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Aston Announces the Launch of Two New International Equity Funds

Aston/Barings International Fund (Ticker: ABIIX)
Aston/SGA International Small-Mid Cap Fund (Ticker: ASNMX)

Chicago, IL – November 5, 2007 – Aston Asset Management LLC (“Aston”) announced today the launch of two new international strategy mutual funds—the Aston/Barings International Fund (Ticker:ABIIX) and the Aston/SGA International Small-Mid Cap Fund (Ticker: ASNMX). These two Funds join Aston’s growing family of 27 mutual funds and bring the total number of international strategies to five.

“Favorable conditions in international and emerging markets make the launch of these two funds quite timely,” says Ken Anderson, President of Aston. “The growth of many international economies should continue to provide a good opportunity for international investing.”

Based in London, Baring Asset Management’s (“Barings”) heritage dates back to 1762. Today, Barings is an international investment management firm with four main investment offices covering each major financial time zone. As manager to the Aston/Barings International Fund, Barings combines growth and value disciplines using a “Growth at a Reasonable Price” investment philosophy focusing on stocks with the greatest potential for earnings surprise. “While most growth managers focus on historical growth rates, we strive to identify those companies with the potential for continued growth. That’s a huge differentiator for us,” said Portfolio Manager, Christopher Lees.

Headquartered in Newport Beach, CA, Strategic Global Advisors, LLC (SGA) offers quantitative strategies backed by fundamental research with a focus on small-to-mid cap international equities. Dr. Gary Baierl, Co-Portfolio Manager of the Aston/SGA International Small-Mid Cap Fund and formerly Director of Quantitative Research at Causeway Capital Management, states that “particularly in the international markets, quantitative data that is analyzed through proprietary models and processes can be used to generate returns in excess of market returns.” He believes that stock prices do not always reflect the most relevant and public information, adding that the quantitative approach allows SGA to select from a broader and deeper pool of investment ideas than more traditional stock selection approaches.

Both SGA and Barings bring a wealth of international investing experience to the table with these two Funds,” stated Stuart Bilton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aston Asset

Management. “Each Fund is unique in its investment objective, strategy and management style, and we are delighted to be able to offer our investors these two portfolio enhancing and diversifying tools, adding to our already strong arsenal of international strategies.”

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About Aston Asset Management LLC

Aston Asset Management LLC, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, is a diversified institutional investment management firm. Aston offers investment management services to the mutual fund and separately managed account markets. As of September 30, 2007, Aston was the adviser to twenty-two no-load mutual funds with total net assets of approximately \$5.0 billion.

Before investing, you should carefully consider the fund's investment objective, risks, charges and expenses. Call (800) 597-9704 for a prospectus containing this and other information about the funds. Read it carefully before investing. Aston Funds are distributed by PFPC Distributors, Inc.

Investors are reminded that foreign securities entail additional potential risks, such as currency fluctuation, lack of market liquidity, and volatility due to political and economic instability.