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**JANUS WINS NINE 2010 LIPPER FUND AWARDS FOR
DELIVERING CONSISTENTLY STRONG RISK-ADJUSTED RELATIVE PERFORMANCE**

Best Mixed-Asset Large Company Fund Group for second consecutive year

Eight individual funds win top honors

DENVER – Janus Capital Group Inc. (NYSE: JNS) today announced that the firm has won nine 2010 Lipper Awards, which honor fund management firms and individual mutual funds that excel in delivering consistently strong risk-adjusted performance, relative to their peers for the 3-, 5- or 10-year periods ending December 31, 2009.

For the second consecutive year, Janus was recognized by Lipper Inc. as the best Mixed Asset Large Company Group due to top-decile rankings across four funds in the category: Janus Balanced Fund, Janus Smart Portfolio – Conservative, Janus Smart Portfolio – Growth and Janus Smart Portfolio – Moderate.

Lipper has confirmed that Janus is the only firm that was a repeat winner in the asset class awards in 2010.

“To be recognized as the best mixed-asset large company group in any given year, you have to be doing something right, but to win the same award two years in a row, you have to be doing something great,” said Lipper Research Manager Tom Roseen. “We congratulate Janus on this exceptional feat.”

Ranking number one in their respective Lipper categories on a risk-adjusted return basis, the following Janus funds also won 2010 Lipper Top Individual Fund Awards:

| Fund | Lipper Classification | Lipper Risk-Adjusted Ranking as of 12-31-09 |
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| Janus Balanced Fund Class T | Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Moderate | 1 of 406 funds (3-year period) |
| Janus Short-Term Bond Fund Class T | Short Investment Grade Debt | 1 of 215 funds (3-year period) |
| Janus Global Research Fund Class T | Global Multi-Cap Growth | 1 of 48 funds (3-year period) |
| Janus Overseas Fund Class T | International Multi-Cap Growth | 1 of 86 funds (3-year period) |
| Janus Balanced Fund Class T | Mixed-Asset Target Allocation Moderate | 1 of 309 funds (5-year period) |
| Janus Overseas Fund Class T | International Multi-Cap Growth | 1 of 60 funds (5-year period) |
| Janus Short-Term Bond Fund Class T | Short Investment Grade Debt | 1 of 174 funds (5-year period) |
| Janus Twenty Fund Class T | Large-Cap Growth | 1 of 569 funds (5-year period) |

Janus Co-Chief Investment Officer Gibson Smith said Janus' integrated equity and fixed income research model has played an important role in Janus' ability to deliver strong long-term investment results across a wide range of asset classes.

"Our equity and fixed income analysts work very closely with one another," said Smith. "This integrated business model helps Janus build a holistic viewpoint around how companies manage their capital structure and allows for a deeper understanding of how any changes may impact return generation."

"We are pleased to be recognized by Lipper for our strong fund performance," said Co-Chief Investment Officer Jonathan Coleman. "I am pleased that the consistent application of our research process has resulted in competitive performance across the Lipper peer categories."

About Janus Capital Group Inc.

Janus Capital Group Inc. (JCG) is a global investment firm offering strategies from three individual investment boutiques: Janus Capital Management LLC (Janus), INTECH Investment Management LLC (INTECH) and Perkins Investment Management LLC (Perkins). Each manager employs a research intensive approach that is distinct within its respective asset class. This multi-boutique approach enables the firm to provide style-specific expertise across an array of strategies, including growth, value and risk managed equities, fixed income and alternatives through one common distribution platform.

At the end of December 2009, JCG managed \$159.7 billion in assets for shareholders, clients and institutions around the globe. Based in Denver, JCG also has offices in London, Milan, Munich, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Melbourne.

About the Lipper Fund Awards

The United States is one of the 23 countries and regions covered by Lipper's program of 2010 fund awards and are part of the Thomson Reuters Awards for Excellence, a global family of awards that celebrate exceptional performance throughout the professional investment community. The Thomson Reuters Awards for Excellence include the Lipper Fund Awards, the Lipper Hedge Fund Awards, the Extel Survey Awards, the StarMine Analyst Awards, and the StarMine Broker Rankings. For more information, contact markets.awards@thomsonreuters.com or visit excellence.thomsonreuters.com.

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For Asset Class Group Awards, fund groups with at least five equity, five bond, or three mixed-asset portfolios in the respective asset classes are eligible for a group award. The lowest average decile rank of the three years' Consistent Return measure of the eligible funds per asset class and group will determine the asset class group award winner over the three-year period ending 12-31-2009. In cases of identical results the lower average percentile rank will determine the winner.

For Best Individual Funds the calculation periods extend over 36, 60 and 120 months. The highest Lipper Leader for Consistent Return (Effective Return) value within each eligible classification determines the fund classification winner over three, five or ten years.

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