

## Gardner Energy MacroIndex Gains A Further 2.62 Percent In May

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ZUG, Switzerland/EWORLDWIRE/July 7, 2008 --- Gardner Finance AG (Gardner) reports that the Gardner Energy MacroIndex (GEMI), an Index which tracks actively the performance of energy hedge funds across a number of carefully selected strategies, gained 2.62 percent in May, 2008. The Index now stands at an all-time high of 1383.58. The GEMI's gains were driven by performance in the Long/Short Equity, Relative Value trading and Mezzanine Debt components of the multi-strategy index.

### About GEMI

Energy is the cornerstone of modern life and offers immense investment potential. For this reason, Gardner Finance has developed the Gardner Energy MacroIndex (GEMI). Its aim is to cover the entire value chain of energy generation. The GEMI Index is unique to the market place as no other active hedge fund performance index product has such a strategy or composition. Its objective is to provide investors with a macro view on global energy markets by looking at the performance of selected investment vehicles belonging to the investment class "Energy Hedge Funds". Objective criteria, arranged in a proprietary selection matrix, are applied in selecting the energy hedge funds to be included in the Index as components. The Index includes components representative of a careful hypothetical investment in the investment class "Energy Hedge Funds" to make it suitable for use as a benchmark by investors in international energy markets. More information on GEMI can be obtained at '<http://www.macroindex.com/>'.

### About Gardner Finance AG

Gardner Finance has a strong history of providing its clients with innovative financial solution platforms that cover a wide range of financial industry products in the commodity trading, publicprivate equity and publicprivate debt markets. Gardner Finance AG focuses on and is a recognized specialist in the natural resources investment sector where it employs its extensive knowledge of commodity investment products in the Energy, Agriculture, Metals & Materials sub-sectors. Gardner's objective is to enable a comprehensive exposure to the commodity sector with its MacroIndex family of Indices whilst simultaneously smoothing out the inherent volatility and cyclical nature of these markets.

To learn more about Gardner Finance AG and our products, visit our websites at '<http://www.gardner.ch/>' and '<http://www.macroindex.com/>'.

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