiency, green building, sustainable water, and pollution prevention.

# **Bloomberg Barclays MSCI ESG Fixed**

Income Indices The Bloomberg Barclays MSCI ESG Fixed Income Indices comprise more than 500 standard and custom ESG fixed income indices representing the most widely used ESG strategies and investment objectives. This includes the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI Green Bond, Socially Responsible, Sustainability, and ESG Weighted Indices.

**Custom MSCI ESG Indexes** Calculated using ESG criteria specified by clients and applied across developed and/or emerging markets countries or regions.

# **MSCI CUSTOM INDEXES**

# UNIQUE MSCI INDEXES TO SUIT YOUR SPECIFIC NEEDS

With more than 40 years of leadership in index construction and maintenance, MSCI has accumulated exceptional expertise in designing and calculating equity indexes. MSCI applies this experience to calculating custom indexes to leverage the full

scope of MSCI's index capabilities and data to develop tailored indexes to reflect specific benchmarks or strategies to meet investment criteria. MSCI currently calculates 5,000 custom indexes for more than 700 clients globally.

# MSCI INDEXES CAN BE CUSTOMIZED ACROSS MANY DIMENSIONS

### CHOOSE **SELECT APPLY DEFINE CUSTOM UNIVERSE** WEIGHTING **CURRENCY DELIVERY AND INDEX** & TAX RATES **FILE FORMAT** Standardized Country Market Cap Currency (70+), Region Integrated Fundamental Hedge Client File Sectors (value) Daily, Monthly Format (ICF) (GICS®) Risk Hedging Text, XML Stock Full or Partial Equal Exchange Direct Hedging Fixed Size Vendor Cross Hedging Capped Security Type Real-time Withholding **GDP** SRI/ESG Tax Rate End-of-day Special Fundamental & Price, Total, Valuation Sector / Net, Returns Rations Geographic Neutral Liquify Filters Custom Risk Sharia Control Combination of Indexes. or Indexes with Cash

# **MSCI OVERVIEW**

MSCI has been at the forefront of index construction and maintenance for more than 40 years, launching its first global equity indexes in 1969. Globalization and the rapid integration of markets have led MSCI to explore alternative approaches to categorizing the global equity universe and product development.

MSCI has remained a market leader by expanding and enhancing its index offering to reflect the evolving and complex needs of the institutional investment community with ground breaking new products, innovative research, high quality data and dedicated client support.

99 OF THE TOP 100 GLOBAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS ARE MSCI CLIENTS<sup>1</sup>



Today, MSCI offers more than 190,000 consistent and comparable indexes which are used by investors around the world to develop and benchmark their global equity portfolios. MSCI indexes are also licensed as the basis for financial products such as exchange traded funds and structured products.

More than 980 ETFs³ from many of the world's leading ETF providers including iShares, Deutsche Bank, UBS, Lyxor, Amundi, SSgA, Source, HSBC, Commerzbank and Barclays are based on MSCI indexes.

Exchanges around the world have chosen MSCI equity indexes as the basis for numerous listed derivatives. These include: DGCX, EUREX, ICE Futures US, ICE Futures Europe, Johannesburg Stock Exchange and Singapore Exchange.

>\$12.4 TRILLION IN ASSETS IS ESTIMATED TO BE BENCHMARKED TO MSCI INDEXES<sup>2</sup>

MORE EQUITY ETFS
ARE BENCHMARKED
TO MSCI INDEXES
THAN TO THOSE OF
ANY OTHER INDEX
PROVIDER<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on latest P&I AUM data and MSCI clients as of September 30, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> As of June 30, 2017, as reported on Sept 30, 2017 by eVestment, Morningstar and Bloomberg

<sup>3</sup> Data as of September 30, 2017, calculated by aggregating the number of share classes of all exchange traded funds tracking an MSCI index, as identified by separate Bloomberg tickers. Only primary listings and not cross listings are counted.

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