

Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

Part I Reporting Issuer

1 Issuer's name		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)	
Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. - Global Real Estate Portfolio - Class L		20-5054292	
3 Name of contact for additional information	4 Telephone No. of contact	5 Email address of contact	
Joel Slager	312-706-4706	msiptax.req@morganstanley.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact	
c/o Morgan Stanley tax, 400 S. LaSalle Street, 39th Floor		Chicago, IL 60605	
8 Date of action		9 Classification and description	
12/17/2012		Regulated Investment Company Class I outstanding common shares	
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol	13 Account number(s)
61756E875		MGR LX	

Part II Organizational Action Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ For shareholders of record on December 14, 2012, Morgan Stanley Institutional Fund, Inc. - Global Real Estate Portfolio - Class L (Fund) paid out a total distribution on December 17, 2012 of \$0.266511 in which \$0.008622 was consider a nondividend distribution for tax purposes.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ The shareholders' total basis in the Fund's Class L shares will be reduced by approximately \$0.008622 per share for the amount of nondividend distributions received by each Class L shareholder's as of the close of business December 17, 2012 (Ex-dividend date).

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ The Fund paid out a total of \$69,578,708 out of all share classes, of which \$2,250,914 was determined to be a return of capital, yielding a return of capital percentage of 3.235%. This percentage is multiplied by the total cash distributions per share to determine the return of capital per share.

Part II Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ►
The transaction described herein is a distribution in excess of earnings and profits under IRC Section 301(c).

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ► N/A.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ► Reportable tax year for this adjustment to the shareholder's basis is 2012.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Signature ► *Joel Slager* Date ► 2/14/2013
Print your name ► Joel Slager Title ► Assistant Treasurer

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