

MONEX GROUP

Investment in 3iQ Managed Account Platform (“QMAP”)

TOKYO, April 24, 2024 - As announced in a separate press release today, Monex Group, Inc. (headquarters: Tokyo, Japan; Representative Executive Officer and CEO: Yuko Seimei; the “Company”) has completed the acquisition of shares in 3iQ Digital Holdings Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, hereinafter collectively “3iQ”), and 3iQ has become subsidiaries of the Company.

In order to support the rapid expansion of 3iQ’s business, the Company will invest US\$7.5 million in the 3iQ Managed Account Platform or “QMAP” as one of initial investors. QMAP is a secure, transparent and efficient investment platform operated by 3iQ, offering access to a diverse suite of crypto hedge funds. These funds feature a selection of alpha oriented strategies that meet the complex demands of global institutional investors. This investment significantly bolsters 3iQ’s position in the institutional digital asset management space.

QMAP stands at the forefront of the shift towards active management in digital assets. 3iQ employs a rigorous due diligence process to select fund managers who demonstrate a consistent ability to generate alpha and manage risks effectively. These managers are distinguished by their institutional backgrounds, specialized expertise, operational excellence, and proven track records over various market cycles. The platform’s managed account structure is an innovation that allows 3iQ direct control over assets, thereby enhancing transparency and strengthening risk management capabilities, benefits that are ultimately passed on to investors. In addition, QMAP eliminates the extra layer of management and performance fees typically found in traditional fund-of-funds structures, providing investors with the option to tailor their investment allocations or choose from pre-designed model portfolios at no extra cost. The platform serves as a bridge for institutional allocators, providing the necessary trust and operational familiarity required in today’s digital asset industry.

“I am very excited about the opportunity for Monex Group to invest in the innovative QMAP. I have high hope that QMAP will quickly become the leading platform for sophisticated investors to invest in diversified suite of crypto hedge funds,” said Yuko Seimei, CEO of the Company. Pascal St. Jean, President of 3iQ said, “With a seasoned team that has extensive experience in both alternative asset management and digital asset investing, we remain committed to upholding our firm’s decade-long tradition of developing cutting-edge investment solutions for institutional investors. Together with Monex, we aim to create a superior investor experience that set new standards globally.”

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