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Moran Named to Winner's Circle

NAPLES, Fla. (February 12, 2009) – Thomas Moran, Managing Director-Investments and founding member of The Moran Asset Management Group, has been listed in Research magazine's 2008 Winner's Circle.

Each advisor of this year's Winner's Circle Research Magazine list was filtered down from a national list from securities firms, bank, independent firms and more. The Winner's Circle team vetted each Series-7 registered advisor through a host of quantitative and qualitative criteria, including assets managed, revenues, experience levels, acceptable compliance records and U4 forms, discussions with management and more.

Thomas 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 the top fee-based financial advisor. 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 2006.

A strong supporter of the Southwest Florida community, Moran serves as CEO of the Advisory Board of the United Arts Council and CFO 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.

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, the team of financial advisors has helped clients meet their investment goals, build wealth, and preserve capital with sound financial strategies.

The office of The Moran Asset Management Group is located at 5801 Pelican Bay Boulevard, Suite 200 in Naples. For information, call (239) 254-2200 or visit www.morangroup.wbsec.com.

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