

## **Information Circular: TIERS**

To: Head Traders, Technical Contacts, Compliance Officers, Head of ETF

Trading, Structured Products Traders

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The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") began operating as a national securities exchange for trading non-NASDAQ listed securities on February 12, 2007. As a result, certain TIERS that have previously traded through our systems on an over-the-counter basis are being traded by NASDAQ as an exchange on an unlisted trading privileges (UTP) basis for the first time. See Appendix A for a listing of select TIERS that commenced trading on NASDAQ on a UTP basis on February 12, 2007.

Appendix A contains links to information circulars regarding the TIERS prepared by their listing market, The American Stock Exchange. NASDAQ members should consult these information circulars, which contain important information about the characteristics of the TIERS and the principal risks of an investment in the TIERS.

Trading in the TIERS on NASDAQ is subject to <u>NASDAQ equity trading rules</u>. The TIERS will trade from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. SEC Rule 10a-1 (the SEC short sale rule) applies to trading in the TIERS.

Trading of TIERS on NASDAQ is subject to the provisions of <u>NASDAQ Rule 2310</u>. Members recommending transactions in TIERS to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the "know your customer" obligation that is embedded in the NASDAQ Conduct Rules.

Members also should review NASD Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. NASDAQ members should consult the registration statement or prospectus for the TIERS for additional information.

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## Appendix A – TIERS

Index-Linked Notes	Symbol	CUSIP Number
TIERS Principle-Protected	NQL	G88653137
Trust Certificates, Series Nasdaq 2002-6, due July 30, 2007		
TIERS Principal-Protected	RUD	G88651206
Minimum Return Trust Certificates based on the Russell 2000 Index, due April 29, 2009		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SFM	G88653194
Minimum Return Trust Certificates, Series S&P 2003-10, due May 22, 2008		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SMC	G88653152
Trust Certificates, Series S&P Midcap 2002-12, due September 26, 2007		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SNB	G88653145
Trust Certificates, Series S&P 2002-9, due August 29, 2007		
TIERS Principal-Protected	DJQ	G88653210
Minimum Return Trust Certificates (Interest based upon the Dow Jones Industrial Average), due September 29, 2008		

Index-Linked Notes	Symbol	CUSIP Number
TIERS Structured	SFH	G88653863
Products Corp Series NASDAQ 2003-12 Principal-Protected Minimum Return Trust Certificates, due January 5, 2009		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SMX	G88953186
Minimum Return Trust Certificates, Series S&P 2003-7, due April 28, 2008		
NASDAQ-100 Index TIERS	NAS	G88653855
Series 2003-13, due January 30, 2009		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SPO	G88653228
Minimum Return Asset Backed Certificates Trust Series S&P 2003- 23, due January 6, 2009		
TIERS Principal-Protected	SYP	G88651107
Minimum Return Trust Certificates based upon the S&P 500 Index When Issued, due January 7, 2009		
TIERS Principal-Protected	XSB	G88653871
Asset Backed Trust Certificates, Series 2002-5, due April 30, 2007		
TIERS Principal-Protected	DJE	G88653178
Asset Backed Trust Certificates, Series DJIA 2003-1, due January 30, 2008		
TIERS Principal Protected	SNJ	G88653160
Trust Certificates, Series S&P 2002-19, due November 26, 2007		