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Combined Client Composite Portfolio **Returns 3.5% for Past Year**

Once again, Benchmark demonstrated the effectiveness of the full integration of socially responsible & sustainable investing with modern portfolio management. Building on the 2008 preservation of capital (client composite return - 5.1%) Benchmark clients' portfolios out-performed a traditional 60/40 allocation in the 12 month period ended September 30, 2009. Over the longer period (3 years) **Benchmark posted a positive 4.6% return - fully 5.8% (annualized) over the traditional 60/40 mix!**

	<u>Q3 2009</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
Benchmark Client Composite*	5.6%	9.8%	3.5%	4.6%
Default 60/40 Blended Indices **	11.2%	14.3%	-0.3%	-1.2%

Benchmark's investment stewardship is achieved by combining innovative impact investment strategies with rigorous financial risk management. For example, our High Impact investment strategy invests in well managed, undervalued social and environmental leading public companies worldwide (global small cap asset class). Examples include:

- **Jamba (JMBA)** – retail stores offering blend to order fruit smoothies, squeezed to order juices and healthy snacks promoting products as a healthy alternative to other fast food options.
- **Accell Group (ACCEL NA)** – makes bicycles and parts/ accessories as an alternative mode of transportation to the automobile that is clean and healthy working for sustainable mobility in cities.

Not only are we finding undervalued companies that are making a difference financially and sustainably, but our returns with this strategy for our clients have been well above market.

Risk Management continues to be a major component of our integrated sustainable investment management. Are you prepared for the next bubble and collapse?

**The Benchmark Asset Managers LLC Client Composite is the total time-weighted return (cap weighted), net of fees, of all client portfolio's managed by Benchmark Asset Managers LLC. Returns are calculated monthly. Before January 2008 returns were calculated quarterly.*

***Traditional 60/40 portfolio defined as:*

35% US Large Cap (Domini 400), 10% US Small Cap (Russell 2000), 15% Large Cap International (EAFE), 30% US bonds (Barclay Intermediate Gov/Credit Index) & 10% Cash (3 Month T-Bill).