

# MSCI Continues to Build ESG Data Ecosystem through Strategic Partnerships with GeoQuant & ELEVATE

**NEW YORK – February 24, 2022:** MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community, today announced two new partnerships with GeoQuant and ELEVATE to enhance the capability of MSCI's ESG data ecosystem.

MSCI clients will now have access to GeoQuant's ESG Geopolitical Risk Dataset, which fuses political and computer science to provide daily indicators and two-year predictions on 40+ governance, social, security, and environmental risks across 127 countries. Through GeoQuant's "Human + Machine (AI)" model, large volumes of reputable data, news and social media content are sorted to create intelligent algorithms that are further calibrated by a team of PhD political scientists and country-specific experts. The GeoQuant ESG Geopolitical Risk Dataset is customizable by risk type, sector and asset class, allowing investors the ability to integrate geopolitical risk considerations systematically.

To further support investors' desire to understand social and governance risks within portfolios, ELEVATE's Supply Chain ESG Risk Ratings aggregate data on supply chains in more than 100 countries. The data is collected through direct engagement with suppliers and workers and is independently audited and verified before being used in ELEVATE's proprietary Supply Chain ESG Risk Ratings. ELEVATE's assessment includes an overall score, as well as 38 sub-scores organized under labor, health and safety, environment, business ethics and management systems. The product dataset includes risk assessments on the human rights vulnerabilities of workers and communities involved in the sourcing of a range of products and can be segmented by industry, country and other key categories.

The partnerships further expand the robust capabilities of the MSCI data ecosystem, improving investors' ability to address ESG needs through comprehensive datasets and additional insights. Investors will have new opportunities and pathways to use the additional data to enhance and diversify their models, portfolios and reporting.

**Eric Moen, Head of ESG & Climate, at MSCI, said:** "The demand for expanded ESG data is clear and ever-growing. These exciting partnerships with GeoQuant and ELEVATE demonstrate MSCI's commitment to rise to that challenge and meet the demands of investors to have the most relevant and robust datasets available today. Both companies share MSCI's commitment to a data-backed approach to quantifying risk by measuring concrete actions from companies and

countries and using that data to help provide clarity for investors to make more informed investment decisions on ESG integration.”

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### **About MSCI Inc.**

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).

### **About GeoQuant**

GeoQuant is a venture-backed technology company fusing political and computer science to measure and predict political risk with unprecedented accuracy. Their core technology is a proprietary suite of real-time indicators and predictive analytics.

### **About ELEVATE**

ELEVATE is the leader in sustainability and supply chain services globally. ELEVATE designs, builds and manages data driven sustainability linked programs with Assessment, Advisory, Program Management and Analytics that drive positive impact. They are committed to Business-Driven Sustainability.

ELEVATE's assessment-based supply chain ESG data increases supply chain transparency, covering risk intelligence on environmental, labor, health and safety, business ethics and management systems.

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