

## **Scotia Capital announces new Canadian hedge fund performance index**

**TORONTO, November 2, 2005** – Scotia Capital announced today that it will be launching the Scotia Capital Canadian Hedge Fund Performance Index early in 2006. The index will follow Scotia Capital's tradition as a leading provider of market indices used by institutional and private investors in Canada and around the globe.

The Scotia Capital Canadian Hedge Fund Performance Index will provide investors with a monthly snapshot of the growing Canadian hedge fund scene. The index will focus exclusively on qualified funds managed by Canadian domiciled advisors. A set of minimum track record and minimum size criteria will be used in the index construction.

“This kind of initiative would not have been possible five years ago,” said Colin Bugler, Managing Director of Scotia Capital’s prime brokerage operation. “It is only recently that the community of Canadian managers has grown to a size that makes this kind of index meaningful. People want Canadian managers on their radar screens.”

The initial release will be a broad industry index across all hedge fund strategies. Future plans include strategy-specific sub indices, as well as an index focusing on Emerging Canadian Managers that might not qualify for the main hedge fund index.

“We see many quality managers who have a uniquely Canadian flavour,” adds Les Marton, Managing Director of Scotia Capital’s Global Alternative Asset group. “We are constantly asked by institutional investors around the world whether Canada is worth looking at from an investment perspective. This index will give us something to point to.”

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 \$318 billion (as of July 31, 2005) and more than 50,000 employees worldwide, including affiliates. It is also Canada’s most international bank, serving customers in some 50 countries around the world. For more information, visit [www.scotiabank.com](http://www.scotiabank.com) or [www.scotiacapital.com](http://www.scotiacapital.com).

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Industry response:

“AIMA Canada applauds the launch by Scotia Capital of the Scotia Capital Canadian Hedge Fund Performance Index which represents an important development for the Canadian hedge fund industry. The new index will boost the industry’s profile, both domestically and internationally, as well as increasing investor awareness of the tremendous potential of the Canadian hedge fund marketplace,” said James McGovern, Chairman of AIMA Canada, the Canadian hedge fund industry's trade association.

“It is great to see Scotia Capital, a respected leader in Canadian indices, take the initiative to set up a Hedge Fund Index,” echoes Warren Irwin, President of Toronto-based, Rosseau Asset Management.

“The Canadian hedge fund market has become large enough in recent times to warrant an index,” agrees James Fox of hedge fund manager Sprott Asset Management.

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