

## **Scotia Capital Launches Two New Bond Indices**

**TORONTO, January 3, 2006** – Scotia Capital, the leading provider of Canadian fixed income benchmarks, analytics and performance measurement, today announced the launch of two new indices for the Canadian fixed income marketplace - the Scotia Capital Strip Bond Index and the Scotia Capital 20+ Bond Index.

The new Scotia Capital Strip Bond Index is designed to represent the marketplace performance of government issued coupons and residuals. As of December 30, 2005 the index contained 540 federal and provincial issues, with a total market value of \$52-billion, and a modified duration of 12.53 years. The Scotia Capital Strip Bond Index is the first index to track performance of the \$100-billion Strip Bond marketplace and, as such, provides a useful tool for both the retail strip bond investor as well as institutions utilizing these securities for liability matching.

The new Scotia Capital 20+ Bond Index is designed to provide a performance measurement for institutional investors and pension funds, seeking a long-duration benchmark. The index utilizes all issues with an effective term greater than 20 years, from both the new Scotia Capital Strip Bond Index as well as the Scotia Capital Universe Bond Index. As of December 30, 2005 the Scotia Capital 20+ Bond Index contained 335 issues, with a total market value of \$22.49-billion, and a modified duration of 19.48 years.

To better address the utilization of these indices in analytics, performance and benchmarking services, Scotia Capital has built and released five years of daily history (since December 29, 2000) for both indices.

These two new indices, in line with all other Scotia Capital fixed income indices, utilize rules-based published methodologies, which have been kept consistent for compiling historical data. All the methodologies can be found on Scotia Capital's public web site, at: [www.scotiacapital.com/ResearchCapabilities/RE\\_Fixed\\_Income\\_Research.htm](http://www.scotiacapital.com/ResearchCapabilities/RE_Fixed_Income_Research.htm).

The numerous Scotia Capital fixed income indices and data sets are accessible to all interested market participants who license these for use in third-party systems, derivatives, and exchange-traded products. Scotia Capital also licenses the PC-Bond Fixed Income Analytical software, which contains the entire history of Scotia Capital data and indices back to 1947; as well as the ScotiaBond Attribution platform, which provides performance measurement tools for the Canadian fixed income community.

Scotia Capital represents the global corporate and investment banking and capital markets platform of the Scotiabank Group, one of North America's premier financial institutions. The Scotiabank Group has combined assets of \$314 billion (as at October 31, 2005) and more than 50,000 employees worldwide, including affiliates. It is also

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