

MSCI Names Laurent Seyer Chief Client Officer

New York – September 22, 2016 – [MSCI](#) Inc. (NYSE: MSCI) announced today that Laurent Seyer has been named Chief Client Officer, a newly created role.

Mr. Seyer, who has served as Global Head of Client Coverage since joining MSCI in 2014, will now oversee all of MSCI's go-to-market functions, including client coverage, marketing and corporate communications. Among other responsibilities, he will lead the company's outreach to clients and prospects, sales and marketing strategy, and client service.

"Laurent's leadership of our engagement with clients will allow us to enhance their experience, boost awareness of our global franchise and further improve the effectiveness of our coverage," said Henry Fernandez, MSCI's Chief Executive Officer. "Over the past two years, Laurent has sharpened the management, efficiency and effectiveness of our client coverage organization. Broadening his responsibilities to include all marketing functions represents a logical next step in bringing to clients all that MSCI has to offer."

Mr. Seyer joined MSCI from AXA Investment Managers, where he served most recently as global head of the client group. Previously, he held a series of leadership posts at Société Générale throughout 24 years with the firm, including serving from 2006 to 2012 as CEO of Lyxor Asset Management.

Mr. Seyer holds a master's degree from Sciences Po, Paris.

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