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Mark G. Thompson named to the 2018 Financial Times 400 Top Financial Advisors

(Melbourne, FL) – Mark G. Thompson, Senior Vice President, Certified Financial Planner and Managing Director with Raymond James & Associates, member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, was recently named to the *Financial Times* Top 400 Financial Advisors list.

“It is an absolute honor to be considered among the top financial advisors in the U.S.,” Thompson said. “To be included among such an elite group is humbling.”

The list recognizes top financial advisors at national, independent, regional and bank broker-dealers from across the U.S. Having met a set of minimum requirements, advisors were graded on six criteria: assets under management (AUM); AUM growth rate; experience; advanced industry credentials; online accessibility; and compliance records. There are no fees or other considerations required of advisors who apply for the *FT* 400.

This year’s “average” advisor manages \$1.4 billion in assets. Overall, the impressive cohort of elite advisors hails from 38 states and Washington, D.C.

2018 marks the sixth annual 400 list, produced independently by the *Financial Times*.

Thompson, who manages more than 500 million in client assets, offers his/her client’s comprehensive financial and retirement planning and helping clients exit closely held businesses. Mr. Thompson was also named to Forbes list of “Best-In-State Wealth Advisors” in February. ** Past performance is not indicative of future results. Individual experiences may vary.*

The *FT* 400 was developed in collaboration with Ignites Research, a subsidiary of the *FT* that provides specialized content on asset management. To qualify for the list, advisers had to have 10 years of experience and at least \$300 million in assets under management (AUM) and no more than 60% of the AUM with institutional clients. The *FT* reaches out to some of the largest brokerages in the U.S. and asks them to provide a list of advisers who meet the minimum criteria outlined above. These advisers are then invited to apply for the ranking. Only advisers who submit an online application can be considered for the ranking. In 2018, roughly 880 applications were received and 400 were selected to the final list (45.45%). The 400 qualified advisers were then scored on six attributes: AUM, AUM growth rate, compliance record, years of experience, industry certifications, and online accessibility. AUM is the top factor, accounting for roughly 60-70 percent of the applicant’s score. Additionally, to provide a diversity of advisers, the *FT* placed a cap on the number of advisers from any one state that’s roughly correlated to the

distribution of millionaires across the U.S. The ranking may not be representative of any one client's experience, is not an endorsement, and is not indicative of advisor's future performance. Neither Raymond James nor any of its Financial Advisors pay a fee in exchange for this award/rating. The FT is not affiliated with Raymond James.

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