



MSCI Inc. Quarterly Update

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Promoting ESG transparency and integration

- MSCI recently published "[The MSCI Principles of Sustainable Investing](#)", a framework designed to illustrate specific, actionable steps that investors can and should undertake to integrate ESG considerations throughout the investment value chain.
- In November 2019, MSCI made accessible [Public ESG Ratings](#) for over 2,800 companies in the MSCI ACWI Index on the MSCI website. Making such ratings publicly available is part of the Company's goal to help a wide variety of stakeholders identify ESG risks and opportunities through greater transparency and access to ESG data and insights.

Entered into a strategic relationship with The Burgiss Group, LLC

- On January 21, 2020, MSCI announced a strategic relationship with The Burgiss Group, LLC, intended to accelerate and expand the use of data, analytics and other investment decision support tools for investors in private assets around the world.
- As part of the alliance, MSCI invested \$190 million in Burgiss for a significant minority interest.
- MSCI's investment in Burgiss will not impact MSCI's adjusted EBITDA and is not expected to have a material impact on adjusted EPS in 2020.

Addressing client needs

- We believe that MSCI is well positioned to deliver the mission critical content needed to implement systematic and sustainable strategies efficiently. Similarly, we can provide the tools to help investors better understand the drivers of performance and risk of a portfolio. We also deliver flexible and sophisticated technology to help investors build and manage complex portfolios across asset classes on a scalable and cost-effective basis.
- Select recent client wins include:
 - A global diversified asset management firm signed a long-term enterprise, integrated front-to-back solution that leverages MSCI's partnership with Charles River Development.
 - A bank in Europe licensed various MSCI indexes for use in its sell-side derivatives products.
 - A large pension fund in Asia added MSCI's risk tools utilizing the combined functionality of BarraOne and CreditManager.

Launching innovative products

We continue to invest in areas such as equity and fixed income index licensing for use in derivatives, ESG and factor indexes, analytics technology and ESG content to help drive growth and provide differentiated content for our clients. Below are examples of recently launched products:

- Fixed Income Indexes include a family of 15 ESG and factor fixed income indexes that leverage MSCI's 30-plus years of extensive fixed income risk and performance analytics experience, as well as our leadership in index construction and state-of-the-art data capabilities.
 - Our fixed income ESG index design is consistent with MSCI equity ESG indexes, while controlling for bond characteristics, such as duration and rating. MSCI's fixed income ESG indexes are designed to help institutional investors benchmark to ESG investment performance, as well as manage, measure and report on ESG mandates.
 - Our fixed income factor indexes represent the performance of strategies tilted toward corporate bond factors that have historically enhanced the risk/return profile and/or generated excess returns relative to issuance-weighted approaches.
- Climate Change EU Transition and Paris Aligned Indexes are constructed from MSCI Climate Change Indexes and take into account the minimum requirements recommended by the European Commission's Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance's Final Report on Climate Benchmarks and Benchmarks' ESG Disclosures.
- Factor & Liquidity Reports for HedgePlatform provide additional insight into hedge fund risks using analytics calculated on position-level holdings.
- MSCI Factor Crowding helps portfolio managers make more informed decisions on factor concentrations by identifying the risk of drawdown events when too many investors are exposed to the same strategies or factors.
- Single Security Analyzer provides detailed transparency into the drivers of analytics for fixed income securities, such as treasuries and corporate credit. This tool allows users to validate curves and market data used to price and produce analytics.

Evolving our own corporate responsibility efforts

- MSCI continuously works to improve our own sustainability and we are pleased to be well-recognized for these efforts. Most recently:
 - MSCI received a 2019 rating of 'B' on its disclosure to the Carbon Disclosure Project.
 - In Japan, MSCI was awarded the highest level Japan Eruboshi Certificate for 2019. Issued by the Japanese Government, this certification recognizes a company's commitment to diversity initiatives and the advancement of women in the workplace.
 - MSCI's Norman office was certified as a 2019 Oklahoma Family Positive Workplace.
- To learn more about our corporate responsibility efforts, please visit [MSCI's website](#).

About MSCI Inc.

MSCI is a leading provider of critical decision support tools and services for the global investment community. With over 45 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.

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