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## **Marcus L. Smith Appointed to MSCI Inc. Board of Directors**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- MSCI Inc. (NYSE:MSCI), a leading provider of indexes and portfolio construction and risk management tools and services for global investors, announced today that Marcus L. Smith has been appointed to MSCI's Board of Directors ("Board"). His appointment became effective on November 2, 2017.

Mr. Smith was the Director of Equity (Canada) and a portfolio manager at MFS Investment Management ("MFS") until his retirement in April 2017. As a portfolio manager, he was responsible for managing the MFS Institutional International Equity Portfolio and the International Concentrated Portfolio. He joined MFS in 1994 and held a variety of positions, including Director of Equity (Asia) from 2010 to 2012, based in Boston, Director of Asian Research from 2005 to 2009, based in Singapore, and Equity Analyst from 1995 to 2000, based in London.

Henry A. Fernandez, MSCI's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are very excited to have Marcus join the MSCI Board. With over 20 years of experience and leadership in fundamental equity investing and international portfolio management, Marcus will be an invaluable asset to MSCI and our shareholders."

Mr. Smith is currently on the board of directors of DCT Industrial Trust Inc. He is also a trustee of the University of Mount Union and has served as the chairman of the finance committee since September 2015. He also currently sits on the Boston advisory board of the Posse Foundation. Mr. Smith holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Mount Union and an M.B.A. degree from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

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