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Lipper to Provide Fund Model Portfolio Construction Research Services to BMO InvestorLine

New York, NY October 29, 2009 -- Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, has been selected by the BMO Financial Group to construct model portfolio solutions of mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) for BMO InvestorLine. Lipper will also be providing BMO InvestorLine with an ETF and mutual fund selection research service. BMO InvestorLine fund model portfolios and lists of funds will be based upon the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating methodology.

The Lipper Leader for Consistent Return measure is an objective rating that evaluates not only a fund's risk-adjusted performance, but also its consistency. Aimed primarily at investors, Lipper Leaders ratings have been used to rate mutual funds for close to a decade.

"As Lipper is an independent fund content and analysis provider, it is ideally positioned to offer model portfolios, fund selection, and portfolio construction research services," said **Dr. Gabriel Burstein**, Global Head of Fund Research at Lipper.

"Lipper, with its recognized reputation in the global fund industry, is an ideal partner for BMO InvestorLine and our industry leading model portfolio offering," said **Cesar Rainusso**, Vice President of Strategy at BMO InvestorLine.

About Lipper

Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, provides independent insight on global collective investments including mutual funds, retirement funds, hedge funds, fund fees and expenses to the asset management and media communities. Lipper is the world's leading fund research and analysis organization, covering over 200,000 share classes and over 110,000 funds in 59 registered for sale (RFS) universes. It provides the free Lipper Leader ratings for mutual funds registered for sale in 30 countries. Additional information is available at www.lipperweb.com.

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About BMO InvestorLine

BMO Financial Group's online brokerage firm, BMO InvestorLine, helps clients make sound and knowledgeable investment decisions by offering tools and services that validate their portfolio planning, selection and management decisions. Its comprehensive suite of financial planning tools and investment products is particularly valuable for investors looking for a long-term and strategic portfolio solution.

BMO InvestorLine is part of BMO Financial Group's Private Client Group. The Private Client Group provides integrated wealth management services in Canada and the United States.



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