



First Trust Advisors L.P. and American Bankers Association to Ring The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell

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What:

First Trust Advisors L.P. and American Bankers Association (ABA) will visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square to celebrate the launch of the First Trust NASDAQ(r) ABA(r) Community Bank Index Fund (Symbol:QABA). The exchange-traded fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance, before fees and expense, of the NASDAQ OMX(r) ABA(r) Community Bank Index(sm).

The NASDAQ OMX(r) ABA(r) Community Bank Index(sm) (Nasdaq:ABQI) enables investors to track the performance of the most actively traded of the approximately 475 community banks listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market. As of June 8, 2009, there were 96 securities that comprised the Index. In honor of the occasion, First Trust Advisors L.P. and ABA representatives will preside over The NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell.

Who:

- * Robert Carey, Chief Investment Officer, First Trust Advisors L.P.
- * Brian Wesbury, Chief Economist, First Trust Advisors L.P.
- * Dan Waldron, Senior Vice President, First Trust Advisors L.P.
- * Kyle Baker, Vice President, First Trust Advisors L.P.

- * Diane Casey-Landry, COO of American Bankers Association
- * James Chessen, Chief Economist, American Bankers Association
- * Bob Davis, EVP, American Bankers Association
- * Bill Kroll, EVP, American Bankers Association
- * Helen Sullivan, SVP of Capital Markets, American Bankers Association

- * John Jacobs, CMO and EVP of Global Financial Products, NASDAQ OMX
- * Frank Hatheway, Chief Economist, NASDAQ OMX

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite - 4 Times Square - 43rd & Broadway - Broadcast Studio

When:

Wednesday, July 1st, 2009 at 9:15 - 9:30 a.m. ET

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Feed Information:

The Opening Bell is available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on Galaxy 19 C/15, downlink frequency 4000 vertical. The feed can also be found on Ascent fiber 1623. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Madden at (646) 441-5045.

Radio Feed:

An audio transmission of the Opening Bell is also available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on uplink IA6 C band / transponder 24, downlink frequency 4180 horizontal. The feed can be found on Ascent fiber 1623 as well.

Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Opening Bell will be available at: http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_about.stm.

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Open, please go to http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market open of your choice.

About First Trust Advisors L.P.:

Based in Wheaton, Illinois, First Trust Advisors L.P., and its affiliate First Trust Portfolios L.P., are privately-held companies which provide a variety of investment services, including asset management, financial advisory services, and municipal and corporate investment banking, with collective assets under management or supervision of over \$19 billion as of May 31, 2009 through closed-end funds, unit investment trusts, mutual funds, separate managed accounts and exchange-traded funds. For more information, please visit www.ftportfolios.com.

About American Bankers Association:

The American Bankers Association brings together banks of all sizes and charters into one association. ABA works to enhance the competitiveness of the nation's banking industry and strengthen America's economy and communities. Its members -- the majority of which are banks with less than \$125 million in assets -- represent over 95 percent of the industry's \$13.5 trillion in assets and employ over 2 million men and women. For more information on ABA, visit <http://www.aba.com>

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