

**AMERICAN BEACON ADVISORS ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF
GENE L. NEEDLES, JR. TO PRESIDENT & CEO**

Ft. Worth, Texas, Friday, April 3, 2009 - American Beacon Advisors is pleased to announce the selection of Gene L. Needles, Jr. as President & CEO. He will officially join the firm on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Mr. Needles has over twenty years of experience in the mutual fund industry, with a strong background in sales and distribution.

Mr. Needles' most recently served as President of Touchstone Investments. Prior to this, he was with AIM Investments from 1993 through 2007 where he increasingly took on more and more responsibility from the early days as a Regional Vice President to ultimately being named the President and CEO of AIM Distributors in 2004. In this role, he was responsible for distributing products that included mutual funds, exchange traded funds, separate accounts, variable annuities, sub-advised portfolios, collective trusts, offshore funds, retirement plans and college savings plans.

William F. Quinn will remain as Executive Chairman on a full-time basis at American Beacon Advisors. Mr. Quinn stated that, "We are excited about the future of ABA with Mr. Needles in this role. We believe his deep knowledge, experience and energy will serve us and our clients well as we continue to grow and deliver strong products to the marketplace."

About American Beacon Advisors, Inc.

American Beacon Advisors is a registered investment advisor with \$35 billion in Assets Under Management for mutual funds, pension funds and short-term fixed income. The firm is a minority controlled corporation owned by Pharos Capital Group, LLC, TPG Capital, L.P., and AMR Corporation.

Established in 1986, American Beacon Advisors, Inc. is an experienced provider of investment advisory services to defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans, foundations, endowments, corporations, and other institutional investors as well as retail markets. American Beacon Advisors also manages the American Beacon Funds, a series of low-cost, no-load mutual funds open to institutional investors, retirement accounts such as IRAs, and individual investors. The fund family currently includes a variety of portfolios spanning longer-range investments in international and domestic equity categories as well as short-term investment options including money market funds.

You should consider the investment objectives, risks, fees and expenses of any mutual fund carefully before investing. This and other information is available in each Fund's prospectus, which you may obtain at www.americanbeaconfunds.com or by calling 1-800-967-9009. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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