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**Braemar Stone Gifted to the British Garden at Hanover Square in New York by Aberdeen Asset Management**

*Her Majesty the Queen to open the garden July 6, 2010*

**Philadelphia, July 5, 2010** — Aberdeen Asset Management PLC (“Aberdeen”) has gifted a granite stone from the heart of Royal Deeside in Scotland to the British Garden at Hanover Square in New York City. The stone and its plinth are one of the new features in the garden, which will be formally opened tomorrow (Tuesday, July 6, 2010) by Her Majesty the Queen. The granite stone replicates the 22- to 26-pound “Braemar” stone which is thrown at Highland Games across Scotland and the world. The Aberdeen Braemar stone is supported by a specially carved limestone square pyramid plinth which shows the distance from New York City to Aberdeen, Scotland – 3,281 miles. The British Garden was created to honor the memories of the 67 British citizens who lost their lives during the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001. The garden, situated in Lower Manhattan, also celebrates the historic ties of friendship between the U.S. and the UK and aims to bring British heritage and arts initiatives into the community and city of New York.

Gary Marshall, Aberdeen’s Head of Americas, says, *“The British Garden is a symbol of shared sacrifice and celebrates the common links between Britain and the U.S which are deeply entwined. We, at Aberdeen, are proud to be a corporate supporter of the British Garden - and to have a permanent reminder of our connections across the Atlantic. We chose a Braemar stone to symbolize the enduring strength of Scottish and British friendship towards the U.S. No one will ever forget the loss of so many innocent people, including the 67 Britons. This sculpture symbolizes that they all remain in our thoughts, but that we also look forward to building upon the bond between our two countries.”*

The garden reflects the whole of Britain in its design; with City of London-style bollards, paving quarried in Scotland and Wales and benches produced in England which were completed in Northern Ireland. The

Garden was designed by Isabel and Julian Bannerman, leading British landscape architects best known for their work for HRH The Prince of Wales. The horticulture was adapted by Lynden B. Miller for the New York City climate. British sculptor Simon Verity undertook the stone carving of the county map of Great Britain.

Aberdeen Asset Management is one of the many supporters of the multi-million-dollar capital improvement project that has been supporting the British Garden. Donations have been received from foundations, individuals and corporations. Information on how to donate to the Garden can be found at [www.britishgarden.org](http://www.britishgarden.org).

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**Picture Caption** – Aberdeen Asset Management has donated a Braemar stone and plinth to the British Garden at Hanover Square. The garden will be formally opened by Her Majesty the Queen on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Photography by Christopher Gabello.



**Picture Caption** – The British Garden at Hanover Square, New York City, will be formally opened by Her Majesty the Queen on Tuesday, July 6, 2010. Photography by Christopher Gabello.

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