



## **INDEXIQ TO RING OPENING BELL AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

*Ceremony Marks the November 17<sup>th</sup> Launch of the  
First Merger Arbitrage Exchange-Traded Fund (NYSE Arca: MNA)*

NEW YORK, (December 1, 2009) – IndexIQ, a leading developer of index-based alternative investment solutions, will ring The Opening Bell<sup>SM</sup> at the New York Stock Exchange this morning in a ceremony that will mark the November 17, 2009 launch of the firm’s IQ ARB Merger Arbitrage Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF), the first merger arbitrage ETF (NYSE Arca: MNA).

“It’s great to be back at the New York Stock Exchange to celebrate the launch of MNA,” said Adam Patti, chief executive officer at IndexIQ. “By investing in MNA, investors will have exposure to the fast-growing area of global corporate mergers and acquisitions in an ETF. With the introduction of IQ ARB Merger Arbitrage ETF last month, we continue to advance our goal of making sophisticated institutional strategies available to investors via Exchange-Traded Funds.”

The IQ ARB Merger Arbitrage ETF (NYSE Arca: MNA) seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the price and yield performance of the IQ ARB Merger Arbitrage Index. The Index invests in global companies for which there has been a public announcement of a takeover by an acquirer, a strategy generally known as “merger arbitrage.” This strategy generally seeks to take advantage of the price differential, where it exists, between the current trading price of a stock and the price of that stock at the time the deal is completed. The ETF-based approach to merger arbitrage investing offers a number of advantages, including intra-day liquidity, portfolio transparency, and low fees.\*

IndexIQ is the sponsor of a family of alternative investment ETFs. In addition to MNA, these include IQ CPI Inflation Hedged ETF (NYSE Arca: CPI), the first U.S.-listed “real return” ETF; IQ ARB Global Resources ETF (NYSE Arca: GRES), the first global resources hedged ETF; IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Tracker ETF (NYSE Arca: QAI), the first U.S.-listed hedge fund

replication ETF; and IQ Hedge Macro Tracker ETF (NYSE Arca: MCRO), the first market directional hedge fund replication ETF. The firm also launched in June 2008 the first no-load hedge fund replication mutual fund, the IQ ALPHA Hedge Strategy Fund (IQHIX – Institutional Share Class, and IQHOX – Investor Share Class).

### **About IndexIQ**

Based in Rye Brook, New York, IndexIQ is a leading developer of index-based alternative investment solutions that combine the benefits of traditional index investing with the risk-adjusted return potential sought by the best active managers. The company's philosophy is to democratize investment management by making innovative alternative investment strategies available to all investors in low cost, liquid, transparent and tax-efficient products. IndexIQ strategies are marketed through the company's proprietary investment products and select partnerships with leading global financial institutions.

Additional information about the company and its products can be found at [www.IndexIQ.com](http://www.IndexIQ.com).

\*IndexIQ's ETF holdings are available daily on IndexIQ's website. Brokerage commissions apply to ETFs. ETFs are liquid in that they are exchange-traded.

Investors are reminded that all investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. The IQ ALPHA Hedge Strategy Fund (IQ Fund), the IQ Hedge Multi-Strategy Tracker ETF (IQ Multi-Strategy ETF), and the IQ Macro Tracker ETF (IQ Macro ETF) are not hedge funds and do not invest in hedge funds. The IQ ALPHA Hedge Strategy Fund is a registered open-end mutual fund that invests in exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and similar securities in an attempt to replicate the performance characteristics of certain hedge fund investing styles, but with less cost, more liquidity, and greater portfolio transparency than traditional hedge funds. The Funds are new, with limited historical performance data. There can be no assurance that the Funds' investment strategies will be successful.

The investment performance of the IQ Multi-Strategy ETF, the IQ Macro ETF and the IQ CPI Inflation Hedged ETF (collectively, the IQ ETFs), because they are funds of funds, depends on the investment performance of the underlying ETFs in which they invest. There is no guarantee that the IQ ETFs themselves, or each of the underlying ETFs in the Funds' portfolios, will perform exactly as its underlying index. The IQ ETFs are non-diversified and susceptible to greater losses if a single portfolio investment declines than would a diversified mutual fund. The IQ ETFs' underlying ETFs invest in: foreign securities, which subject them to risk of loss not typically associated with domestic markets, such as currency fluctuations and political uncertainty; commodities markets, which subject them to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, such as stocks and bonds; and fixed income securities, which subject them to credit risk – the possibility that the issuer of a security will be unable to make interest payments and/or repay the principal on its debt – and interest rate risk – changes in the value of a fixed-income security resulting from changes in interest rates. Leverage, including borrowing, will cause some of the IQ ETF's underlying ETFs to be more volatile than if the underlying ETFs had not been leveraged.

The investments of the IQ ARB Global Resources ETF (GRES) are concentrated in the global resources sector, the value of its shares will be affected by factors specific to that sector and may

fluctuate more widely than that of a fund which invests in a broad range of industries. GRES also may be susceptible to foreign securities risk. Since GRES invests in foreign markets, it will be subject to risk of loss not typically associated with domestic markets. Loss may result because of less foreign government regulation, less public information, less economic, political and social stability, or other factors. GRES is exposed to mid and small capitalization companies risk. Stock prices of mid and small capitalization companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies and also are more vulnerable than those of large capitalization companies to adverse business and economic developments. Since GRES may invest directly in foreign currencies or in securities that trade in, and receive revenues in, foreign currencies, GRES is subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. GRES has a limited operating history.

Certain of the proposed takeover transactions in which the IQ ARB Merger Arbitrage ETF (“Merger Arb ETF”), invests may be renegotiated, terminated or involve a longer time frame than originally contemplated, which may negatively impact the Merger Arb ETF’s returns. The Merger Arb ETF’s investment strategy may result in high portfolio turnover, which, in turn, may result in increased transaction costs to the Merger Arb ETF and lower total returns. The Merger Arb ETF is susceptible to foreign securities risk –since the Fund invests in foreign markets, it will be subject to risk of loss not typically associated with domestic markets, including currency transaction risk. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses. Stock prices of mid and small capitalization companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies.

*ETFs should be considered speculative investments entailing a high degree of risk, are not suitable for all investors and do not represent a complete investment program.*

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*ETF Shares are not individually redeemable and owners of the ETF shares may acquire those ETF shares from the ETFs and tender those shares for redemption to the ETF in Creation Unit aggregations only, typically consisting of 50,000 Shares.*

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