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## Sabrient Systems Announces Launch of Its Defensive Equity Index

SANTA BARBARA, CA, December 11, 2006 – Sabrient Systems, LLC is pleased to announce the launch of its newest stock index, the Sabrient Defensive Equity Index (AMEX: SBRDE). The Index is composed of 100 publicly-traded companies with potentially superior risk-return profiles during periods of stock market weakness, but still offering the potential for gains during periods of market strength.

The Index does not take the traditional approach to defensive portfolios by focusing solely upon low-beta, non-cyclical, "steady-Eddy" stocks. Instead, using a rules-based quantitative approach, the Index selects stocks that reflect qualities such as a strong balance sheet, dividend payments, conservative accounting practices, and a recent history of out-performance during weak market days.

Sabrient believes that this creates a more intriguing version of a defensive portfolio with the potential to outperform on a risk-adjusted basis the S&P 500 Index and other broad market benchmarks under most market conditions. For example, the current portfolio includes traditionally defensive names like Altria (NYSE: MO), Campbell Soup (NYSE: CPB), Waste Management (NYSE: WMI), and Allstate (NYSE: ALL), but also includes stocks you might not expect to see, like Harrah's Entertainment (NYSE: HET), Echostar (NASDAQ: DISH), Pengrowth Energy Trust (NYSE: PGH), and Royal Caribbean (NYSE: RCL).

Sabrient has granted Claymore Advisors the rights to license the Sabrient Defensive Equity Index for the creation of the Claymore/Sabrient Defender ETF, a new exchangetraded fund. The Fund seeks investment results that correspond generally to the performance, before the Fund's fees and expenses, to the Index. Claymore Securities, Inc. acts as the distribution agent for the Fund. Neither Claymore Advisors nor Claymore Securities has any involvement with the ongoing administration of the Index.

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## About Sabrient Systems

Sabrient Systems, LLC (<u>http://www.sabrient.com</u>) is an independent equity research firm specializing in unbiased, fundamentals-based, quantitative equity research. Sabrient's proprietary methodology developed by, developed by Chief Market Strategist and industry pioneer David Brown, employs multi-factor filters and fuzzy-logic scoring to analyze nearly 6,000 U.S.-traded stocks and identify those that appear poised to outperform or underperform the market. Founded in 2000, Sabrient provides institutional research products to large and small asset managers, investment advisors, and hedge funds. The company also offers its SmartStock<sup>™</sup> research reports to individual investors through online brokers and investment banking firms, including seven of the 12 Wall Street investment firms that were parties to the Global Research Analyst Settlement of 2003. In addition, Sabrient now offers the SmartStock reports and SmartLists<sup>™</sup> through its individual investor website. Sabrient is headquartered in Santa Barbara, CA.

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