

## Marret High Yield Strategies Fund Closes \$210.8 Million Offering

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TORONTO, Feb. 21, 2012 /CNW/ - Marret Asset Management Inc. is pleased to announce that the previously announced offering of additional units of Marret High Yield Strategies Fund (TSX: MHY.UN) (the "Fund") closed today. The Fund issued 19,800,000 units at closing at a price at \$10.65 per unit for gross proceeds of \$210,870,000.

The Fund has granted the agents an over-allotment option, exercisable in whole or in part at any time up to 30 days after closing, to purchase up to an additional 2,970,000 units at a price of \$10.65 per unit.

The Fund seeks to achieve the following investment objectives: (i) to maximize total returns for unitholders consisting of both tax-advantaged distributions and capital appreciation, while reducing risk; and (ii) to provide unitholders with attractive monthly tax-advantaged cash distributions.

The syndicate of agents for the offering was led by RBC Capital Markets and includes CIBC, GMP Securities L.P., TD Securities Inc., BMO Capital Markets, National Bank Financial Inc., Scotiabank, Canaccord Genuity Corp., Macquarie Private Wealth Inc. and Raymond James Ltd.

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#### About Marret Asset Management Inc.:

Marret Asset Management Inc. is an employee-owned firm based in Toronto and has over \$5.9 billion of assets under management. Marret and its experienced team of investment professionals led by Barry Allan specialize exclusively in fixed income and, particularly, in high yield debt strategies. Barry Allan, the President and Chief Investment Officer, founded Marret in 2000, following a career at Altamira, Nesbitt Thomson and a Canadian chartered bank. Mr. Allan has over 25 years of experience in credit and fixed income markets.

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*Management believes that the expectations reflected in forward-looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions; however, management can give no assurance that the actual results or developments will be realized. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations, including the matters discussed under "Risks Factors" in the Fund's current Annual Information Form. Readers, therefore, should not place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Further, a forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made. Marret Asset Management Inc. and the Fund undertake no obligation to publicly update any such statement or to reflect new information or the occurrence of future events or circumstances except as required by securities laws.*

*These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this press release.*

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