

MSCI Inc. Quarterly Update

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Addressing the Needs of Clients and Client Segments

- MSCI remains well-positioned to deliver mission-critical content investors need to build better portfolios for a better world.
- During the quarter:
 - Regionally in APAC, we recorded the highest third quarter ever in recurring subscription sales and recurring net new subscription sales, as our targeted client coverage investments in sub-regions that we identified at Investor Day, including North Asia and Greater China, gain momentum.
 - Various clients including asset managers, asset owners, banks, corporates and insurance firms continue to select MSCI for our ESG & Climate tools across use cases including using our ratings, research and data for portfolio construction, risk management, TCFD reporting and developing their Net Zero strategy
 - In the wealth management industry, clients are looking to integrate risk analytics, factor exposures and ESG considerations to meet end-investor demand for customized portfolios. MSCI's unique ability to combine and deliver these elements has been key to recent client wins, including with a large retail wealth firm for a direct indexing solution.

Launching Innovative Solutions

- MSCI Climate Lab: In October, we launched MSCI Climate Lab, a new application to provide investors with the data and tools they need to track and assess companies' progress towards net-zero commitments and align their portfolios with climate targets for a net-zero future. Climate Lab enables investors to access market-leading climate data across multiple asset classes, including data on carbon emissions (Scope 1, 2 and 3), temperature alignment, company net-zero targets, and scenario analysis, forecast enterprise climate emissions based upon issuer targets and explore forward-looking hypothetical scenarios. It also provides them the tools to compare companies' carbon budget to their projected carbon emissions and assess and manage portfolio alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- Implied Temperature Rise: In September, MSCI launched its Implied Temperature Rise (or "Temperature Rise") solution, equipping investors globally with data to map how companies in their investment portfolios are aligning with global temperature targets. The company-level dataset will cover nearly 10,000 publicly listed companies based on the MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index. The innovative climate solution is launching ahead of COP26 in November and follows the recent report from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), which recommends all financial institutions measure and disclose the alignment of their portfolios with the goals of the Paris Agreement using forward-looking metrics.
- Fixed Income Portfolio Management: The agency mortgage-backed security (MBS) sector accounts for about one third of the investment grade U.S. fixed income market and is typically the biggest

contributor of durations, convexity and vega in a fixed income portfolio. In order to help fixed income portfolio managers gain further transparency into the drivers of risk and return from agency MBS and To Be Announced (TBA) assets, MSCI has recently released an update to its flagship Fixed Income and Multi-Asset Class Models that incorporates spread, prepayment rate and current coupon components.

- Carbon Footprinting of Private Equity and Debt Funds: In October, MSCI and The Burgiss Group, LLC launched a new analytical tool that enables institutional asset owners and managers to better understand the impact of climate change on private asset portfolios. With emissions estimates for over 15,000 private companies and nearly 4,000 active private equity and debt funds, the tool will support institutional investors, including those who have made public net-zero commitments, to assess climate-related risks holistically across asset types and align their private asset portfolios with global temperature targets.

Enhancing Capabilities

- Net Zero Financial Services Providers Alliance: During the quarter, we became a founding member of the Net Zero Financial Service Providers Alliance, committing to align our relevant services and products with a 2050 net-zero emissions target. This alliance aims to give asset owners, asset managers, banks, insurance companies, companies and other financial institutions the information they need to pursue decarbonization strategies and help the world reach net zero by mid-century.
- License agreement with HKEX to Launch MSCI China A 50 Connect Index Futures: During the quarter, MSCI signed a license agreement with Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEX"), to allow HKEX to launch an index futures contract based on the new MSCI China A 50 Connect Index, which began trading on October 18, 2021. A recent addition to the MSCI China Index Series, the MSCI China A 50 Connect Index is designed to capture the performance of the 50 largest securities across all 11 Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS®) sectors, offering broad diversification reflecting the Chinese economy.

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