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Tucson, Arizona. (March 1, 2011) - Sam Swift, a paraplanner/portfolio manager with TCI Wealth Advisors, Inc. in Tucson, Arizona, has earned the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) designation.

The CFA® designation is administered by the CFA Institute, which is a global non-profit organization of investment professionals. The Institute's mission is to lead the investment profession globally by setting the highest standards of ethics, education, and professional excellence.

Recipients of the CFA charter have successfully completed a graduate-level, self-study curriculum and series of examinations that test candidates around the world in ethical and professional standards, accounting and financial statement analysis, economics, portfolio management and analysis and valuation of debt, equity and alternative investments. Candidates also must pledge to adhere to the stringent ethical standards set forth by the CFA Institute and sign an annual statement attesting to their compliance.

Each of the three examinations typically requires candidates to spend 250 to 300 hours in study preparation. Worldwide, the overall pass rate for all three exams this year was 36 percent.

Mr. Swift has worked for TCI Wealth Advisors, Inc. for 3 years and is currently in charge of portfolio management as well as in-house research and analysis. He is a member of the Investment Committee and is integrally involved with the design and implementation of client portfolios.

"The CFA designation is a symbol of excellence in our industry," said Robert Swift, CEO of TCI Wealth Advisors. "Our clients know that those who earn the CFA charter have made a personal commitment to both a rigorous study program as well as the highest ethical standards of professional behavior.

"I am very excited to receive my charter," Mr. Swift said. "It represents many hours of study and preparation as well as my lifelong commitment to serve our clients with the highest level of professionalism and ethics possible."

TCI Wealth Advisors, Inc. is an independent, fee-only wealth advisory firm headquartered in Tucson, Ariz. With offices in Scottsdale, Flagstaff, Reno/Tahoe, Nev., Santa Fe, NM, and Denver, CO, and \$1 billion in assets under management, TCI is one of the largest independent, registered investment advisory firms in the Southwest. For more information, visit www.tciwealth.com or call 877-733-1859.

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