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Benjamin F. Edwards Earns First Place in Leadership and Ranks #2 Nationally in the USA TODAY Top Workplaces 2025 Survey

ST. LOUIS, March 26, 2025 – Financial services firm Benjamin F. Edwards has been recognized with the first place Leadership Award in the 2025 USA TODAY Top Workplaces national rankings. The prestigious award reflects the strength of the firm's leadership and commitment to an exceptional workplace.

In addition to this honor, the firm ranked #2 overall among the top mid-size companies (500-999 employees) nationwide—its fourth consecutive national workplace recognition. These rankings span all industries, not just financial services. Last year, the firm was named the #1 Top Workplace in the mid-size category.

"Receiving the #1 Leadership Award and the #2 overall ranking is a testament to the incredible culture we've built together," said Tad Edwards, chairman, chief executive and president of Benjamin F. Edwards.

"This has been a remarkable year—from opening our 100th location. in January to earning yet another national workplace honor—all based on employee feedback through an objective, third-party survey," Tad said. "None of this would be possible without the dedication and contributions of every member of our team.

"I'm forever grateful for our talented, hardworking, and fun team. And we are just getting started," Tad said.

More than 39,000 employers nationwide were invited to participate in this survey, with 2,251 completing it. Of those, 1,526 companies earned recognition as among the best workplaces in the country.

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 34 states with 100 locations and over \$45 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 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 full-service wealth management firm, 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.

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