
MSCI Barra Opens Office in Chicago

New office expands MSCI Barra's presence in the Americas

New York - February 20, 2007 - MSCI Barra, a leading provider of benchmark indices and risk management analytics products, has expanded its presence in the Americas with the opening of a new office in Chicago. The office will cover all client types within the 15 state territory in the Mid-West, and opens officially on February 28, 2007.

Commenting on the new office, Diana Kabir, Managing Director and Head of Americas Coverage, said, "The opening of the new Chicago office is a direct result of increasing demand for our risk and index products throughout the Americas. A base in Chicago will enable us to provide our clients in Illinois and the surrounding states with local support and the best possible service."

The Chicago-based team of four will be headed by Dan Murphy, Executive Director. Dan joined MSCI Barra in 2006 from Bloomberg where he was Global Sales Manager, running their electronic futures trading product. Prior to joining Bloomberg, Dan worked at PaineWebber and Smith Barney.

Earlier this month, MSCI Barra announced the opening of their new Middle East office in Dubai. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with eighteen offices around the world.

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MSCI Barra develops and maintains equity, fixed income, multi-asset class, REIT and hedge fund indices that serve as benchmarks for an estimated USD 3 trillion on a worldwide basis. MSCI Barra's risk models and analytics products help the world's largest investors analyze, measure and manage portfolio and firm-wide investment risk. MSCI Barra is headquartered in New York, with research and commercial offices around the world. Morgan Stanley, a global financial services firm and a market leader in securities, asset management, and credit services, is the majority shareholder of MSCI Barra, and Capital Group International, Inc. is the minority shareholder.

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