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Benjamin F. Edwards Named to Top Privately Held Companies List

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7, 2024 – Benjamin F. Edwards has been named among St. Louis' top 150 privately held companies by the St. Louis Business Journal in its annual ranking released on Oct. 3.

Edwards's over 300 Financial Advisors manage more than \$44 billion in client assets. Edwards also reported that it employs 223 people in its St. Louis headquarters and 728 companywide.

In the 16 years since it has been in business, Edwards has grown from one employee and no branch offices to a firm that employs hundreds and has 97 locations in 33 states.

"It is astounding to look back where we began and to experience unimagined success," said Tad Edwards, founder, chairman, chief executive, and president of Benjamin F. Edwards in St. Louis. "We're expecting we will reach our 100 locations milestone before the end of the year, which never would have been possible without our people who work hard every day on behalf of our treasured clients."

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, full-service 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 97 locations and over \$44 billion in assets under management. It remains true to its Golden Rule roots with regard to the treatment of clients, financial advisors, employees, and all its 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 "Client First Service Second-to-None firm," 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.	