# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 21, 2016

## **MSCI Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-33812 (Commission File Number) 13-4038723 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich St., 49th Floor, New York, NY 10007 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 804-3900

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

#### NOT APPLICABLE

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

| ck the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following risions (see General Instruction A.2. below): |
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| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  |
| Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)   |
| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))   |
| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))   |

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) MSCI Inc. ("MSCI" or the "Company") announced today that Robert Qutub, its Chief Financial Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer, notified the Company on January 19, 2016 that he intends to retire from these positions. It is expected that Mr. Qutub will remain with the Company until the earlier of mid-May and the effective date of the appointment of his successor (the "Retirement Date"). It is expected that until the Retirement Date, Mr. Qutub will continue to serve as the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer and will perform all duties associated with those roles. Mr. Qutub's decision to retire was amicable and not a result of any disagreement or dispute with the Company or its management on matters relating to the Company's strategy, operations, financial reporting, or other policies or practices.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of MSCI Inc., dated January 21, 2016.

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### MSCI Inc.

By: /s/ Henry A. Fernandez

Name: Henry A. Fernandez

Title: CEO, President and Chairman

Date: January 21, 2016

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of MSCI Inc., dated January 21, 2016.





## **Chief Financial Officer Bob Qutub to Retire from MSCI**

**New York – January 21, 2016** – MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of portfolio construction and risk management tools for global investors, announced today that Robert Qutub, its Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, has notified the company that he intends to retire. It is expected that Mr. Qutub will remain with the company until the earlier of mid-May and the appointment of his successor.

"Bob has played an important leadership role for MSCI during a period of enormous change and growth," said Henry Fernandez, MSCI Chairman and CEO. "I am grateful to him for the substantial contributions he has made to the firm, and am confident they have positioned us well for future growth."

"It has been a tremendously rewarding experience working with the MSCI board and my colleagues on the firm's Executive Committee and the Finance team," said Mr. Qutub. "We have built a world class finance organization over the past few years. Given our strong accomplishments and the excellent positioning of the company, I feel this is the right time for me to spend more time with my family and think about new opportunities."

"Bob has a strong team," Mr. Fernandez continued, "and because he has offered to stay with us for a number of months, we are planning for a smooth transition."

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#### **About MSCI**

For more than 40 years, MSCI's research-based indexes and analytics have helped the world's leading investors build and manage better portfolios. Clients rely on our offerings for deeper insights into the drivers of performance and risk in their portfolios, broad asset class coverage and innovative research.

Our line of products and services includes indexes, analytical models, data, real estate benchmarks and ESG research.

MSCI serves 97 of the top 100 largest asset managers, based upon P&I data as of December 2014 and MSCI client data as of June 2015.

For more information, visit us at www.msci.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or



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achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "may," "could," "expect," "intend," "plan," "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," or "continue," or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in MSCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 27, 2015, as amended, and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed or furnished with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what MSCI projected. Any forward-looking statement in this press release reflects MSCI's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCI's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCI assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.