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Benjamin F. Edwards Opens Ninth Location in Florida

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17, 2025 – St. Louis-based financial services firm <u>Benjamin F. Edwards</u> recently opened its ninth location in Florida, this one in The Villages, FL, company officials announced today. The new branch welcomes Vice-President-Investments, Gary Edwards to the firm. Gary has over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, with much of his career spent at A.G. Edwards/Wachovia/Wells Fargo.

The branch is located at 7347 Powell Road, Suite C, Wildwood, FL 34785. The phone number is 352-768-0153 and fax number is 352-399-4187. You can also email Gary at gary.edwards@benjaminfedwards.com.

"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. "We are equally as thrilled in adding an advisor to the state of Florida in the wonderful community of The Villages."

As an advisor, Gary offers his clients guidance and support to realize their financial goals and aspirations. He focuses on identifying the most effective strategies to help them achieve these objectives.

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, 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 over 100

locations, and over \$50 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.