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DICTIONARY OF DERIVATIVES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Montréal, October 20, 2009 – The *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) and the *Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec* are pleased to announce the launch of the *Dictionary of Derivatives and Other Financial Instruments*, which will take place on October 22 at the Ordre.

Available at no charge via the websites of the [Ordre](#) and the [AMF](#), the dictionary provides investors, financial industry professionals, translators and other interested parties from government, the media and educational sectors with an authoritative bilingual reference covering concepts that may at times be complex and bewildering. This on-line tool is an innovative initiative in the French-speaking world and represents a major step forward in the fields of terminology and investor education.

"Clarity in communications is essential for better market efficiency and investor protection. This dictionary will enhance investor education and promote precise terminology in a rapidly changing sector," noted Daniel McMahon, FCA, President and CEO of the Ordre.

The *Dictionary of Derivatives and Other Financial Instruments* contains over 700 definitions that can be accessed in English and French simultaneously. In addition to featuring synonyms and complementary concepts, it gives comparisons between different concepts and terms. The dictionary thus enables users to compare definitions of forward-based derivatives and option-based derivatives, and to grasp the distinctions between numerous types of options.

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The Education and Good Governance Fund is administered by the AMF. "The Fund is a valuable education and knowledge-building tool," said AMF President and CEO Jean St-Gelais. "By supporting projects in four specific areas, namely, enhancing knowledge, protecting investors, educating investors and promoting governance, the AMF helps improve knowledge of financial matters in Québec. The Fund provides financial support for initiatives ranging from university research, community awareness to financial education for youth," he added. A complete list and a description of the projects supported by the Fund is available on the AMF website under "Education and Good Governance Fund."

The *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) is the regulatory and oversight body for Québec's financial sector.

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