NEW MPI HIRES TO STRENGTHEN RISK AND FACTOR INVESTING OFFERINGS

- Rohtas Handa and Aleksey Matiychenko bolster product development and services at investment analytics provider

Summit, NJ – March 15, 2017 /PR Newswire/ – <u>Markov Processes International ("MPI")</u>, a leading FinTech provider of tools and services for analyzing investment performance and risk, today announced the addition of two new executives, <u>Rohtas Handa and Aleksey Matiychenko</u>. The hires reflect MPI's vision for product development, the integration of new technologies into existing and future tools and the expansion of its services practice that leverages the firm's intellectual property and quantitative research expertise.

Mr. Handa joins MPI as Executive Vice President, Head of Institutional Solutions. In this role, he will be focused on delivering MPI's quantitative research and risk management solutions, including transparency of alternative investments, to asset owners and consultants. Over the course of his career, Mr. Handa has worked to help some of the largest asset owners and leading asset managers in the U.S. and Europe to adopt innovative indices and quantitative risk tools. Prior to joining MPI, Mr. Handa was responsible for business development as Partner at Optimal Asset Management, a boutique asset management firm specialized in providing factor-based investment solutions to asset owners globally. Before Optimal, Mr. Handa was a Managing Director for FTSE, where as Head of Global Sales to Asset Owners and Consultants he was tasked with leading and building FTSE's business amongst the asset owner community. Prior to FTSE, Rohtas was Director of Business Development at Concordia, a multi-strategy hedge fund, and earlier worked for MSCI Barra as an Executive Director in support of their risk analytics business.

Mr. Handa commented, "I look forward to bringing my background in cross-asset risk analytics, smart beta index development, and factor-based portfolio analysis to help introduce MPI's differentiated products and services to asset owners, consultants and institutional asset managers. With recent consolidation and regulatory initiatives, the need to better understand opaque products has never been higher, nor the desire to find cost-effective, liquid, factor-based solutions for alternatives. MPI will continue to lead the industry in these areas."

Mr. Matiychenko, CFA, CAIA, FRM, joins as Executive Vice President, Head of Transparency and Analytics. In this role, Mr. Matiychenko will oversee product development and delivery of MPI's software, data and analytical solutions. His expertise in risk management, quantitative analysis, alternative investments, structured finance and programming was sought to advance MPI's technology and its role within client organizations. Prior to joining MPI, Mr. Matiychenko founded Risk-AI, an award-winning risk management technology and consulting firm with a focus on hedge funds, fund-of-hedge-funds (FoHFs) and family offices. At Risk-AI, he focused on evolving the delivery of applications through emerging technologies, including unique cloud and mobile software. Prior, Mr. Matiychenko was Vice President in the Risk Management and Quantitative Research Group at Ivy Asset Management, a leading FoHFs within BNY Mellon, where he played an integral role in their risk management program, including building a state-of-the-art risk management infrastructure. Earlier, Aleksey was a Senior Developer at JPMorgan's Proprietary Positioning group. Aleksey holds an MBA in Finance and Statistics from NYU Stern School of Business.

"Historically, the strength, rigor and precision of MPI's analytics have afforded clients unique ways to measure performance and understand risk exposure within funds and portfolios. It is now my aim to expand upon the team's great work by leveraging next generation technologies, applications and risk analysis techniques, as well as new delivery methods and <u>surveillance services</u>, to help clients better achieve their organizational goals with our advanced quantitative solutions," said Mr. Matiychenko.

Michael Markov, CEO and Co-Founder, commented, "We are proud to bring Rohtas and Aleksey on board. These professionals are an integral part of MPI's next stage of growth and development as the leading independent provider of solutions to the investment management community. Our clients and partners will definitely benefit from their expertise and future contributions."

About MPI:

Markov Processes International Inc. (MPI) is a leading provider of solutions for investment research, analysis and reporting to the global wealth and investment management industry. MPI has more than 300 client organizations, including pensions and endowments, sovereign wealth funds, global wealth management firms, institutional consultants, investment advisors and asset managers. Rooted in the principles of transparency, objectivity and efficiency, MPI takes an innovative approach to problem solving in the areas of fund analysis, risk management, asset allocation and portfolio construction and reporting to ensure its clients have the tools to succeed in ever-crowded markets. Follow us on Twitter @MarkovMPI, see our latest findings on the MPI Research Corner and connect with us on LinkedIn.

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