New Q&As Posted on the GIPS Website
Three new Q&As have been added to our database providing additional guidance on carve-outs. These Q&As address the application of the requirement that carve-outs must not be included in composites unless the carve-out is actually managed separately with its own cash balance for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2010. Firms are reminded that compliance with the GIPS standards also includes adherence to all Q&As and other guidance. The new Q&As can be found by searching the GIPS Q&A database for a key word or for all entries updated on or after December 2009.

Get Ready for 2010!
Remember the following GIPS provisions are effective 1 January 2010:

1. A.3 For periods beginning 1 January 2010, FIRMS MUST value PORTFOLIOS on the date of all LARGE EXTERNAL CASH FLOWS.

2. A.4 For periods beginning 1 January 2010, FIRMS MUST value PORTFOLIOS as of the calendar month-end or the last business day of the month.

3. A.6 For periods beginning 1 January 2010, COMPOSITE returns MUST be calculated by asset weighting the individual PORTFOLIO returns at least monthly.

4. A.7 For periods beginning 1 January 2010, CARVE-OUT returns are not permitted to be included in single asset class COMPOSITE returns unless the CARVE-OUTS are actually managed separately with their own cash balances.

In addition, the Error Correction Guidance Statement (PDF) is effective 1 January 2010. Firms should also review the recently released error correction Q&A (PDF).

GIPS 2010
The GIPS Executive Committee (EC) expects to formally adopt the revised GIPS standards in January, with an effective implementation date of 1 January 2011. Please visit the GIPS website to review the latest EC key decisions regarding the expected revisions to the Standards.

GIPS Conference
The European GIPS Standards Conference will be held on 24–25 February 2010 in London and will offer firms an invaluable look into the changes to the Standards and what challenges they may face in the coming years. Subject experts will share best practices on implementation and
application of the Standards as well as speak to the key issues and major developments in performance measurement. For complete details, please visit our website.

**New Translation Approved**
The GIPS Executive Committee has endorsed the 12th official translation of the GIPS standards. A link to the Dutch translation submitted by Netherlands Country Sponsor, VBA - Beroepsvereniging van Beleggingsprofessionals, can be found on the [GIPS website](#).

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