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**Aston/TAMRO Small Cap Fund (Ticker: ATASX)
Manager, Philip Tasho, Recognized for Sixth Consecutive Year on
the 13th Annual *Barron's/Value Line* Ranking**

Chicago, IL – August 21, 2008 – Aston Asset Management's Aston/TAMRO Small Cap Fund (Ticker: ATASX) has again been ranked on the annual *Barron's/Value Line* ranking of top 100 U.S. mutual-fund managers'. Philip Tasho has managed the Fund since its inception and is one of only two Small-Cap Funds to be recognized for the last six consecutive years.

Launched in November 2000, the Aston/TAMRO Small Cap Fund employs a bottom-up, thematic approach, seeking out companies with sustainable competitive advantages selling at below intrinsic value. "We are thrilled to be ranked by the Barron's survey for the sixth year in a row," Mr. Tasho said. "The recent market turmoil has put our strategy to the test, and we are very proud that Barron's continues to rank us so highly among our competitors. Of course, all that really matters is meeting the investment goals of our investors and that will remain our focus."

"We are very pleased to have Philip and the TAMRO team as a part of the Aston family," said Stuart D. Bilton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Aston Asset Management. "TAMRO's uninterrupted inclusion on the Barron's top 100 U.S. fund manager listing is a testament to the rigor of their investment process." Aston Asset Management is a partner to boutique, high quality, institutional money managers.

RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING June 30, 2008 (annualized for periods greater than 1 year):
Aston/TAMRO Small Cap Fund N Class: 4.60% for the 3-month period, -17.01% for the 1-year, 6.22% for the 3-year, 10.88% for the 5-year, 11.40% since inception (11/30/00). The Total Gross Expense Ratio for the Fund is 1.33%; the Total Net Expense Ratio is 1.31%.

The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, upon redemption may be worth more or less than their original cost. Returns quoted reflect fee waiver/expense reimbursements. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, please visit www.astonfunds.com.

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About Aston Asset Management LLC

Aston Asset Management LLC, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, is a diversified institutional investment management firm. Aston offers investment management services to the mutual fund and separately managed account markets. Aston is the advisor to twenty-six mutual funds with total net assets of approximately \$4.7 billion as of June 30, 2008.

Small company stocks may be subject to a higher degree of market risk than the securities of more established companies because they tend to be more volatile and less liquid.

Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the Aston Funds carefully before investing. Please call 800 597-9704 for a prospectus which contains this and other information about the Funds. Read it carefully before you invest or send money. Aston Funds are distributed by PFPC Distributors, Inc.

The *Barron's*/Value Line survey is designed to identify top fund managers in nine broad investment categories, who consistently beat peers with similar investment objectives over a period of at least three years, without undue volatility in returns. All the managers who made the grade this year enjoyed double-digit long-term returns through June 30, according to Value Line, suggesting they'll be up to the challenge of steering their funds through today's more volatile market.

To determine our annual ranking, Value Line screened 1,008 equity funds, first eliminating offerings with more than two lead managers and managers with less than three years' tenure. The ranking is based on the performance of the manager with the longer tenure, and comanagers must share day-to-day management of the fund. The survey is then organized by nine investment objectives (Aggressive Growth, Balanced, Flexible, Foreign Equity, Global Equity, Growth, Growth/Income, Income, Small Company). This year's survey includes funds with assets of \$200 million or more. Only 564 managers qualified for ranking (on the basis of the oldest share class of each fund). Managers were scored based on how much risk-adjusted value they added relative to others with the same Value Line investment objective.

The system uses volatility as a proxy for risk, rewarding a higher score to the managers who generate more stable returns. For example, if a fund's return is judged to be 25% more volatile than its peers -- on a monthly basis over the manager's tenure -- it is expected to generate 25% greater returns. Value Line gives a score of zero to a manager with average performance and volatility for a particular investment objective. Superior managers get positive scores commensurate with the value they've added to a fund's performance on an annualized basis. A manager with a 10% rating, for example, has added 10% to performance, above and beyond the average return for a particular investment objective.

The Value Line system can be biased by short-term performance. Therefore, a manager with, say, three great years will score higher than a manager with 10 good years. Three large-capitalization funds headline this year's ranking, illustrating that large-caps have been catching up to their smaller cousins in the past few years. Indeed, a manager with the right investment objective at the right time also will outrank those in out-of-favor categories.

Investors should regard Value Line's ranking system as one research tool for finding successful managers. In addition, many top performers are repeat winners, underscoring Value Line's ability to capture the cream of the crop. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.