

# **IPD INDEX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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## **IPD KOREA ANNUAL PROPERTY INDEX**

#### CLARIFICATION OF CHANGE IN INDEX METHODOLOGY

**Seoul, March 2017:** MSCI wishes to clarify a change to its index methodology pertaining to the return calculation of the IPD Korea Annual Property Index, which now complies with the Global Methodology Standards published in July 2016.

The change is to discontinue the practice of considering Chonsei (a refundable tenant deposit specific to Korea) in the calculation of performance measures at the asset level in IPD Korea Annual Property Index. The original practice was to deduct Chonsei from the denominator of the total return, income return and capital growth.

This change improves the global comparability of MSCl's real estate indexes. The proposal to change the index methodology was consulted on with local clients in 2015 and provisional results have been available via MSCl's Global Intel product in the Real Estate Analytics Portal since April 2016.

The change to the treatment of Chonsei is implemented in the December 2016 results of the IPD Korea Annual Property Index and is applied in MSCI's market information products, retrospectively. The treatment of Chonsei in MSCI's private real estate portfolio analytics products will remain unchanged until further notice.

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