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QSG Expands its Specialty Model Suite by Releasing its Bank & Thrift Stock Selection Model

NAPERVILLE, IL, July 13, 2006 – Quantitative Services Group LLC announced the release of their QSG's Bank & Thrift Model, the latest addition to their specialty data based stock selection model suite. QSG's Bank & Thrift Model utilizes industry specific data from SNL Financial to analyze the unique components of a bank's financial performance. The model assesses a bank's loan quality, investor sentiment, management quality, earnings momentum, earnings quality, price momentum, balance sheet strength and valuation on a daily basis.

Historical tests of the Bank and Thrift model indicate that the model would have outperformed the equal-weighted bank and thrift universe by an average of 1.29% per month from July 1990 to September 2005. Since its creation in October 2005, the model has returned an average of 0.90% over the equal-weighted universe per month.

"Standard data sources do not provide the level of detail necessary to analyze the quality of a bank's loan portfolio or the strength of their balance sheet. QSG's use of specialty data from SNL allows our clients to go beyond a simplistic assessment of a bank's prospects and obtain a more detailed perspective," stated Jason Hans, Senior Quantitative Analyst. "Quantitative investors frequently find their process lacking in the banking industry due to the inherent differences between banks and the remainder of the investment universe. QSG's Banks & Thrifts model helps our clients improve their stock selection process by constructing a model specifically tailored to this unique industry."

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