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## **MSCI TO LAUNCH THE MSCI<sup>®</sup> HEDGE INVEST INDEX; MSCI AND LYXOR ANNOUNCE SIGNING OF AGREEMENT**

**New York, Paris, June 30, 2003.** MSCI, a leading provider of equity, fixed income and hedge fund indices, and Lyxor Asset Management (Lyxor), a wholly owned subsidiary of Société Générale specializing in structured funds and alternative investments activities, announced today the signing of an agreement between the two firms regarding the MSCI Hedge Invest Index, an investable hedge fund index. The index is expected to be launched during the summer.

The MSCI Hedge Invest Index will consist of a diverse sample of hedge fund strategies and will contain funds that have weekly liquidity. The index will be constructed and maintained by MSCI according to the MSCI Investable Hedge Fund Index Methodology, using eligible funds from the Lyxor Platform. Lyxor will be responsible for selecting and conducting due diligence on the funds on the platform, for monitoring the investment mandate of each hedge fund manager and for providing valuations on individual funds.

The index is being launched in response to demand from investors globally for a liquid and representative hedge fund index that can be used as the basis for a wide range of index linked financial products, such as funds, derivatives and structured products. The index should appeal to investors including institutional asset managers, fund-of-fund companies and broker dealers. Initially the index is expected to contain approximately 60 constituent funds.

Henry Fernandez, President and CEO of MSCI, said “A hedge fund index that can serve as the basis of financial products has been one of the needs of hedge fund market participants for some time. We believe that the diversity of the Lyxor Platform provides a strong basis for us to build a relevant investable hedge fund index that market participants can use to develop index linked products.”

Bruno Lebre, Chairman of Lyxor Asset Management, commented “Market demand for a fully investable and liquid hedge fund index has been growing for some time and we believe that an index calculated by MSCI, with its strong brand and reputation for high quality indices, will be widely used by the investment community. We wish to broaden the use of the Lyxor platform by the market. Lyxor is pleased to announce that it has licensed the MSCI Hedge Invest Index to use as a basis for an index tracker fund vehicle which will be designed to track the performance of the index and so replicate index returns.”

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**Notes for Editors:**

The MSCI Hedge Invest Index will be a new index, separate from the existing MSCI Hedge Fund Indices<sup>SM</sup> and fund database. The MSCI Hedge Invest Index will contain a set of hedge funds with weekly liquidity while the MSCI Hedge Fund Indices and fund database contains both open and closed funds. The MSCI Hedge Fund Indices and fund database was launched in July 2002 to provide extensive information on hedge funds and to assist investors in conducting peer group analysis and research. As with the MSCI Hedge Fund Indices and database, funds in the MSCI Hedge Invest Index will be classified into investment strategies according to the comprehensive and detailed MSCI Hedge Fund Classification Standard<sup>SM</sup>.

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**Lyxor Asset Management**

Lyxor Asset Management, a 100% subsidiary of Société Générale, is a leading asset manager in structured funds and alternative investment activities. Its mission is to facilitate access to innovative structured investments indexed to equities, indices, mutual or hedge funds, with capital guaranteed and/or leverage mechanisms. Lyxor currently manages EUR 7.5 billion in alternative investment products.

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