

## **F-Squared Investments**

### **Press Release**

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## **Introducing the AlphaSector™ AllWeather Indexes: Indexes of ETFs Providing Next Generation Solutions for Retirement Income and Plan Sponsor Funding Requirements**

**Wellesley, MA, February 17, 2010** – F-Squared Investments today announced the launch of the AlphaSector AllWeather Indexes, the latest offerings in the AlphaSector series of indexes. The AllWeather Indexes build on the 9-year success of the AlphaSector US equity indexes to provide a comprehensive portfolio of ETFs covering all key asset classes: US Equities, International Equities, Fixed Income, and Alternatives.

F-Squared is partnering on these Indexes with Ron Santangelo, Managing Director of Santangelo Investment Management and Research, and former Manager of Merrill Lynch's Managed Solutions and Analytics Group. Mr. Santangelo acts as co-Portfolio Manager and is responsible for the decision-making for the Fixed Income and Alternative components of the AllWeather Indexes.

"The average investor has been through a long period of minimal asset growth," stated Ron Santangelo. "In the last fifteen years we have had periods of attractive gains completely eliminated by market reversals. The goal of the AllWeather Indexes is downside risk mitigation, and I believe we are setting new standards of success with them. It's not how much investors make on the upside, it's what you keep on the downside that is crucial to long term asset growth."

The AllWeather Indexes extend the innovative investment philosophy of the AlphaSector Indexes to create an offering that redefines the standard for Target Risk or Global Macro portfolios. The AllWeather Indexes deliver a rare double: quality returns in bull markets and industry leading downside controls in bear markets – ideal for market growth and, importantly, generating repeatable retirement income<sup>1</sup>.

"Whether it's retirement income or a plan sponsor looking to meet its annual funding requirements, it almost always comes down to systematic withdrawals," said Howard Present, President and CEO of F-Squared Investments. "And yet the industry standard is only 4% per year. Our flagship AlphaSector Premium Index gained 198% over the last nine years<sup>2</sup>, while the S&P 500 was up less than 14%, and investment portfolios tracking that Index were able to have successfully supported an 8% annual withdrawal rate<sup>1</sup> over that incredibly challenging period which included two bear markets. We believe that the AllWeather Indexes can improve on that level of success."

To reflect the importance of providing reliable systematic withdrawals for individuals, pension plans, endowments or foundations, F-Squared announced last week the formation of the AllWeather Advisory Board, a diverse group of industry professionals sharing insights to drive innovation and thought leadership for this very important industry challenge.

The 17 members of the AllWeather Advisory Board include industry experts such as: Ron Santangelo; Laura Dagan, Former CEO and Chairman of Dwight Asset Management; Dr. Arthur Laffer, Founder and Chairman of Laffer Associates and widely recognized as the "Father of Supply-Side Economics"; Ron Insana, President and CEO of Insana Capital Holdings and Contributor to CNBC; Brad Campbell, Former Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employee Benefits and head of the Employee Benefits Security

Administration (EBSA); and Steve Mitchell, COO and Board of Director Member, Retirement Income Industry Association (RIIA).

F-Squared is offering separately managed accounts (SMAs) tracking their AllWeather Indexes and is exploring packaged product options with several providers.

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<sup>1</sup>Morningstar Direct, Active Index Solutions, LLC. Periods ending 12/31/2009.

<sup>2</sup>4/1/2001 to 12/31/2009

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