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Aberdeen Opens Toronto Office
Hires Business Development Manager

Aberdeen Asset Management Inc. is pleased to announce the opening of a new Canadian office to strengthen the company's business in Canada. The office will be located at 161 Bay Street, 27th Floor, Brookfield Place TD Canada Trust Tower, Toronto, Ontario.

To further Aberdeen's commitment to the Canadian market, Kimberley Woolverton, CFA, will assume the position of Business Development Manager in the Toronto office. Kimberley will report to Renee Arnold and will focus on servicing our existing clients as well as building future relationships in the Canadian marketplace.

Prior to joining Aberdeen, Kim was responsible for business development and client servicing at Burgundy Asset Management in Toronto. She also spent over three years with Merrill Lynch in Denver, Colorado. Kim earned her Bachelor of Science (Distinction) degree from McGill University and is a Chartered Financial Analyst[®] charterholder¹.

Renee Arnold, Senior Manager, Institutional Business Development - Canada, comments:

"Aberdeen's client base in Canada has steadily grown over recent years as investors have recognized our expertise in managing various investment mandates. The appointment of Kimberley and the opening of the Toronto office provide a local presence and reinforces our commitment to the Canadian market".

Aberdeen manages over CAD\$3.3 billion in assets for a wide range of Canadian clients, as of Sept. 30, 2009.

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About Renee Arnold

Renee joined Aberdeen in 2000 resulting from Aberdeen's acquisition of Murray Johnstone. She started with Murray Johnstone in 1984 to maintain the international performance reporting system and institutional consultant liaison program and was promoted to Vice President in 1992. Renee previously worked for Union Texas Petroleum

as a geophysical technician analyzing the fault systems of Abu Dhabi and Indonesia. Renee graduated with a BA (Hons) in Fine Arts and Sciences from the University of Miami, Florida.

About Kimberley Woolverton

Kimberley joined Aberdeen in November 2009. Prior to joining Aberdeen, Kim spent over 3 years with Merrill Lynch in Denver, Colorado as a Special Services Financial Planner. Most recently she was responsible for business development and client servicing at Burgundy Asset Management in Toronto. Kimberley graduated with a BSc (Distinction) from McGill University. She is a CFA[®] charterholder.

About Aberdeen

At Aberdeen, asset management is our business. We know global markets from the local level upwards, drawing on over 1,800 staff, across 30 offices in 24 countries. We only manage assets for third parties, allowing us to focus solely on their needs, without conflicts of interest.

Our clients access our investment expertise across the three asset classes: equities, fixed income and property. We package our skills in the form of segregated and pooled products across borders. We invest worldwide and follow a predominantly long-only approach, based on fundamentally sound investments – we do not chase market fads. Our investment teams are based in the markets or regions in which they invest. Clients understand our process and portfolios because they are transparent.

For more information about Aberdeen's capabilities in Canada, please call (416) 572-2020, or visit www.aberdeen-asset.ca.

Aberdeen Asset Management PLC is an international investment management group, managing CAD \$251 billion in assets (as of Sept. 30, 2009) for both institutions and private individuals from offices around the world.

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