



GMS Group Expands Managed Account Services Via Technology, Products, and Services from FundQuest

Livingston, NJ, and Boston, MA- December 9, 2008- The [GMS Group](#) has launched a new managed account platform with a wide array of new offerings. [FundQuest](#), a managed accounts leader, will support GMS group's financial advisors with a suite of technology-based productivity tools, investment research and monitoring services.

GMS is a leading specialist in tax exempt municipal bonds with over \$13 billion of fixed income bond transactions in 2007. A key element of the firm's high net worth investor program is to offer a full-range of investment options by launching a new managed accounts platform.

The GMS Group's new platform will offer their high net worth clients these managed account solutions: mutual fund models, Unified Managed Accounts with FundQuest overlay management, Separately Managed Equity Account models, ActivePassive™ Portfolios including exchange-traded funds, and universal life products.

"Both our advisors and high net worth clients will benefit from the depth and breadth of our new platform's investment products and the quality of FundQuest's research and support services. We can expand our relationships with our existing fixed income clients and compete with any firm for managed equity accounts," explained Tim Donohue, Executive Vice President/COO of The GMS Group.

According to Maryanne Morrow, Vice President of National Accounts at FundQuest, "GMS will supplement their fixed income expertise with a new array of carefully researched and monitored open architecture investment products. Their advisors will gain efficiency with FundQuest's proven web-based portfolio diagnostics tools."

About GMS Group

The GMS Group L.L.C, founded in 1979, is a nationally recognized full-service brokerage firm headquartered in Livingston, New Jersey. The firm is comprised of three divisions: Retail Brokerage with branches located in New Jersey, Texas and Florida, Institutional Sales/Trading located in Livingston, NJ and Greenwich, CT and Investment Banking located in Springfield, PA.

Long recognized as a leading specialist in tax-exempt municipal bonds, the divisions of GMS provide a full range of investment products and services to meet the investment needs and objectives of high net worth individuals, municipal bond fund managers, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, states, local governments, political subdivisions, pension funds, banks, and insurance companies.

GMS uses the clearing and custody services of Pershing PAS and is a member of FINRA and SIPC. More information at: www.gmsgroup.com

About FundQuest

FundQuest is the best partner to help financial institutions and their financial advisors to grow their business. Services are delivered via partnerships with over 130 financial institutions. The combined US and European operations of FundQuest have \$64 billion in assets under management and administration. Services are offered in the US through FundQuest Incorporated, a Registered Investment Advisor founded in Boston, MA in 1993.

Financial institutions leverage FundQuest's flexible menu of wealth management solutions to provide: retirement income management, unified managed accounts, mutual fund advisory, separately managed accounts, trust services, annuities, exchange-traded funds, and alternative investments.

FundQuest is the most innovative and flexible partner with the best overall support for advisors and management. The company's open architecture investments, objective investment management services, back-office operations, and sales support services help financial advisors to address their clients' important financial goals. FundQuest is owned by BNP Paribas, a global leader in financial services. More information at: www.fundquest.com/usa

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