

MSCI Announces Upgrade to 'BBB-' Investment Grade Rating from S&P Global Ratings

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 27, 2023-- MSCI Inc. ("MSCI" or the "Company") (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community, announced today that S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") upgraded MSCI's issuer credit rating to an investment grade rating of 'BBB-', previously from 'BB+', while maintaining a Stable outlook to the Company. S&P also upgraded ratings on MSCI's unsecured debt to 'BBB-' from 'BB+'.

"We are proud of the investment grade rating upgrade from S&P, which is a recognition of the growing scale of our business, the incredible resiliency of our financial model, and MSCI's strong track record of consistent execution," said Andy Wiechmann, Chief Financial Officer.

"This execution reflects our laser commitment to deliver value to our clients day-in and day-out as we continue to pursue attractive opportunities to drive continued long-term growth."

S&P's upgrade marks the second major credit rating agency to assign MSCI an investment grade rating, officially making the Company an investment grade company. To review MSCI's credit ratings click here.

About MSCI Inc.

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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, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 10, 2023, 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 MSCI's 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.

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