



122 Advisory Firms Offer FundQuest's Unified Account for Single-Account Coordination of Mutual Funds, Separate Accounts, and ETFs

Boston, MA –August 19, 2009 – [FundQuest](#) announced today that, since July of 2008, fifty-four more firms have made [FundQuest's Unified Managed Account \(UMA\)](#) services available to their financial advisors. With these additions over the past year, a total of one hundred and twenty-two client advisory firm clients have now adopted FundQuest's UMA.

The firms using FundQuest's UMA include independent registered investment advisors, the advisory arms of large insurance broker-dealers, bank broker-dealers, and independent broker-dealers. In addition, advisors located at one hundred and fifty community banks and credit unions now have access to FundQuest's UMA. FundQuest is a leading provider of open architecture managed account solutions including technology-based productivity tools, investment due-diligence, sales support, and back-office services.

Examples of the clients who have adopted FundQuest's UMA during the last twelve months include: [MML Investors Services, Inc.](#) in Springfield, MA, [Lincoln Financial Group](#) near Philadelphia, PA, and [American Reliance Group](#) in Spokane, WA.

According to Tim Clift, FundQuest's CIO, "FundQuest's UMA provides advisors with a carefully coordinated portfolio of mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETFs), and separate account strategies all within a single account. Because there are lower minimums for some of the investment strategies utilized inside FundQuest's UMA, many investors can gain first-time access to institutional quality managers. The UMA gives our client firms a highly sophisticated and competitive offering."

FundQuest's investment management team provides overlay management services to coordinate the investments in the UMA to meet individual client objectives. Four years

ago, FundQuest offered one of the first comprehensive UMAs. Today, FundQuest offers a third generation version of its UMA technology and services.

UMAs have gained rapid acceptance because they provide advisors and their clients with a single integrated portfolio view across multiple types of investments. By combining different investment product categories under a single account registration, FundQuest's UMA dramatically reduces both the paperwork and the number of reports that investors and advisors have to review.

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FundQuest is a partner to RIAs, independent advisors, broker-dealers, banks, and trust organizations to help them grow, control expenses, improve profitability, and expand their fee-based product and services offerings. The company's advanced technology, objective investment research, high quality back-office operations, and sales support services enable financial advisors to deliver highly competitive personal wealth management services. FundQuest's services are employed by more than 180 financial advisory firms.

Financial advisors leverage FundQuest's flexible wealth management solutions to deliver: unified managed accounts, mutual fund advisory, hybrid active and passive portfolios, separately managed accounts, income portfolios, trust services, annuities, exchange-traded funds, and alternative-investments. FundQuest provides well-established connectivity to all of the major custody and clearing firms.

The combined US and European operations of FundQuest have \$40 billion in assets under management and administration. FundQuest's services are offered in the U.S. through FundQuest Incorporated, a registered investment adviser based in Boston, MA. FundQuest is part of BNP Paribas, one of the world's largest financial services firms.

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