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Benjamin F. Edwards Welcomes Sam Smeed to Paris, TX Branch

ST. LOUIS, July 2, 2024 – St. Louis-based financial services firm <u>Benjamin F. Edwards</u> welcomes experienced financial advisor Sam Smeed to its Paris, TX, branch, company officials announced today.

"We take enormous pride in welcoming this new advisor to our ever-growing Edwards family," said Tad Edwards, chairman and CEO of Benjamin F. Edwards.

As an advisor, Sam is passionate about helping clients achieve financial success.

Edwards has continued to expand its presence across the U.S. by adding experienced advisors to its full-service, national wealth-management firm and its registered investment advisor (RIA), Edwards Wealth Management. The firm now has a presence in 33 states.

About Benjamin F. Edwards

With a legacy spanning 137 years over six generations of the Edwards family, Benjamin F. Edwards today is an entrepreneurial wealth management enterprise welcoming client-first, fullservice financial advisors to join the firm. Advisors at Edwards seek to render solid investment advice while helping clients develop a plan to reach their goals. The growing national firm is now in 33 states with 96 locations and over \$42 billion in assets under management. It remains true to its Golden Rule roots with regard to treatment of clients, financial advisors, employees, and all partners. The home office in St. Louis knows advisors by name and eschews call centers to get advisors' questions answered. Leveraging the firm's distinguished heritage and vision for the future, those who desire can become advisors of the firm's broker-dealer, Benjamin F. Edwards. Alternatively, they can choose an independent affiliation with the firm's registered investment advisor (RIA) Edwards Wealth Management. Edwards's strong fiscal foundation and timeless values enable it to be a firm of "Client-First Service Second-to-None," offering friendly support and thoughtful, tailored investment and planning advice to its treasured clients who make it all possible. The firm has zero debt and is committed to staying independent through future generations.