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RYDEX|SGI CURRENCYSHARES® CROSS \$4 BILLION IN ASSETS

Increasing Awareness Driving Demand For Financial Industry's First Suite of Currency-Based ETFs

NEW YORK August 16, 2011 Rydex|SGI, a leading asset manager, today announced that assets in its CurrencyShares® product lineup reached an all-time high of \$4 billion, as of August 9, 2011.

Rydex|SGI, the first firm to offer currency-based exchange-traded products (ETPs), introduced CurrencyShares just over five years ago as a way for investors to gain access to currencies—one of the largest and most liquid financial market in the world—in a cost-effective structure. In addition to accessibility, CurrencyShares provide direct currency access, transparency, liquidity and choice. The firm's initial offering—CurrencyShares Euro Trust (NYSE: FXE)—was launched in December 2005.

Our CurrencyShares offer investors a pure way to hold foreign currency, said Tony Davidow, managing director and portfolio strategist at Rydex|SGI. Historically, many currencies have served as a hedge to equities and fixed income, therefore offering the potential to help decrease a portfolio's overall volatility.

CurrencyShares ETPs are designed to track the price movements of their associated underlying currency through holding the actual foreign currency deposits, not derivatives. The Rydex CurrencyShares lineup currently includes nine ETFs listed on the NYSE Arca.

Among the nine CurrencyShares Trusts, some highlights include: CurrencyShares Swiss Franc Trust (FXF), with \$1.3 billion in assets and the CurrencyShares Canadian Dollar Trust (FXC), with more than \$960 million in assets.

It is not surprising to see such significant growth across the CurrencyShares line-up, said Carl Resnick, managing director of ETFs at Rydex|SGI. Financial advisors are increasingly aware of the benefits of incorporating currencies into a diversified portfolio, he said.

Overall, Rydex|SGI reported its total ETF assets climbed to over \$9.7 billion following a very strong second quarter. Rydex|SGI currently ranks ninth in AUM among all ETF providers according to Morningstar.

About Rydex|SGI

Rydex|SGI manages approximately \$26 billion in assets, including more than \$9 billion in exchange traded product assets. The firm offers institutional investors and financial intermediaries a broad spectrum of traditional and non-traditional investment options that span four distinct disciplines: fundamental alpha (actively-managed equity and fixed-income), alternative strategies, target beta strategies, and ETFs. For more information, visit www.rydex-sgi.com or call 800.820.0888.

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