

MSCI Announces Upgrade to 'Baa3' Investment Grade Rating from Moody's Ratings

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NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 13, 2024-- 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 Moody's Ratings ("Moody's") upgraded MSCI's senior unsecured notes and senior unsecured bank credit facility ratings to an investment grade rating of 'Baa3', previously from 'Ba1'. The outlook was changed from positive to stable following the ratings upgrade.

"We are proud of the investment grade rating upgrade from Moody's, which recognizes our increased scale, high profitability and strong cash flow generation in addition to the compelling secular trends in the investment industry that continue to support long-term demand for MSCI's services," said Andy Wiechmann, Chief Financial Officer.

Moody's upgrade marks the third major credit rating agency to assign MSCI an investment grade rating, including by S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings. 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 MSCl's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 9, 2024, 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 MSCl's underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what MSCl projected. Any forward-looking statement in this press release reflects MSCl's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCl's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCl 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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