



# MSCI's Climate Commitments

Contents

**Background..... 3**

About MSCI .....3

Corporate Responsibility .....3

MSCI is committed to net-zero by 2040.....3

**MSCI’s Climate Solutions..... 4**

**MSCI’s Climate Commitments..... 5**

1. Data & Methodology .....5

2. Product Integration.....6

3. Engagement and Education.....7

**Notice and disclaimer..... 9**

## Background

### About MSCI

MSCI is a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. With over 50 years of expertise in research, data and technology, we enable clients to understand and analyze key drivers of risk and return and confidently build more effective portfolios. Clients use our industry-leading, research-enhanced solutions to gain insight into and improve the investment process.

MSCI provides integrated climate data, analytical tools, indexes and research insights to support investors navigating the climate transition. By equipping clients with data insights, robust metrics, and broad coverage across asset classes, MSCI empowers capital market participants to better understand and manage climate risks and opportunities. This includes data on physical and transition risks, emissions, biodiversity, and carbon markets, to support climate-aware strategies and alignment with evolving regulatory standards. With nearly five decades of experience supporting sustainable investing, MSCI also reinforces its leadership through a commitment to meet our own ambitious climate goals, including our 2040 net-zero target. We strive to bring greater transparency to financial markets.

For more information on:

- MSCI's climate commitments [www.msci.com/who-we-are/corporate-responsibility](https://www.msci.com/who-we-are/corporate-responsibility)
- MSCI's climate solutions [www.msci.com/our-solutions/climate-and-net-zero](https://www.msci.com/our-solutions/climate-and-net-zero)

### Corporate Responsibility

Our goal is to bring greater clarity to investment decisions through research-based data and tools. The impact of climate change is accelerating, and investors and issuers urgently need climate data and tools to provide insights about financially material investment risks and opportunities. At MSCI, we believe we can speed progress in capital markets towards more sustainable investments through the increased transparency that our climate data and solutions provide and demonstrate to our shareholders our commitment to corporate responsibility through our actions as a firm.

### MSCI is committed to net-zero by 2040

We are committed to reaching net-zero by 2040. Our near-term, long-term and net-zero science-based CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions reduction targets have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative. We set the following milestones to achieve in 2025: source 100% renewable electricity, reduce absolute Scope 1 and 2 Co<sub>2</sub>e emissions by 60%, and increase to 60% by spend our suppliers with science-based targets, in each case from a 2019 base year.

For an overview of the key milestone on our journey to net-zero, visit our environmental sustainability page at <https://www.msci.com/who-we-are/corporate-responsibility/environmental-sustainability>.

## MSCI's Climate Solutions

Investors and financial institutions face three key challenges to manage climate risk. They must:

- Incorporate climate risks and opportunities into their business strategy.
- Navigate increasingly complex and fragmented climate and sustainability regulations.
- Show progress toward meeting their own decarbonization targets.

We are proud to support a broad cross section of the global investment industry, from asset managers and owners, to banks, insurance companies, wealth managers and corporates, as they map out and refine their strategies and navigate the evolving challenges of the climate transition across the investment process.

Our climate research and offerings bring greater clarity to investing:

- Our tools help clients identify climate opportunities and risks, understand their financed emissions, surface the real drivers of decarbonization in portfolios and loan books, assess the integrity of carbon projects, and sharpen their investment strategies.
- We deliver data and research-based insights covering emissions, physical and transition risks, scenario analysis, biodiversity, and carbon markets, offering a complete resource for climate finance.
- Our climate and net-zero indexes reflect the main client approaches to climate-aware investing. The indexes help investors reduce emissions, align with the decarbonization trajectory required to meet the objectives of the Paris agreement and finance the transition.
- Our solutions can cover investors' total portfolio or loan book, spanning equities, fixed income, private assets, and real estate, with coverage of more than 4 million securities and 60,000+ issuers.

This document summarizes MSCI's product and service commitments that we believe will support our clients' investment objectives. These commitments are aligned with the Net Zero Financial Service Providers Alliance framework and have been set independently by MSCI.

## MSCI's Climate Commitments

MSCI has set specific product line targets to support our clients' investment needs related to climate and nature risks and considerations. As a research, data, analytics and index provider, we undertake these commitments along three key themes: Products and Services, Transparency and Governance; and Engagement and Education.

### 1. Products and Services

Product Area	MSCI Climate Commitments	Target Date
Sustainability & Climate	We will expand climate data and research solutions to support clients' investment objectives related to climate risks and considerations.	2026
Sustainability & Climate	We will enhance new product development to assess the relevance of climate risks and considerations for each new product. We will introduce new solutions expanding on existing asset class coverage to support clients' investment priorities related to climate risks and considerations.	2026
Index	<p>We will support clients' climate and emissions reduction investment objectives by collaborating with clients on new climate indexes reflecting their strategies. We will provide new climate indexes to support client strategies for relevant MSCI equity, fixed income, and derivatives indexes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSCI Climate Action Indexes</li> <li>- MSCI Climate Paris Aligned Indexes</li> <li>- MSCI Climate Change Indexes</li> </ul>	2026
Index	<p>We will enhance product development processes to ensure suitability of underlying data used in our climate indexes. We will expand our solutions, including indexes, to support clients' objectives relating to the transition.</p>	2026

Private Assets	<p>We will review our real estate model and solutions to stay aligned with climate science while adapting to applicable legislation and regulation.</p> <p>We will advance our climate risk assessments for real estate and private assets benchmarks and indexes.</p>	2026
Private Assets	Based on demand, we will (i) expand private company climate solutions; and (ii) broaden the scope of our real estate product offerings to include a nature/biodiversity module.	2026
Analytics	We will continue to build upon our existing suite of portfolio climate products. We will also introduce new solutions to support evolving client needs and priorities related to climate risk and considerations.	2026

## 2. Transparency and Governance

Product Area	MSCI Climate Commitments	Target Date
Sustainability & Climate	We will define products and services that are relevant to climate related investment risks and considerations.	2026
Sustainability & Climate and Private Assets	<p>We will publish additional methodologies for climate related investment metrics and models on MSCI.com.</p> <p>We will introduce information into relevant research and data methodology books to help clients understand the product's alignment with climate and emissions reduction investment objectives.</p>	2026
Index	We will include climate index and emissions reduction index metrics in relevant solutions and transparency tools.	2026
Index	We will track adoption and usage of our climate and emissions reduction indexes and, when permissible and feasible, we will publish adoption by ETFs and mutual funds of such indexes for benchmarking.	2026

### 3. Engagement and Education

Product Area	MSCI Climate Commitments	Target Date
Sustainability & Climate	We will expand our education series on climate and emissions reduction investment considerations to address evolving disclosure requirements and transition planning developments. As appropriate and permissible, we will support and engage industry initiatives, standard setters and policy makers to advance understanding and adoption of best practices in climate and emissions reduction investment considerations. We will focus on expanding collaborations to advance research and insights.	2025
Sustainability & Climate	We will contribute to thought leadership on integrating climate risk factors in indexes by participating in key industry discussions, engaging with index users, and maintaining open dialogue with regulators.	2025
Index	We will expand our engagement tools for users of our climate indexes.	2025

## Contact us

### About MSCI

MSCI is a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. With over 50 years of expertise in research, data and technology, we power better investment decisions by enabling clients to understand and analyze key drivers of risk and return and confidently build more effective portfolios. We create industry-leading research-enhanced solutions that clients use to gain insight into and improve transparency across the investment process.

To learn more, please visit [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com).

[msci.com/contact-us](http://msci.com/contact-us)

### AMERICA

United States	+ 1 888 588 4567 *
Canada	+ 1 416 687 6270
Brazil	+ 55 11 4040 7830
Mexico	+ 52 81 1253 4020

### EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA

South Africa	+ 27 21 673 0103
Germany	+ 49 69 133 859 00
Switzerland	+ 41 22 817 9777
United Kingdom	+ 44 20 7618 2222
Italy	+ 39 02 5849 0415
France	+ 33 17 6769 810

### ASIA PACIFIC

China	+ 86 21 61326611
Hong Kong	+ 852 2844 9333
India	+ 91 22 6784 9160
Malaysia	1800818185 *
South Korea	+ 82 70 4769 4231
Singapore	+ 65 67011177
Australia	+ 612 9033 9333
Taiwan	008 0112 7513 *
Thailand	0018 0015 6207 7181 *
Japan	+ 81 3 4579 0333

\* toll-free



## Notice and disclaimer

This document is research for informational purposes only and is intended for institutional professionals with the analytical resources and tools necessary to interpret any performance information. Nothing herein is intended to promote or recommend any product, tool or service.

This document and all of the information contained in it, including without limitation all text, data, graphs, charts (collectively, the "Information") is the property of MSCI Inc. or its subsidiaries (collectively, "MSCI"), or MSCI's licensors, direct or indirect suppliers or any third party involved in making or compiling any Information (collectively, with MSCI, the "Information Providers") and is provided for informational purposes only. The Information may not be modified, reverse-engineered, reproduced or redisseminated in whole or in part without prior written permission from MSCI. All rights in the Information are reserved by MSCI and/or its Information Providers.

The Information may not be used to create derivative works or to verify or correct other data or information. For example (but without limitation), the Information may not be used to create indexes, databases, risk models, analytics, software, or in connection with the issuing, offering, sponsoring, managing or marketing of any securities, portfolios, financial products or other investment vehicles utilizing or based on, linked to, tracking or otherwise derived from the Information or any other MSCI data, information, products or services.

The user of the Information assumes the entire risk of any use it may make or permit to be made of the Information. NONE OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDERS MAKES ANY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION (OR THE RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY THE USE THEREOF), AND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH INFORMATION PROVIDER EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF ORIGINALITY, ACCURACY, TIMELINESS, NON-INFRINGEMENT, COMPLETENESS, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE INFORMATION.

Without limiting any of the foregoing and to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall any Information Provider have any liability regarding any of the Information for any direct, indirect, special, punitive, consequential (including lost profits) or any other damages even if notified of the possibility of such damages. The foregoing shall not exclude or limit any liability that may not by applicable law be excluded or limited, including without limitation (as applicable), any liability for death or personal injury to the extent that such injury results from the negligence or willful default of itself, its servants, agents or sub-contractors.

Information containing any historical information, data or analysis should not be taken as an indication or guarantee of any future performance, analysis, forecast or prediction. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

The Information may include "Signals," defined as quantitative attributes or the product of methods or formulas that describe or are derived from calculations using historical data. Neither these Signals nor any description of historical data are intended to provide investment advice or a recommendation to make (or refrain from making) any investment decision or asset allocation and should not be relied upon as such. Signals are inherently backward-looking because of their use of historical data, and they are not intended to predict the future. The relevance, correlations and accuracy of Signals frequently will change materially.

The Information should not be relied on and is not a substitute for the skill, judgment and experience of the user, its management, employees, advisors and/or clients when making investment and other business decisions. All Information is impersonal and not tailored to the needs of any person, entity or group of persons.

None of the Information constitutes an offer to sell (or a solicitation of an offer to buy), any security, financial product or other investment vehicle or any trading strategy.

It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Exposure to an asset class or trading strategy or other category represented by an index is only available through third party investable instruments (if any) based on that index. MSCI does not issue, sponsor, endorse, market, offer, review or otherwise express any opinion regarding any fund, ETF, derivative or other security, investment, financial product or trading strategy that is based on, linked to or seeks to provide an investment return related to the performance of any MSCI index (collectively, "Index Linked Investments"). MSCI makes no assurance that any Index Linked Investments will accurately track index performance or provide positive investment returns. MSCI Inc. is not an investment adviser or fiduciary and MSCI makes no representation regarding the advisability of investing in any Index Linked Investments.

Index returns do not represent the results of actual trading of investable assets/securities. MSCI maintains and calculates indexes, but does not manage actual assets. The calculation of indexes and index returns may deviate from the stated methodology. Index returns do not reflect payment of any sales charges or fees an investor may pay to purchase the securities underlying the index or Index Linked Investments. The imposition of these fees and charges would cause the performance of an Index Linked Investment to be different than the MSCI index performance.

The Information may contain back tested data. Back-tested performance is not actual performance, but is hypothetical. There are frequently material differences between back tested performance results and actual results subsequently achieved by any investment strategy.

Constituents of MSCI equity indexes are listed companies, which are included in or excluded from the indexes according to the application of the relevant index methodologies. Accordingly, constituents in MSCI equity indexes may include MSCI Inc., clients of MSCI or suppliers to MSCI. Inclusion of a security within an MSCI index is not a recommendation by MSCI to buy, sell, or hold such security, nor is it considered to be investment advice.

Data and information produced by various affiliates of MSCI Inc., including MSCI ESG Research LLC and Barra LLC, may be used in calculating certain MSCI indexes. More information can be found in the relevant index methodologies on [www.do](http://www.do).

MSCI receives compensation in connection with licensing its indexes to third parties. MSCI Inc.'s revenue includes fees based on assets in Index Linked Investments. Information can be found in MSCI Inc.'s company filings on the Investor Relations section of [msci.com](http://msci.com).

MSCI ESG Research LLC is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and a subsidiary of MSCI Inc. Neither MSCI nor any of its products or services recommends, endorses, approves or otherwise expresses any opinion regarding any issuer, securities, financial products or instruments or trading strategies and MSCI's products or services are not a recommendation to make (or refrain from making) any kind of investment decision and may not be relied on as such, provided that applicable products or services from MSCI ESG Research may constitute investment advice. MSCI ESG Research materials, including materials utilized in any MSCI ESG Indexes or other products, have not been submitted to, nor received approval from, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory body. MSCI ESG and climate ratings, research and data are produced by MSCI ESG Research LLC, a subsidiary of MSCI Inc. MSCI ESG Indexes, Analytics and Real Estate are products of MSCI Inc. that utilize information from MSCI ESG Research LLC. MSCI Indexes are administered by MSCI Limited (UK) and MSCI Deutschland GmbH.

Please note that the issuers mentioned in MSCI ESG Research materials sometimes have commercial relationships with MSCI ESG Research and/or MSCI Inc. (collectively, "MSCI") and that these relationships create potential conflicts of interest. In some cases, the issuers or their affiliates purchase research or other products or services from one or more MSCI affiliates. In other cases, MSCI ESG Research rates financial products such as mutual funds or ETFs that

are managed by MSCI's clients or their affiliates, or are based on MSCI Inc. Indexes. In addition, constituents in MSCI Inc. equity indexes include companies that subscribe to MSCI products or services. In some cases, MSCI clients pay fees based in whole or part on the assets they manage. MSCI ESG Research has taken a number of steps to mitigate potential conflicts of interest and safeguard the integrity and independence of its research and ratings. More information about these conflict mitigation measures is available in our Form ADV, available at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/169222>.

Any use of or access to products, services or information of MSCI requires a license from MSCI. MSCI, Barra, RiskMetrics, IPD and other MSCI brands and product names are the trademarks, service marks, or registered trademarks of MSCI or its subsidiaries in the United States and other jurisdictions. The Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was developed by and is the exclusive property of MSCI and S&P Global Market Intelligence. "Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS)" is a service mark of MSCI and S&P Global Market Intelligence.

MIFID2/MIFIR notice: MSCI ESG Research LLC does not distribute or act as an intermediary for financial instruments or structured deposits, nor does it deal on its own account, provide execution services for others or manage client accounts. No MSCI ESG Research product or service supports, promotes or is intended to support or promote any such activity. MSCI ESG Research is an independent provider of ESG data.

Privacy notice: For information about how MSCI collects and uses personal data, please refer to our Privacy Notice at <https://www.msci.com/privacy-pledge>.