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RBC HEDGE 250 INDEX® RETURNED -7.67 PER CENT IN SEPTEMBER 2008

Year-to-date performance is -13.17 per cent

NEW YORK, October 14, 2008 — RBC Capital Markets today reported that for the month of September 2008 the RBC Hedge 250 Index® had a net return of -7.67 per cent. This brings the year-to-date return of the Index to -13.17 per cent. These returns are estimated and will be finalized by the middle of next month. The return for August 2008 has been finalized at -1.83 per cent.

The RBC Hedge 250 Index is an investable benchmark of the performance of the hedge fund industry. The Index operates in accordance with a unique construction methodology. Comprised of more than 250 actual hedge funds, the RBC Hedge 250 Index is positioned as the industry's most diversified and representative investable index. The Universe on which the Index is based currently consists of 5,970 hedge funds (excludes funds of hedge funds) with aggregate assets under management of $1.599 trillion.

Since its inception on July 1, 2005 through the end of August 2008, the RBC Hedge 250 Index has had an annualized net return of 5.72 per cent. In comparison, over the same period, other investable indices have averaged 2.63 per cent while non-investable indices have averaged 7.88 per cent, according to information reported by the sponsors of those indices.

For more information about the RBC Hedge 250 Index, including historical performance information, please visit www.rbchedge250.com.

	Index Level	Sep-08	Aug-08	YTD	ITD
RBC Hedge 250	**110.13**	**-7.67%**	**-1.83%**	**-13.17%**	**10.13%**
Relative Value					
Convertible Arbitrage		-21.00%	-0.82%	-24.39%	-9.05%
Equity Market Neutral		-2.30%	-1.40%	-4.85%	8.00%
Fixed Income Arbitrage		-7.30%	0.69%	-7.19%	9.72%
Tactical					
Equity Long/Short		-6.55%	-1.29%	-10.60%	24.42%
Macro		-4.16%	-4.77%	-6.02%	6.36%
Managed Futures		1.03%	-1.84%	8.28%	43.30%
Event Driven					
Credit		-7.71%	-4.60%	-17.41%	3.34%
Mergers & Special Situations		-7.49%	-0.60%	-15.82%	8.06%
Multi-Strategy					
Multi-Strategy		-14.54%	-0.42%	-22.44%	2.50%

Table contains estimated returns, except for the August returns, which are final.
Inception Date is July 1, 2005. Index Level at inception was 100.00.

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