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SIPCO's U.S. GROWTH LEADERS RANKS AMONGST THE TOP FIVE LARGE CAP GROWTH FUNDS IN 2nd QUARTER; ACHIEVES 'TOP GUNS' RANKING FOR FOURTH QUARTER RUNNING.

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Florida-Based Firm Performs at Top of "Growth" Category

TAMPA – SIPCO, an independent Florida-based investment management firm, is a top-ranked performer nationally among large-capitalization growth portfolio management firms through the second quarter of 2009, according to Informa Investment Solutions' (IIS) Plan Sponsor Network's (PSN) database evaluation criteria.

The firm's U.S. Growth Leaders' fund's performance garnered it a "Top Guns" two, three four, five and six star ranking from IIS, placing it among the top 5 firms listed in its competitive asset class for a three-year and five period in terms of risk-adjusted returns. In addition SIPCO received the Special Edition prize for the Large Cap Growth Universe meaning it had outperformed the market in the periods of positive returns as well as outperforming in periods of negative market returns which is viewed by many as quite an accomplishment. The last three years have been viewed as a true competence test of investment managers as it has been a very difficult time.

The SIPCO Core fund was also the recipient of a Special Edition award and a six star Top Guns rating in the All Cap Core Equity universe of funds. This is the second quarter this fund has won this award.

SIPCO, founded in 1999, provides investment strategies tailored to meet the objectives of individuals, families, foundations, endowments, IRAs and other retirement plans. The firm's equity selection process prioritizes identifying companies within the top sectors of the economy, with growing revenues and earnings, solid management teams, and strong balance sheets. A major focus of the firm's philosophy is downside risk protection.

"We are pleased to see such dependable evidence of our own investment process and long term results." said Timothy J. McIntosh, founder of SIPCO.

IIS has served retail and institutional investment professionals for over 30 years. PSN is an advanced desktop-based software application offering high quality, in-depth data on domestic and global investment managers and is primarily used by consultants and pension plan sponsors.