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**BARTON CLOSE ACHIEVES MEMBERSHIP
IN RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES'
2011 PRESIDENT'S CLUB**

Chattanooga, TN – Barton Close, a vice president, investments and financial advisor at the 537 Market Street office of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, has been named to the firm's 2011 President's Club in recognition of proven dedication to his clients and a continued desire for professional growth, according to Dennis W. Zank, president of Raymond James & Associates.

President's Club honors are presented only to those financial advisors who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to personalized client service. Membership is based mainly on assets under management, education, credentials and fiscal year production. Re-qualification is required annually since prior membership is no assurance of future membership.

Close, who joined Raymond James in 2005, has more than two decades of experience in the financial services industry. He offers a comprehensive range of investment and financial planning alternatives for individuals and businesses.

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