

MSCI Inc. Quarterly Update

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MSCI remains well-positioned to deliver the mission-critical tools, solutions and content investors need to build more effective portfolios. Since the start of the first quarter, we executed on the following actions to advance our product capabilities and address the needs of our clients in the investment world.

Addressing the Needs of Clients and Client Segments

- Helping GPs, Lenders, and Private Companies with a Centralized Hub for Private Market Sustainability Disclosures: In February, we launched MSCI Private Company Data Connect, a centralized hub that provides general partners (“GPs”) and private companies with access to private companies’ sustainability and climate data and disclosures. This tool is designed to drive transparency and a common language for investors in private markets reviewing private companies’ sustainability and climate data, by enabling GPs to execute due diligence and risk management processes, respond to client and regulatory sustainability reporting requirements, and develop sustainable value creation strategies, such as engagement and target-setting for their portfolio companies. Private Company Data Connect also helps private companies without emissions data perform extensive carbon accounting using Persefoni’s carbon accounting and climate disclosure software.
- Enabling a Client to Launch First Total Return Futures (“TRF”) Based on MSCI Indexes: During the quarter, Eurex, the derivatives arm of Deutsche Börse Group, launched TRF contracts on three MSCI indexes: the MSCI World Index, MSCI EAFE Index, and MSCI Emerging Markets Index. TRFs replicate the returns of traditional bilaterally negotiated equity or equity index-based swaps. This solution supports the global shift from swap instruments towards listed and centrally cleared derivatives.
- Launch of MSCI World, USA & ACWI Options on CBOE: During the quarter, CBOE Global Market expanded its existing suite of options linked to MSCI indexes by introducing three new products on additional MSCI Global Indexes. The new index options are linked to the MSCI World Index, MSCI ACWI Index, and MSCI USA Index. These new index options can be an important tool for clients with diverse investment objectives such as gaining benchmark exposure, seeking new sources of yield, hedging portfolios or making directional trades.

Launching and Enhancing Innovative Solutions and Products

- Launched MSCI Global Core Property Fund Indexes for Real Asset Investors: In the first quarter, we launched our Global Core Property Fund Indexes. After thorough research and client consultation, we have developed a comprehensive definition of “Core” in the context of real estate investment and released our new Global Core Quarterly Property Fund Indexes. These indexes are designed to be used by Asset Managers to benchmark different types of Core strategies, and they represent a significant development in our commitment to provide differentiated indexes to our clients.

- Launch of MSCI Volatility Indexes on Emerging Markets (EM) and EAFE at CBOE: In collaboration with MSCI, CBOE introduced two new volatility indexes based on existing MSCI Index options and the proprietary VIX Index Methodology. The new CBOE MSCI Volatility Indices aim to provide comparable measures for international and emerging equity market volatility. The launch of the CBOE MSCI EAFE Volatility Index (VXMxEA) and CBOE MSCI Emerging Markets Volatility Index (VXMxEF) provides the investment community with benchmarks for option investing.
- Launched MSCI Digital Asset Reference Indexes: In February, we launched MSCI Digital Assets Reference Indexes focusing on Bitcoin and Ethereum for investors in the digital asset space. In collaboration with Compass Financial Technologies, MSCI launched four digital assets indexes: the MSCI Global Digital Assets Index, MSCI Global Digital Assets Top 20 Index, MSCI Global Digital Assets Smart Contract Index, and MSCI Global Digital Assets ex Proof-of-Work Index. These indexes aim to represent the performance of an investment strategy in the underlying single digital asset.

Enhancing Our Data and Technology Capabilities through Partnerships and Acquisitions

- Expanded Custom Index Offering with Acquisition of Foxberry: Last week, we completed our strategic acquisition of Foxberry, a London-based provider of front-office index technology for investors. The integration of Foxberry and the foxf9® indexing and analytics toolset will strengthen MSCI’s existing suite of index customization solutions. The foxf9® technology provides a new platform to accelerate custom index production, including simulation and back-testing capabilities for institutional investors and intermediaries.
- Participated in Google Cloud Next 2024: In April, our ESG and Climate Engineering team participated in the Google Cloud Next 2024 conference to showcase our geospatial data solutions that help clients manage the impact of climate hazards and physical risks on their portfolios. This included a presentation titled ‘Pinpointing climate risk for sustainable finance in the era of AI’. We delved into how MSCI uses machine learning and Google’s AI capabilities to enrich our datasets to help clients gain insight into approximately 1 million asset locations and better manage climate-related investment risks.

Awards and Recognitions

- MSCI received an A- from CDP for Third Consecutive Year: MSCI has received a “Leadership” CDP score of A- for three consecutive years, beginning in 2022, based on our responses to the CDP questionnaire. The score reflects MSCI’s leadership position on climate, including our best practices related to climate-related governance, business strategy, financial planning and carbon reduction initiatives. Over the last year, we have continued to make progress on our targets through the launch of internal carbon pricing on business travel and MSCI’s recent TNFD commitment.
- During the quarter MSCI was recognized with several awards and recognitions:
 - MSCI was recognized as the “**Best Smart Beta Index Provider**” award at the SRP Europe Awards 2024, our second consecutive year of recognition.

- MSCI won **“Best Index Provider”** in the ETF Express European ETF Awards for 2024 in the Equity ETFs, ESG ETFs and Emerging Markets ETFs categories.
- MSCI was recognized as one of the **“100 Most Sustainable Companies 2024”** by Barron's.

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