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Barclays and Roubini Global Economics partner to launch family of tradable equity indices

Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices are based on Roubini Country Insights™ model

London 13 July 2015 – Barclays Bank PLC and Roubini Global Economics today launch the Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices (the “Indices”), a family of tradable equity indices based on the Roubini Country Insights™ model.

The Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices, co-developed by Roubini Global Economics and Barclays’ Equity and Funds Structured Markets Investment Strategies group (EFS), aim to provide enhanced beta exposure by notionally allocating exposure, whilst considering liquidity, in a systematic manner to equity benchmark indices in countries that the Roubini Country Insights™ model perceives to be the most fundamentally sound. The Indices will be available in four versions: All-World, Developed Markets, Developed Markets ex-North America and Emerging Markets.

The Roubini Country Insights™ model scores countries with an Investment Attractiveness Score based on an analysis of over 2500 data points from the Bank for International Settlements, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the World Economic Forum and Gallup Polls. The model aims for a granular assessment of each country across a variety of metrics designed to measure investment attractiveness, such as its ability to innovate, its demographic make-up, the quality of education, and availability of healthcare. The Roubini Country Insights™ model not only takes into consideration a country’s macro-economic performance, but also other factors directly relevant to a nation’s growth potential in areas such as policy, political risks and social stability.

Fabien Labouret, Global Head of EFS Investment Strategies at Barclays, commented: “We are delighted to launch the Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices. They will offer investors a way to differentiate between countries in today’s difficult macro-environment, and offer a tradable mechanism to gain access to enhanced beta across the globe.”

“The majority of investors would not invest in a company without first assessing its assets, liabilities and ownership structure. Investors may wish to perform a similar analysis when looking at the economic attractiveness of a country. The Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices aim to do this,” added Paul Domjan, Managing Director at Roubini Global Economics and continued, “instead of focusing entirely on a country’s ‘income statement’ – namely its short-term economic performance – the Indices use current data attempting to understand the investment risk and benefits of a particular country or region. These data include factors that impact a country’s ‘balance sheet’, including the health of the banking system, the total debt of the economy, the age of the population and its ability to innovate, along with social factors including inequality and education.”

Clients can use the Roubini Barclays Country Insights™ Indices as the underlying for a variety of products to

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attempt to capture enhanced risk-adjusted returns in their choice of region in a passive index format.

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About Roubini Global Economics

Roubini Global Economics is a leading independent, global macroeconomic research firm founded in 2004 by renowned economist Nouriel Roubini. Country Insights™ is used by banks, corporate and asset managers for long-term planning, risk management, credit analysis and investment purposes. The Roubini Country Insights™ model scores each country out of 10, based on four Pillars: External Adjustment Capacity Pillar, Robustness of Institutions Pillar, Growth and Adaptability Pillar and the Social Inclusion Pillar.

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