



Press Release

Standard & Poor's and BGCantor Market Data Launch New Family of U.S. Treasury Indices

New York, March 24, 2010 – Standard & Poor's, the world's leading index provider, and BGCantor Market Data, L.P. ('BGCantor Market Data'), a leading market data provider and a subsidiary of BGC Partners, Inc, announced today the launch of the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bill Index and the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index, with the aim of capturing and reflecting new issues faster than any available U.S. Treasury Indices.

Part of the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index Family, the two new indices are launched on the heels of a recent agreement by S&P Indices and BGCantor Market Data to jointly develop a series of U.S. Treasury Indices that would better replicate the current trend toward more frequent borrowing by fixed income issuers.

Both U.S. Treasury indices use pricing from BGCantor Market Data, and are maintained and published by S&P Indices.

"As the market changes, so does the need for its benchmarks to change. These indices are designed to capture the nuances of the US Treasury market by incorporating the newer issues into the indices in a more timely fashion," states J.R. Rieger, Vice President, S&P Indices. "This series of indices adds to the transparency that S&P Indices brings to the market by building upon the money market, U.S. municipal, sovereign debt, and CDS indices we publish every single day."

The S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bill Index is a broad, comprehensive, market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. Treasury Bill market. Unlike others available in the marketplace, the Index undergoes a review and rebalancing on a weekly basis so as to keep the Index current with frequent borrowing by fixed income investors. The Index is rules based, and is comprised of sub-indices that are differentiated by the range of maturities of its constituents.

The S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index is a broad, comprehensive, market value-weighted index that seeks to measure the performance of the U.S. Treasury Bond and Note market. The Index undergoes a review and rebalancing twice a month (semi-monthly) as opposed to monthly for other available indices, with the intent of keeping the Index current. Like the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bill Index, this Index is rules based and is comprised of sub-indices that are differentiated by the range of maturities of its constituents.

Bernie Weinstein, head of BGCantor Market Data, added: "We are focused on providing our customers with the data they need to support their trading requirements. The massive growth in U.S. Treasury issuance has resulted in even greater demand for high quality data in that market. These Indices provide additional tools designed to give our customers a broad view of the market and help them make informed trading decisions."

As part of this rollout, S&P Indices and BGCantor Market Data also intend to launch a U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) Index during the second quarter of 2010.

For more information on the S&P/BGCantor U.S. Treasury Bill Index and the S&P/BG Cantor U.S. Treasury Bond Index, please visit www.fixedincomeindices.standardandpoors.com.

About S&P Indices

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About BGCantor Market Data, L.P.

BGCantor Market Data, LP, a subsidiary of BGC Partners, Inc. (Nasdaq: BGCP) is one of the world's premier suppliers of real-time, tradable, indicative, end-of-day, and historical fixed income and derivatives data. As the exclusive source for market data derived from BGC Partners' broking activity, BGCantor Market Data's products and services are used by finance professionals for price discovery, analysis, risk management, portfolio monitoring and valuation, and research. BGCantor Market Data's product suite spans fixed income, interest rates, foreign exchange, foreign exchange options, credit derivatives, structures products, and analytics. BGCantor Market Data's products are available through direct data feed and the Internet via BGCantor On Demand (www.bgcantorondemand.com), and through vendors such as Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters, CQG, DTN, eSignal, and SunGard.

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