

Arca Labs Announces Partnership with Signature Bank's Signet Network Signature Bank clients to have a seamless and efficient process to purchase ArCoin

Los Angeles, CA – March 17, 2021 – <u>Arca Labs</u>, the innovation division of <u>Arca</u>, a digital assets investment firm that blends traditional finance with cutting edge blockchain technology, today announced an agreement with <u>Signature Bank</u> (NASDAQ:SBNY) that enables Signature Bank clients with access to the bank's <u>Signet™</u> digital payment platform, to initiate purchases of shares of the Arca US Treasury Fund (the "Fund") from their Signet wallet. This integration is a critical next step in building the digital securities ecosystem.

A pioneer in serving the digital assets industry, Signature Bank's Signet platform is a blockchain-based, real-time payments system that operates 24/7, 365 days a year. Each Signet within the platform is equal to one U.S. dollar. With this new functionality, customers of Signature Bank who have an active Signet account can use the platform to efficiently move U.S. dollars from their Signet account to purchase shares of the Arca US Treasury Fund. This integration, while increasing connectivity for mutual customers of Signature Bank and Arca, also leverages the Signet platform's goals of reducing costs and transaction time for Signature Bank customers.

"The pandemic had a dramatic effect on how investors view digital assets, and we need to keep the user experience top of mind in order to drive adoption," said Jerald David, president of Arca Labs. "We believe that digital securities will eventually replace traditional securities because they're flexible, secure and transparent, and can offer increased utility. This new relationship with Signature Bank is a great example of how integrated financial services are modernizing to serve investors and the ecosystem."

This integration with Signature Bank elevates the user experience by:

- Straight Through Processing (STP) from a Signet wallet to the Arca US Treasury Fund;
- Shortening the time to process a subscription to the Fund by avoiding the time-inefficient traditional wire/ACH of USD to a custody account
- Facilitating delivery of redemption proceeds from the Fund directly to a Signet wallet

The relationship with Signature Bank represents another major milestone in Arca Labs' commitment to pioneering the digital securities space. In keeping with Arca Lab's commitment to advance the digital securities ecosystem, the company <u>announced</u> it had joined forces with

eight custody providers to securely hold ArCoin on behalf of subscribers. This enhancement highlights Arca Lab's mission of offering investor-grade regulated products while creating a seamless, efficient experience for digital securities.

About ArCoin

Arca Labs, the innovation division of Arca, launched the Arca U.S. Treasury Fund in July 2020. The Fund is a registered closed-end investment company that offers its securities solely as digital securities. The Fund's digital security ("ArCoin") leverages blockchain technology, allowing for the facilitation of peer-to-peer transfer of ArCoin. Each ArCoin is a single share in the Fund, representing a pro-rata interest in a portfolio of U.S. Treasuries and certain other high-quality fixed income instruments. The Fund's investment objective is to seek maximum total return and preservation of capital by, under normal circumstances, investing 80% of the Fund's assets in U.S Treasuries and 20% in investment-grade fixed-income securities.

About Arca

Arca is an asset management firm investing and innovating in digital assets. Our mission is to offer high-quality asset management products that meet the operational, compliance, legal, and regulatory standards needed for sophisticated investors to gain exposure to digital assets. Arca's product set includes actively-managed hedge funds, passive vehicles, and first-to-market blockchain transferred funds ("BTFs"), developed by our innovation division, Arca Labs. The first BTF is the Arca US Treasury Fund, the first U.S. registered fund to issue shares via the blockchain, which integrates blockchain's peer-to-peer technology and instant settlement features with traditional investment vehicles. Arca's founders and senior team members have worked in traditional finance and FinTech across all asset classes and are working to bring the best of traditional finance practices to digital assets to deliver the right product to the right investor at the right time. Learn more about Arca: https://ar.ca

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There is no assurance that any investment strategy will achieve its investment objective. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Arca U.S Treasury Fund. This and other information about the fund is contained in the Fund's prospectus and should be read carefully before investing. The prospectus can be obtained on our website, https://arcoin.arcalabs.com/, or by calling

toll-free 1-800-445-3148. The Arca U.S. Treasury Fund is distributed by UMB Distribution Services LLC, member FINRA/SIPC.

The Fund is a closed-end investment company operating as an interval fund. Among other things, interval funds differ from open-end management investment companies (commonly referred to as mutual funds) in that they do not generally redeem their shares at the option of the shareholder. And unlike open-end funds, closed-end funds and interval funds generally stay fully invested in securities consistent with the fund's investment objectives and policies. An investment in the Fund's shares is subject to investment risk, including the loss of the principal amount invested. An investment in the Fund's shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Fund. The value of such securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, due to factors affecting particular companies or the securities markets generally, such as interest rates or inflation. When interest rates decline, the value of portfolio securities already held by the Fund can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of existing portfolio securities held by the Fund can be expected to decline. A fund with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a fund with a shorter portfolio duration. Additionally, to the extent the Fund invests in fixed-income securities with longer maturities, the Fund is subject to greater interest rate risk than funds investing solely in shorter-term fixed-income securities.

The Fund is the first U.S. registered fund to offer digital securities. Accordingly, the Fund's management has limited experience using blockchain technology to validate transactions in the shares of a registered fund that issues digital securities. The potential application of U.S. federal securities laws regarding traditional investment securities to ArCoins is unclear. While the Fund believes that ArCoins should be treated the same as any other conventional, uncertificated book-entry security, various regulators may disagree with this assertion and conclude that ArCoins should not be treated as a traditional investment security. The Fund's shares will only be issued as digital securities, meaning that they will be uncertificated securities that may be transferred using blockchain technology in direct peer-to-peer transactions. The shares are not listed for trading on any national securities exchange or available for trading through an NMS. The shares are also not currently available for secondary trading in any venue, such as a public decentralized or centralized electronic exchange platform. Although the shares may be transferred in peer-to-peer transactions, the availability of counterparties to such transactions is limited to other shareholders or other eligible purchasers. There may be relatively few investors to whom ArCoins can be transferred in a peer-to-peer transaction, and thus there may be limited to no liquidity in ArCoin. In addition, if you sell your ArCoin through a peer-to-peer transaction, that transaction may not occur at NAV, as such transactions are individually negotiated in the peer-to-peer market. The use of blockchain technology is subject to all the usual risks associated with the fact that the technology is relatively new in the securities markets as well as risks specifically related to the use of blockchain technology including the possibility of undiscovered technical flaws or the possibility of breakdowns and transaction halts as a result of undiscovered technology flaws that could prevent transactions for a period of time.