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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 2, 2017

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**MSCI Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-33812**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-4038723**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich St., 49th Floor, New York, NY 10007**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(212) 804-3900**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(d) On February 1, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of MSCI Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Jacques P. Perold as a member of the Board, effective March 6, 2017. Mr. Perold, 58, was president of Fidelity Management & Research Company, the investment advisor for Fidelity’s family of mutual funds, until his retirement from Fidelity in 2014. He was the president of Geode Capital Management, LLC, a sub-advisor to Fidelity from 2001 to 2009. Following his retirement from Fidelity, Mr. Perold was a Fellow at Harvard University’s Advanced Leadership Initiative in 2015 and 2016. He is currently a director of Allstate Insurance Corp., a trustee of New York Life Insurance Company’s MainStay mutual funds, a director of World Music, Inc., a director of South Africa Partners and a trustee of Boston University. Mr. Perold holds a Bachelor of Arts in economic history from the University of Cape Town and a post-graduate Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in sociology from the University of Cape Town.

With the appointment of Mr. Perold, the number of directors serving on the Board is twelve. The Board has not yet appointed Mr. Perold to any standing committee of the Board. In connection with his appointment, the Board determined that Mr. Perold is independent under the Company’s Corporate Governance Policies and within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) and Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) standards of independence for directors.

Under the non-employee director compensation program described in the Company’s annual proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 14, 2016, in connection with his service on the Board, Mr. Perold is entitled to receive an annual retainer (payable in cash or stock at his election) of \$75,000 and annual equity award in the form of restricted stock units (“RSUs”) under the MSCI Inc. 2016 Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan having an aggregate fair market value of \$140,000, based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock as reported by the NYSE on the date prior to grant (any fractional shares are paid in cash). Upon his appointment to a standing committee of the Board, Mr. Perold will also be entitled to receive an annual retainer (payable in cash or stock at his election) of \$10,000 for each committee on which he serves. The annual retainer and award of RSUs are prorated from the date of appointment. The initial RSU award is scheduled to vest on April 28, 2017.

There are no family relationships between Mr. Perold and any officer or other director of the Company or any related persons transactions (within the meaning of Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K) involving Mr. Perold and the Company and/or its subsidiaries. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Perold and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as a director. In addition, Mr. Perold has never been employed at the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

On February 2, 2017, the Company issued a press release relating to the appointment of Mr. Perold to the Board, a copy of which is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release, dated as of February 2, 2017.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MSCI INC.

By: /s/ Henry A. Fernandez

Name: Henry A. Fernandez

Title: Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: February 2, 2017

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Exhibit 99.1	Press Release, dated as of February 2, 2017.

**JACQUES P. PEROLD ELECTED TO MSCI INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NEW YORK, February 2, 2017— MSCI Inc. (NYSE: MSCI), a leading provider of investment decision support tools worldwide, including indexes and portfolio risk and performance analytics products, today announced that Jacques P. Perold has been elected to MSCI’s Board of Directors (“Board”). His appointment is effective March 6, 2017.

Mr. Perold, 58, was president of Fidelity Management & Research Company, the investment advisor for Fidelity’s family of mutual funds, until his retirement in 2014. From 2001 to 2009, Mr. Perold was president of Geode Capital Management, LLC, a sub-advisor to Fidelity.

Henry Fernandez, MSCI’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, “I am pleased to welcome Jacques to our Board. He brings valuable leadership experience from a prominent global investment firm, as well as insight into a quickly evolving and complex global financial system. MSCI and its shareholders will greatly benefit from his experience and perspective.”

Mr. Perold is currently a director of Allstate Insurance Corp., a trustee of New York Life Insurance Company’s MainStay mutual funds, a director of World Music, Inc., a director of South Africa Partners and a trustee of Boston University.

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**About MSCI**

For more than 45 years, MSCI’s research-based indexes and analytics have helped the world’s leading investors build and manage better portfolios. Clients rely on our offerings for deeper insights into the drivers of performance and risk in their portfolios, broad asset class coverage and innovative research.

Our line of products and services includes indexes, analytical models, data, real estate benchmarks and ESG research.

MSCI serves 97 of the top 100 largest money managers, according to the most recent P&I ranking.

For more information, visit us at [www.msci.com](http://www.msci.com). MSCI#IR

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**Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements relate to future events or to future financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “may,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “seek,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” or “continue,” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are, in some cases, beyond our control and that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements.

Other factors that could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements can be found in MSCI's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 26, 2016, as amended, and in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. If any of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what MSCI projected. Any forward-looking statement in this press release reflects MSCI's current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to MSCI's operations, results of operations, growth strategy and liquidity. MSCI 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.