



## Quarterly Changes to the NASDAQ Q-50 Index

NEW YORK, Dec 11, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (Nasdaq:NDAQ) announced today the results of the quarterly reranking of the NASDAQ Q-50 Index(SM) (Nasdaq:NXTQ), which will become effective with the market open on Monday, December 21, 2009.

The following eleven securities will be added to the Index: Akamai Technologies, Inc. (Nasdaq:AKAM), CTC Media, Inc. (Nasdaq:CTCM), Hansen Natural Corporation (Nasdaq:HANS), Human Genome Sciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:HGSI), Itron, Inc. (Nasdaq:ITRI), Liberty Global's Class A Common Stock (Nasdaq:LBTYA), Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc. (Nasdaq:PPDI), Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc. (Nasdaq:PTEN), R.R. Donnelley & Sons Company (Nasdaq:RRD), Ryanair Holdings plc (Nasdaq:RYAAY), and Steel Dynamics, Inc. (Nasdaq:STLD).

The Index is designed to track the performance of the 50 securities that are next in line to replace the securities currently included in the NASDAQ-100 Index(R). The NASDAQ Q-50 Index is reranked on a quarterly basis. For more information about the NASDAQ Q-50 Index, including detailed eligibility criteria, visit <https://indexes.nasdaqomx.com/>.

As a result of the evaluation, the following ten securities will be removed from the Index: MICROS Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq:MCRS), Mylan Inc. (Nasdaq:MYL), Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq:ONXX), Palm, Inc. (Nasdaq:PALM), Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Nasdaq:PENN), Qiagen N.V. (Nasdaq:QGEN), SanDisk Corporation (Nasdaq:SNDK), Sohu.com Inc. (Nasdaq:SOHU), Virgin Media Inc. (Nasdaq:VMED) and Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc. (Nasdaq:VSEA).

The PowerShares NXQ Portfolio (Nasdaq:PNXQ) is an exchange traded fund that seeks investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield, before the Fund's fees and expenses, of the NASDAQ Q-50 Index(SM). The Advisors Asset Management NASDAQ Q-50 Index Portfolio(SM) (MFQS:AAMNAX) is a unit investment trust that seeks to provide above average total return by investing in stocks included in the NASDAQ Q-50 Index.

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