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**Aston/River Road Small Cap Value Fund to Hard Close  
On January 10**

**CHICAGO** – Effective after net asset valuation on January 10, 2007, the Aston/River Road Small Cap Value Fund (Fund) – N Class and I Class (ARSVX; ARSIX) – will close and thus no longer accept new accounts or additional investments from existing accounts. Exceptions are as follows: employees of River Road Asset Management LLC (River Road) and Aston Asset Management LLC (formerly ABN AMRO Asset Management), existing 401 (k) plans offering the Fund to their participants, and certain other investment programs where circumstances necessitate and the Fund determines such investments will not harm the investment process of the Fund. The Fund has approximately \$280 million in assets. “While the growth in assets has benefited our investors in many ways, we now need to officially close our Small Cap Value strategy to new accounts, to ensure the integrity of our investment process.” said Andrew Beck, President of River Road.

Mr. Beck cites strong investment performance and expanded distribution channels provided by River Road’s partner, Aston Asset Management LLC, as primary drivers of increased sales growth. Mr. Beck notes that he is looking forward to the launch of additional investment products in partnership with Aston Asset Management LLC during 2007.

Aston Asset Management LLC, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, is a diversified institutional based investment management firm. River Road, a sub-advisor to Aston Funds, is a Louisville, Kentucky-based asset manager specializing in value-oriented equity portfolios.

Aston/River Road also manages the Aston/River Road Dynamic Equity Income Fund (ARDEX) which seeks high current income and long-term capital appreciation by investing in a

diversified multi-cap portfolio of income-producing equity securities with yields that the portfolio managers believe will exceed the S&P 500 Index.

For more information on the funds currently managed by Aston Please call 800-597-9704 or visit [www.astonasset.com](http://www.astonasset.com).

**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Aston Funds carefully before investing. Please call 800-992-8151 for a prospectus which contains this and other information about the funds. Read it carefully before you invest or send money. Distributed by PFPC Distributors, Inc., which is not an adviser affiliate.**

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