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AXA ROSENBERG LAUNCHES NEW MUTUAL FUND

Orinda, CA December 20, 2001: AXA Rosenberg is pleased to announce the introduction of the AXA Rosenberg U.S. Discovery Fund. The fund seeks to outperform the Russell 2500 Index¹ of small and medium capitalization stocks using AXA Rosenberg's proprietary stock selection and risk models².

Said Dick Saalfeld, CEO of AXA Rosenberg Mutual Funds, "Many of our institutional clients want exposure to early-stage or overlooked companies, and they have often used small cap strategies for this purpose. However, our clients also want to be able to ride potential high-growth candidates well into the mid-cap range, and they recognize the considerable asset class risk of pure small cap approaches. For these clients, our mid-small strategy both addresses these limitations of small cap and precludes the need for a separate mid-cap strategy, simplifying and enhancing their asset allocation decision. We believe the mid-small style approach used by the U.S. Discovery Fund provides the same advantages to individuals."

In total, AXA Rosenberg Investment Management manages \$2.6 billion in Russell 2500 benchmarked portfolios, and performance has been very competitive since the inception of the strategy in 1996.

The firm's investment process uses its proprietary "expert systems" to select individual securities— that is, a quantitative, bottom-up approach based on an analysis of company fundamentals, near-term earnings and investor sentiment data. "We think our disciplined, systematic investment process may really help us in an asset class with such a large number of potential opportunities. With our technology we believe we can cost-effectively cover a broad universe of stocks, apply our insights consistently, and manage risk with many small holdings," said Stephen Dean, portfolio engineer at AXA Rosenberg Investment Management.

¹ The Russell 2500 Index is an unmanaged index of approximately 2500 of the smallest securities in the Russell 3000 Index. Investors cannot invest directly in any index.

² Small capitalization funds typically carry additional risks since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure.

The new U.S. Discovery Fund joins the recent launch of the European Fund, to bring the AXA Rosenberg suite of mutual funds to nine.

AXA Rosenberg Investment Management was founded in 1985 to provide specialized investment management services to institutional investors around the world. In August 1996, AXA Rosenberg began offering its strategies through a series of mutual funds, which are distributed through a variety of financial intermediaries. Today the firm, with offices in Orinda, California, London, Tokyo, and Singapore, manages more than \$9 billion in domestic, international, and global equity strategies for pension funds, foundations, government entities, and retail and high net-worth individuals in the U.S., Europe, Asia, and Japan.

For more complete information including charges, expenses and ongoing fees, please call 1-800-447-3332 to receive a prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.

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