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### **Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. Continues to Focus on Organic Growth** *Firm Adds Advisors to Southeast and East Offices*

**(ST. LOUIS, October 19, 2015)** – Officials at brokerage firm [Benjamin F. Edwards & Co.](http://benjaminfedwards.com) announced the addition of financial consultants to its Rome, Ga., and Canton, Ohio, offices. In all, a total of four joined the firm – three in Rome and one in Canton. Collectively, the new hires manage \$489 million in client assets.

“We remain focused on attracting top advisors, who share our commitment to client-first service, to our existing offices,” said Marty Altenberger, senior vice president and director of branches at Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. “These advisors are also energized by our business model, which not only offers a robust assortment of investment products and services, but also the freedom and flexibility to make recommendations and serve their clients as they see fit.”

#### **Rome, Ga.**

Joining the firm’s Rome location is Hunter, Smith & Wood Wealth Management, which formed in 2011 and includes the following:

**Bruce Hunter, CFP®, Vice President – Investments:** Hunter brings with him more than 29 years of experience in the financial services industry, and concentrates on retirement planning and wealth management. He earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification in 2006.

**Jimmy Smith, AAMS®, Vice President – Investments:** Smith entered the securities industry in 2002 and earned his Accredited Asset Management Specialist™ certification in 2003. His areas of concentration include advisory portfolios and education planning.

**Scott Wood, CFP®, Senior Vice President – Investments:** Wood began his financial services career in 2005, and focuses on retirement planning and investment management. He also earned his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification in 2011.

Rounding out the team and assisting with client service responsibilities are Marsha Mayben and Lila Touchstone, who both join the office as senior registered financial associates.

The Rome office, which opened in October 2013, now employs a total of 13.

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**Canton, Ohio**

**Michele Stuban-Peters, Vice President - Investments:** Stuban-Peters started her financial services career in 1981 and concentrates on retirement income-planning and wealth management.

The firm's Canton location opened in June 2013 and now employs a total of eight.

All of the advisors at both locations transferred from Wells Fargo Advisors.

**About Benjamin F. Edwards & Co.**

With a tagline of "Investments for Generations," Benjamin F. Edwards & Co. is headquartered in St. Louis, Mo. The firm was founded in 2008 by Benjamin F. (Tad) Edwards IV and currently has 51 branch offices in 24 states and more than 400 employees.

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