



EARNEST Partners Nominated for Domestic-Stock Fund Manager of the Year by Morningstar

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ATLANTA, GA – EARNEST Partners is a nominee for Morningstar’s 2017 Domestic-Stock Fund Manager of the Year award. The basis for the nomination includes not only performance, but consistency and a shareholder first mentality. Morningstar quotes, “Although it has been hard for active managers to beat U.S. stock indexes in recent years, these managers’ rigorous research, time-tested processes, and investment skill have set them apart in today’s market.”

EARNEST Partners is not a newcomer to receiving awards. In 2013, Pensions & Investments magazine ranked the EARNEST Partners Emerging Markets Composite its number 3 top-performer (by 5-year return) in the emerging markets asset class in its annual Top-Performing Managers report. Its Mid Cap Core strategy and its Mid Cap Value strategy were also named the Mid Cap Equity Award Winner in the Separately Managed Account (SMA) Managers of the Year Awards by Envestnet and Investment Advisor magazine in 2013 and 2016, respectively.

Paul Viera, EARNEST Partners’ CEO, commented on the latest news from Morningstar, “We apply the same process to all of our strategies—small cap, mid cap, international and emerging markets. Our record shows that if you have a consistent method for screening companies, and a diverse set of views well-versed in the various industries, you can produce quality results over time. We are honored to be nominated, but remain focused on what we can do to help our clients going forward.”

For more information on the nomination go to <http://news.morningstar.com/articlenet/article.aspx?id=842827>.

About the Morningstar Fund Manager of the Year Award

Established in 1988, the Morningstar Fund Manager of the Year award recognizes portfolio managers who demonstrate excellent investment skill and the courage to differ from the consensus to benefit investors. The Fund Manager of the Year award winners are chosen based on research and in-depth qualitative evaluation by Morningstar's Manager Research Group. To qualify for the award, managers' funds must have not only posted impressive returns for the year, but the managers also must have a record of delivering outstanding long-term risk-adjusted performance and of aligning their interests with shareholders'. Nominated funds must be Morningstar Medalists—a fund that has garnered a Morningstar Analyst Rating™ of Gold, Silver, or Bronze.

About EARNEST Partners

EARNEST Partners is an independent, employee-owned asset management firm currently advising on more than \$20 billion in assets for clients around the world. We offer competitive active and passive equity strategies, in Non-U.S. and U.S. markets, across the market cap spectrum as well as fixed income products to match specific duration objectives. EARNEST Partners seeks to invest in businesses that support their community's values while providing superior returns to their equity and debt holders. EARNEST Partners is headquartered in Atlanta, GA with additional offices in China and Brazil.

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