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MORGAN STANLEY REIT INDEX MAY 2005 SEMI-ANNUAL INDEX REVIEW

Princeton, May 12, 2005. MSCI, a leading provider of REIT, international equity, US equity, fixed income and hedge fund indices, announced today changes to the Morgan Stanley REIT Index resulting from the May 2005 Semi-Annual Index Review and the implementation of the final phase of the new enhanced index methodology. Such changes will be effective as of the close of May 31, 2005.

A total of 10 securities will be added to and 18 securities will be deleted from the Morgan Stanley REIT Index during the May 2005 Semi-Annual Index Review. The five largest additions to the Morgan Stanley REIT index are Inland Real Estate, Sunstone Hotel, Spirit Finance Corp, U-Store-It Trust and Biomed Realty Trust.

In addition, 37 securities will have updates in their number of shares, one of which is in excess of 5% of the security's total shares outstanding. The Domestic Inclusion Factor (DIF) for 19 securities will change in order to more accurately reflect the availability of shares from the perspective of US domestic investors.

As a reminder, during the first phase (February 2005) of the implementation of the enhanced Index methodology, eight securities were assigned an interim DIF because their respective DIFs were each lower than 0.80 and their respective index weights were each more than 0.2% as of December 31, 2004. The interim DIF reflects approximately one-half of the final free float adjustment. The full DIF adjustment will be implemented in the May 2005 Semi-Annual Index Review.

For an in-depth analysis of the May 2005 Semi-Annual Index Review of the Morgan Stanley REIT Index, please refer to the Index Review summary, which is now available on MSCI's website, www.msci.com, under the REIT Indices section.

As announced on May 3, 2005, the official name of the Morgan Stanley REIT Index will be changed to the MSCI US REIT Index effective on or about June 20, 2005. The index will continue to be calculated with dividends reinvested on a daily basis. Simultaneously, MSCI will introduce a price-only index that will be calculated by MSCI in real time and distributed by the American Stock Exchange (AMEX) over Network B of the Consolidated Tape Association, and by MSCI to Reuters and Bloomberg. The symbol of this index will be RMZ. Note that the currently available real time version of the Morgan Stanley REIT Index will be discontinued.

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