



## NASDAQ OMX and Claremont Investment Partners Launch Fundamentally Weighted Index

### Benchmark Spotlights Industry Leaders Index Ten Year Track Record

NEW YORK, Oct 28, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) and Claremont Investment Partners have introduced The NASDAQ OMX Industry Leaders Index (Nasdaq:NILI (Nasdaq:NILX), a benchmark for high quality fundamentally weighted index performance.

The index is based on the patented quantitative and proprietarily weighted methodology created by Claremont's founding partner, Gerald P. Sullivan. The Industry Leaders(R) Portfolio Strategy is a patented investment process that creates a portfolio of between 65 and 85 large cap Blue Chip companies in 45 to 60 industries with superior credit quality. The index leverages elements of equal weight, fundamental and non-traditional index methodologies to create the monthly portfolio allocations. The strategy is currently employed in a Morningstar 4 star rated mutual fund, The Industry Leaders Fund (ILFIX, ILFLX).

"We are excited to be a partner with one of the most dynamic, technologically-advanced exchanges in the world. We believe The NASDAQ OMX Industry Leaders Index will become an industry leader in the large cap, fundamentally weighted index universe. Our 10 year plus track record of actual (not hypothetical) results at the Fund is testament to the value that can be derived from our disciplined, quantitative and consistent index based approach to investing," said Gerry Sullivan, Chief Investment Officer and CFO of Claremont Investment Partners.

"We are pleased to partner with an industry leader such as Claremont Investment Partners," said John Jacobs, Executive Vice President, NASDAQ OMX. "Claremont is an inventor of a proven, patented investment strategy and both NASDAQ OMX and Claremont share a commitment to transparency and innovation."

To view a list of companies in the NASDAQ OMX Industry Leaders Index, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/weighting.aspx?IndexSymbol=NILI&menuIndex=0>.

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Access to essential historical index data for NASDAQ OMX indexes can be accessed from a single source, NASDAQ OMX Global Index Watch. For additional information, please visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/indexwatch.aspx>.

#### About NASDAQ OMX

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#### About Claremont Investment Partners

Claremont Investment Partners are advisors to the Industry Leaders(R) Fund and inventors of its proven, patented Industry Leaders(R) Portfolio Strategy. Founded in 1996, the firm is a New Jersey women-owned business. Guided by more than fifty years of financial industry experience, Claremont's highly disciplined and repeatable investment strategy selects a diverse portfolio of leading companies based on their financial strength. Unlike many traditional methods, industry allocation precedes

stock selection. As we all know past performance is not indicative of future results but historically the fund has created consistent and above-average returns. Claremont's Industry Leaders Fund has an outstanding, 10 year track record based on total return and risk-adjusted performance relative to the S&P 500. <http://www.claremont.net/> <http://www.iffund.com>

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