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FundQuest Adds Monte Carlo Analysis Tool for Personalized Investment Hypotheticals

Leverages Investment & Technological Expertise To Expand Value-Added Services for Financial Institutions and Advisors

BOSTON, MA, March 28, 2006 – FundQuest, a leading provider of wealth management solutions for financial institutions, has announced the addition of an enhanced personalized Monte Carlo analysis to its client-profiling tool. This new tool allows financial institutions to provide an illustration of the range of likely potential outcomes for an investor's portfolio based on their inputs to a profiling system. It is available as an option for any financial institution on FundQuest's wealth management platform.

This enhancement provides advisors with a simple and intuitive way to demonstrate to investors how changes to an investment plan and external market forces may impact long-term results. It provides a means to demonstrate the range of potential rewards and risks inherent in financial modeling.

"Although Monte Carlo simulation is not new to financial planning, most of the tools available are too abstract and don't provide enough real-life perspective," said John Curry, Managing Director of Retirement Management Services at FundQuest, "The FundQuest tool brings together our portfolio construction process with the client's risk tolerance, investment goals, and target wealth level to enable advisors to provide a straightforward report that makes sense to an investor. As a result, advisors can provide a better, more realistic view of how a well-diversified investment portfolio may hypothetically behave."

FundQuest has leveraged its strong technological and investment expertise to create this new Monte Carlo analysis tool. "This enhancement is a tangible demonstration of FundQuest's commitment to deliver practical solutions to the advisors of our institutional partners," commented Bob Del Col, President of FundQuest.

FundQuest has announced a significant number of new product and platform initiatives over the past few months including an enhanced Unified Managed Account platform, Retirement Management Services, and Income-Optimizing Portfolios.

About FundQuest

FundQuest (www.fundquest.com) is a leading provider of customized turnkey managed investment account solutions to premier financial institutions. The combined US and European operations of FundQuest have \$30 billion in assets under management and administration. Financial institutions leverage FundQuest's flexible menu of wealth management solutions to deliver: mutual fund advisory, separately managed accounts, fee-based brokerage, exchange-traded funds, unified managed accounts, and alternative investments. The company's open architecture, objective investment management services, and sales and marketing resources help financial advisors to address their clients' important financial goals. Services are offered in the US through FundQuest Incorporated, a Registered Investment Advisor founded in 1993. FundQuest is owned by BNP Paribas.

About BNP Paribas

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