# EARNEST PARTNERS

# International Fund Marks 3-YR Anniversary and Achieves 5-Star Rating from Morningstar

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EARNEST Partners is pleased to mark the 3-Year anniversary of the Hancock Horizon Diversified International Fund (HHDTX) for which it is the sole subadvisor.

In consideration of the 3-year track record, Morningstar has assigned a 5-star Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> to the Fund. The Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> is a quantitative assessment of the Fund's performance and considers both return and risk. 5-stars is the highest possible Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup>. <a href="http://quote.morningstar.com/fund/f.aspx?t=hhdtx">http://quote.morningstar.com/fund/f.aspx?t=hhdtx</a>

EARNEST Partners has managed its institutional International strategy for more than 12 years, during which time it has achieved annualized net of fees performance of +7.3%, 375 basis points ahead of its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI ex US.

EARNEST Partners CEO Paul Viera commented that "an experienced team and a disciplined process have been the drivers of the strategy's performance over time. A challenging and volatile market environment creates significant opportunities for stock selectors, particularly those adept at identifying mispricings in the international marketplace; and 2011 has been no exception. We're delighted to have partnered with Hancock Horizon to establish a mutual fund that makes our International strategy available to a broader audience".

#### **About EARNEST Partners**

EARNEST Partners is an independent, employee-owned asset management firm currently advising on more than \$15 billion in assets for clients around the world. EARNEST Partners manages portfolios for more than 300 clients including corporations, government pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, jointly-trusteed plans, endowments and foundations. The firm is also engaged in subadvisory relationships with a number of global financial institutions. We offer a variety of competitive equity and fixed income products across the respective market cap and duration spectrums. Our investment approach is long-term oriented and focuses on the merits of individual securities when making investment decisions. EARNEST Partners is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with representative offices in Beijing and Hong Kong.

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# **About Hancock Holding Company**

With assets of approximately \$20 billion, Hancock Holding Company is the parent company of Hancock Bank and Whitney Bank. The company operates almost 300 full-service bank branches and nearly 400 ATMs across a Gulf South corridor spanning South Mississippi; southern Alabama; south central Louisiana; the northern, central, and Panhandle regions of Florida; and metropolitan Houston, Texas.

The Hancock Holding Company financial services family also includes Hancock Investment Services, Inc.; Hancock Insurance Agency and its divisions of J. Everett Eaves and Ross King

Walker; Magna Insurance Company; Southern Coastal Insurance Agency, Inc.; corporate trust offices in Gulfport and Jackson, Miss., New Orleans and Baton Rouge, La., and Orlando, Fla.; and Harrison Finance Company.

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For each fund with at least a three-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> metric each month by subtracting the return on a 90-day U.S. Treasury Bill from the fund's load-adjusted return for the same period, and then adjusting this excess return for risk. The top 10 percent of funds in each category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5 percent receive 4 stars, the next 35 percent receive 3 stars, the next 22.5 percent receive 2 stars and the bottom 10 percent receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a fund is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five- and ten-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. As of 9/30/2011, the Hancock Horizon Diversified International Fund received an overall Morningstar Rating of 5 stars. The Hancock Horizon Diversified International Fund was rated against 735 Foreign Large Blend Funds over a three-year period and received 5 stars.

To determine if this Fund is an appropriate investment for you, carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risk factors, and charges and expenses before investing. This and other information can be found in the Fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by calling 1-888-346-6300 or visiting <a href="www.hancockhorizonfunds.com">www.hancockhorizonfunds.com</a>. Please read it carefully before investing.

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The MSCI All Country World ex-US Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States. Index returns do not reflect any management fees, transaction costs, or expenses. It is not possible to invest in an index. For more information, please see current fund prospectus or your financial advisor.

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