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**Mark G. Thompson, CFP® Named to the 2019 Financial Times 400  
Top Financial Advisors List**

Melbourne, FL – Mark Thompson, Certified Financial Planner™, Managing Director and Senior Vice-President: Wealth Management with Raymond James & Associates, member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC, was recently named to the *Financial Times*: Top 400 Financial Advisors list.

“It is an absolute honor to be considered among the top financial advisors in the U.S.,” Thompson said. “To be included among such an elite group is both rewarding and humbling.”

The list recognizes top financial advisors at national, independent, regional and bank broker-dealers from across the U.S. Having met a set of minimum requirements, advisors were graded on six criteria: assets under management (AUM); AUM growth rate; experience; advanced industry credentials; online accessibility; and compliance records. There are no fees or other considerations required of advisors who apply for the *FT* 400.

This year’s “average” advisor manages \$1.8 billion in assets. Overall, the impressive cohort of elite advisors hails from 38 states and Washington, D.C. 2019 marks the seventh annual 400 list, produced independently by the *Financial Times*.

Thompson, who manages more than \$500 million in client assets, helps his clients create comprehensive wealth management plans designed to make the best use of their wealth today and help ensure its endurance for future generations. Further specialties include, but are not limited to, helping his clients who are selling closely held businesses, meet their estate, intergenerational and charitable planning goals prior to the sale of the business.

Mr. Thompson was also named to Forbes list of “2019 Best-In-State Wealth Advisors” in February. This is the second year in a row Thompson was named to both *Forbes* and *Financial Times* lists.

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**Source: Financial Times Top 400 Financial Advisors, April 2019.** The Financial Times 400 Top Financial Advisors is an independent listing produced annually by the Financial Times (April 2019). The FT 400 is based on data gathered from advisors, broker-dealer home offices, regulatory disclosures, and the FT’s research. The listing reflects each advisor’s status in six primary areas: assets under management (AUM), asset growth, compliance record, experience, credentials and online accessibility. This award does not evaluate the quality of services provided to clients and is not indicative of this advisor’s future performance. Neither

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The Forbes ranking of Best-In-State Wealth Advisors, developed by SHOOK Research, is based on an algorithm of qualitative criteria and quantitative data. Those advisors who are considered to have a minimum of seven years of experience, and the algorithm weighs factors like revenue trends, AUM, compliance records, industry experience and those who encompass best practices in their practices and approach to working with clients. Portfolio performance is not a criteria due to varying client objectives and lack of audited data. Out of 29,334 advisors nominated by their firms, 3,477 received the award. This ranking is not indicative of an advisor's future performance, is not an endorsement, and may not be representative of an individual client's experience. Neither Raymond James nor any of its financial advisors or RIA firms pay a fee in exchange for this award/rating. Raymond James is not affiliated with Forbes or Shook Research, LLC.

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