

MSCI Inc. Quarterly Update

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MSCI remains well-positioned to deliver mission-critical tools, solutions and content investors need to build more effective portfolios.

Addressing the Needs of Clients and Client Segments

- Helping Investors with Regulatory Reporting Use Cases: In May 2023, we enhanced our EU Sustainable Finance Package by incorporating Green Bond data. This security-level data set provides clients with detailed information on Green Bonds and their related use of proceeds, enabling clients to assess their sustainable investments more accurately for regulatory reporting purposes. This latest enhancement builds on MSCI's existing research on Green Bonds, which have been critical inputs for developing the award-winning Bloomberg MSCI Green Bond indexes.
- Helping Credit Investors Understand and Address Climate Risk: In June 2023, MSCI released the Climate Adjusted Probabilities of Default framework to help fixed-income investors better understand climate risk exposure. This rigorous framework supports scenario analysis in a credit risk context. This analysis is conducted by passing both a firm's baseline and climate adjusted financials through a credit risk model and is used by clients for use cases such as internal stress testing, regulatory exercises, reporting, or core credit management.
- <u>Launched Global Fund Reconciliation for Real Assets Clients:</u> We recently launched the Global Fund Reconciliation tool for asset managers and asset owners with real estate investment allocations, providing them a single view across their entire real asset investment portfolio globally, including at the fund level and for direct underlying assets. This tool will enable clients to better understand portfolio performance, risk drivers, currency hedging and impacts at the asset and fund level and provide an analysis of mark-to-market debt.
- Expanding Real Assets Portfolio Services to Private Infrastructure Investors: As part of our commitment to improve transparency for the real assets industry, we now cover the private infrastructure asset class in our Portfolio Services offering. Portfolio Services is a suite of analytical tools that provides a holistic view of real asset portfolios, strategies and mandates, and it enables users to understand relevant climate risks and opportunities. This expansion follows a consultation with global investors in December 2022.
- During the quarter MSCI was recognized by several awards and recognitions:
 - MSCI won the Best Index Provider accolade at the Structured Retail Products (SRP) APAC Awards 2023, in recognition of the growth in structured products linked to MSCI indexes including exposures related to China and ESG and Climate. SRP is the leading provider of intelligence for the global structured product market.
 - MSCI won the "Best Index Provider-ESG ETFs in Canada" award at the inaugural ETF Express
 Canadian Awards in June 2023. ETF Express is one of the oldest publications focused on the
 global ETF industry.

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- MSCI received **four category awards in the 2023 Chartis RiskTech Buyside 50 reports,** including: Customer Satisfaction, Buy-Side Portfolio Construction, ESG Analytics (2nd consecutive win) and Performance Attribution Fixed Income. Chartis Research is the leading provider of research and analysis on the global market for risk technology.
- MSCI won Waters Technology's 2023 "Best Performance Measurement and Attribution System Provider." This win follows the first award MSCI won for its performance attribution capabilities in 2022 and was selected by Waters Technology readers.

Launching Innovative Solutions and Products

- New Product to Help Portfolio Managers Meet Demand for Personalized Separately Managed Accounts (SMA): We launched Quantitative Investment Solutions (QIS), a new set of tools to help portfolio managers customize SMA portfolios efficiently at scale. Using MSCI QIS, managers are better able to balance multiple investment objectives quickly and efficiently. In addition to tax requirements, managers that offer SMAs using QIS can implement a number of customizations, including single-company exclusions, industry exclusions, ESG preferences and style preferences. Through cloud-based technology, QIS links the MSCI tax optimization tool to MSCI's indexes, ESG ratings, carbon emissions and factor models to allow portfolio managers to implement unique portfolio requests from clients in an efficient manner.
- <u>Launch of the MSCI Economic Regime Allocator Indexes</u>: We launched the MSCI Economic Regime Allocator Indexes, incorporating real-time macro-economic data from QuantCube Technology, an alternative data specialist firm that uses AI to deliver real time macro-economic insights. MSCI Economic Regime Allocator Indexes are thematic indexes that aim to capture the impact of different economic regimes such as variations in CPI inflation and GDP growth. The index reflects the approach that financial markets generally go through different cycles, and during these cycles, different types of assets or stocks tend to perform differently. The methodology allocates different proportions to equities, cash and US treasuries based upon the Economic Regime, which is determined based on a GDP Growth Indicator and an Inflation Indicator, each calculated by QuantCube Technology.

Enhancing Capabilities with Data, Technology and through Partnerships

- MSCI Climate Action Futures Launched on Singapore Exchange (SGX Group): Our exchange partner, SGX Group, recently launched the first global suite of futures tracking MSCI Climate Action Indexes (World, Europe, USA, Japan and Asia Ex-Japan) to provide investors with efficient tools to address their decarbonization objectives. These free-float-adjusted, market-cap-weighted indexes include constituent companies that have been identified to lead their sector peers in terms of four climate indicators carbon intensity, emission reduction targets, green revenues and strength of climate risk management. The index futures contracts are available for trading ~22 hours a day across Asia, Europe and the U.S. Futures tracking the MSCI India Climate Action Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets Climate Action Index are expected to be launched in the future on SGX.
- <u>Launch of Biotech Advance Indexes, Developed in Collaboration with Royalty Pharma:</u> We recently launched a suite of Biotech Advance Indexes with our partner Royalty Pharma, extending our broader suite of MSCI Life Sciences Indexes. These indexes aim to represent the performance of a set of companies that are associated with research, development and commercialization of



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products for treating a broad range of diseases and disorders related to Cancer; infections; blood; neurology; the musculoskeletal system; sensory organs; the immune system; as well as general diseases. They aim to address the needs of asset managers, wealth advisors and broker dealers who plan to use these indexes as the basis of structured products, OTC derivative products and ETFs. Royalty Pharma functions as external thematic experts on Life Sciences indexes, and through this collaboration, we leverage their deep clinical and scientific knowledge built over decades.

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