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## **Press Release**

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## AMI ASSET MANAGEMENT RANKED BEST IN PERFORMANCE FOR SMALL CAP GROWTH EQUITY MANAGERS ACCORDING TO MORNINGSTAR

Los Angeles, CA – AMI Asset Management Corporation was recently named the top performing small cap growth separate account investment manager for the year ending March 31, 2013, according to Morningstar Inc.'s separate account/collective investment trust database. The AMI Small Cap Growth Equity strategy had a gross return of 32.69% over a one year period, which also placed it at number two for all domestic growth equity strategies regardless of capitalization focus and number six in performance of all equity strategies regardless of style.

AMI, a registered investment advisor based in Los Angeles, manages five investment styles, including small cap growth and large cap growth equities. The AMI Small Cap Growth Equity strategy is a concentrated portfolio which focuses on investing in growing companies with a market capitalization between \$100 million and \$2 billion. The portfolio management team, headed by Co-Equity Portfolio Managers Bill Tanner, Chris Sessing and Matt Humiston, follows a unique GARP strategy of investing in companies with recurring revenue business models. As of March, 31 2013, the strategy had outperformed its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Growth, by 6.24% on an annualized basis since its inception in October of 2008.

"We are extremely proud of the success we've had with our small cap growth strategy," said Mr. Sessing, who is also the firm's Head of Research. "We've used a similar philosophy for our large cap growth strategy since the firm's inception in 1998. We're glad to see that the process we've used for investing in larger companies has translated well to investing in smaller size firms."

The portfolio team attributes much of the success to security selection, although Mr. Sessing is quick to note that the strategy's investment style has also played a role over time. "Beyond stock picking, our portfolio construction process, which attempts to maintain capital in down markets, has also contributed to our performance."

## About AMI Asset Management

AMI Asset Management was founded in Los Angeles in 1998. As of March 31, 2013, the firm managed \$883 million in assets on behalf of institutions and individuals. The company's five strategies, including U.S. small and large capitalization growth equity, taxable fixed income, tax-exempt fixed income and high-yield fixed income are managed by separate equity and fixed income teams. AMI is 100% employee owned.

If you would like to learn more about AMI Asset Management, please contact Matt Dorband at 310-446-2775 or mdorband@amiassetmanagement.com.

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