CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Nov. 11, 2002 – The Association for Investment Management and Research today announced the appointment of Robert D. Arnott, chairman of Pasadena, Calif.-based investment firm First Quadrant and investment research firm Research Affiliates, to a three-year term as editor of the Financial Analysts Journal, an investment-research journal published by AIMR.

The Financial Analysts Journal, a bimonthly journal that seeks to publish high-quality, practitioner-relevant research, began publishing in 1945. Published by AIMR, a non-profit association of investment professionals in 112 countries, it is read by more than 60,000 securities analysts, portfolio managers and other investment practitioners worldwide.

Arnott is the author of more than 50 articles of original research published in professional journals, including several that have been required reading for the Chartered Financial Analyst® curriculum and examination program administered by AIMR. He is a member of the editorial boards of the Journal of Portfolio Management, the Journal of Investing and the Journal of Wealth Management. He has contributed chapters to numerous books and has co-edited two books, “Active Asset Allocation” and “Style Management.” Barron's recently called Arnott an investment manager “with an uncommon commitment to empirical research.”

AIMR's president and CEO, Thomas A. Bowman, CFA, said the association reviewed 30 nominations of prospective editors. “In considering candidates for this important position, we were looking ideally for a published author and editor who is also an investment practitioner, someone who has a demonstrated interest in and commitment to practitioner-oriented research, is well known and well regarded in the profession, and has a reputation for high professional standards. We found all those things in Rob Arnott.”

Arnott commented, “The Financial Analysts Journal is our industry's leading forum for presenting the thinking of practitioners, academics and regulators. It serves a key role for investment professionals as a bridge between academic research and practice by publishing academically rigorous papers that have a direct relevance to practitioners. Likewise, FAJ's 'Perspectives' section is an important forum for exploring the practical realities of investing. It is this application of research and ideas to everyday investment practice that particularly interests me. I am truly honored to be associated with such an esteemed journal.”

Arnott's service to the Financial Analysts Journal does not impact his continuing professional positions as chairman at First Quadrant and at Research Affiliates.

Bowman said AIMR had recently completed a periodic review of the Financial Analysts Journal's standards, policies and practices, and determined that they comply with best practice for research journals and are in keeping with the letter and spirit of AIMR's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

"Building on that foundation, we will be publishing FAJ's ethical obligations and conflict-of-interest policies in an upcoming issue of the Journal," Bowman said. "In addition, we will put our existing conflict-of-interest policies into agreements that all staff and volunteers working on the Journal will be required to sign."

Arnott succeeds Gifford Fong, who served as editor of the Journal from 1999 to 2002.

"Under Gifford's tenure as editor, the Journal published a wide variety of substantive research articles of the highest quality," Bowman said. "He wasn't afraid to tackle difficult and even unpopular subjects, as long as the papers met quality standards. We are enormously appreciative of his hard work, and wish him well."

The Financial Analysts Journal is accessible online at www.aimrpubs.org.

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