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River Road Closes Small Cap Value Strategy

LOUISVILLE, KY - - December 11, 2006 - - River Road Asset Management, LLC (“River Road”) announced today they will be closing their Small Cap Value Strategy to new institutional clients. The close is effective immediately.

“Based on outstanding commitments, we anticipate the strategy will reach its \$1billion target capacity by early 2007,” said River Road President, R. Andrew Beck. “We have decided to close the strategy now so we can ensure the integrity of our investment process.” Since opening their doors in April of 2005, River Road has increased assets under management from \$30 million to over \$2 billion. Approximately \$700 million of those assets are managed within the firm’s Small Cap Value strategy.

River Road is an institutional asset management firm based in Louisville, Kentucky. The firm specializes in managing value-oriented portfolios. River Road’s strategies are also available to retail investors through two mutual funds offered by Aston Asset Management. The mutual funds trade under the symbols ARSVX (Small Cap Value) and ARDEX (Dynamic Equity Income).

Photos and additional biographical information are available upon request. You may also visit River Road’s website for additional information at www.RiverRoadAM.com.