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**Moran Ranked as Top Money Manager**

NAPLES, Fla. (July 20, 2009) – Thomas Moran, Managing Director-Investments and founding member of The Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, has been ranked as a top money manager in Nelson’s *World’s Best Money Managers*. In the category of “U.S. Equity Large-Cap Growth Equity,” Moran’s portfolio outperformed 98 percent of all others over the 10-year period ending March 31, 2009.

Nelson’s *World’s Best Money Managers* publication is based on the latest performance results compiled from over 6,500 investment portfolios over 1,500 investment management firms.

Moran is a 28-year veteran of the securities industry and has received local, national and industry recognition for his ability as a financial advisor. He is a Senior PIM Portfolio Manager – the firm’s highest level designation for an advisor and is well known throughout the firm as one of the top fee-based financial advisors. A frequent speaker at investment symposiums, Moran was recognized for his wealth of knowledge and ability to adapt in a downturn economy by *Research* magazine, naming him one of Florida’s top advisors in January 2008. He was also named *Research* magazine’s 2008 Winner’s Circle in September 2008. In addition, Moran was recently recognized by *Barron’s* as the number one financial advisor in Southwest Florida. The list was part of a state-by-state ranking of the Top 1,000 Advisors in the United States.

A strong supporter of the Southwest Florida community, Moran serves on the Advisory Board of the United Arts Council and is a Founding Patron of Opera Naples. In addition, he is a member of the board for Youth Haven and the Scholarship Committee for the Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation.

The offices of The Moran Asset Management Group are located at 5801 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 200 in Naples. For information, call (239) 254-2200 or visit [www.morangroup.wfadv.com](http://www.morangroup.wfadv.com).

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About Moran:

The Moran Asset Management Group is a money management practice.\*\* The group is responsible for managing in excess of 2 billion in client assets and has served the Naples Community for 27 years. Under the direction of founder Thomas Moran, Managing Director-Investments and Senior PIM Portfolio Manager, the team of financial advisors has helped clients meet their investment goals, build wealth, and preserve capital with sound financial strategies.

*\*\*Fees for the PIM program include Advisory services, performance measurement, transaction costs, custody services and trading. The fees do not cover charges and expenses of any mutual funds that may be purchased within the program and customary brokerage charges apply to non-program assets. Fees are based on the assets in the account and are assessed quarterly. There is a minimum fee of \$250 per calendar quarter to maintain this type of account. Advisory accounts are not designed for excessively traded or inactive accounts, and may not be suitable for all investors. During periods of lower trading activity, your costs might be lower if our compensation was based on commissions. Please carefully review the Wachovia Securities advisory disclosure document for a full description of our services, including fees and expenses. The minimum account size for this program is \$50,000.*

*Winner's Circle—The number of advisers shown for each state is based on the total population of the state, so larger states have larger listings. The rankings reflect assets under management, revenues, quality of the advisors practices and other factors. Total assets are all assets overseen by the adviser's team, including some that are help at other institutions. Assets managed for institutions are given less weight in the scoring. Portfolio performance is not a criterion because most advisors do not have audited track records. Criteria was based on more than 3,000 filtered nominations from more than 100 investment ,insurance, banking and other related independent financial services firms.*

*Criteria for Barron's number one financial advisor in SW Florida was based on more than 3,000 filtered nominations from over 100 investment, insurance, banking and other related firms, which were narrowed down by quantitative and qualitative criteria as well as by examining regulatory records and talking with peers, supervisors, clients and the advisors themselves. Portfolio performance is not a criterion because most advisors do not have audited track records.*

*Nelson's World's Best Money Managers are compiled from a quarterly survey of investment management organizations and portfolio composites. All investment managers who participate and whose performance results meet certain minimum criteria are eligible. The full set of 3/31/09 results as well as the inclusion criteria for Nelson's World's Best Money Managers is accessible at [www.nelsoninformation.com](http://www.nelsoninformation.com), free of charge.*

*With approximately \$900 billion in client asset as of March 31, 2009, Wells Fargo's brokerage businesses have nearly 16,000 full-service financial advisors and 6,000 licensed financial specialists. This vast network of advisors, one of the nation's largest, serves clients through offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in Latin America. Wells Fargo Advisors is the trade name used by three separate registered broker-dealers and non-bank affiliates of Wells Fargo & Company: Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC and Wells Fargo Investments, LLC (members SIPC). Statistics include First Clearing, LLC, an affiliate broker-dealer of Wells Fargo & Company.*

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