

Top Advisers

Big And Getting Bigger

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Bigger can be better. These fee-only firms are piling on assets fast.

For companies that derive revenue based on a percentage of assets under management, getting bigger—fast—can be very lucrative. It also can be a sign that the firm's investment advisers are smarter than their competition. With help from Charlotte, N.C.-based RIA Database, Forbes.com has compiled a listing of the 25 firms whose assets have grown the most since the end of 2006.

Rank**	Firm	City	State	Website	Discretionary Assets (\$millions)	Asset Growth (\$millions)
1	Geller Family Office Services	New York	NY	www.gellerco.com	\$5,270.4	\$4,382.2
2	Aspiriant (formerly Quintile Investment Advisors)	San Francisco	CA	www.aspiriant.com	\$4,092.9	\$2,662.1
3	Veritable LP	Newtown Square	PA	www.veritablelp.com	\$9,410.4	\$2,126.3
4	Symmetry Partners	Glastonbury	CT	www.symmetrypartners.com	\$3,305.8	\$1,774.2
5	Choate Investment Advisors	Boston	MA	www.choate.com	\$1,684.8	\$1,640.8
6	Ronald Blue & Company	Atlanta	GA	www.ronblue.com	\$5,362.3	\$1,453.6
7	Harris myCFO	Menlo Park	CA	www.harrismycfo.com	\$5,805.6	\$1,453.2
8	Ballentine Finn & Company	Wolfeboro	NH	www.ballentine-finn.com	\$1,955.0	\$1,261.0
9	Budros, Ruhlin & Roe	Columbus	OH	www.b-r-r.com	\$1,313.9	\$1,174.4
10	Clifford Swan Investment Counsel	Pasadena	CA	www.cliffordswan.com	\$1,923.6	\$1,140.9
11	KLS Professional Advisors Group	New York	NY	www.klsadvisors.com	\$3,049.1	\$903.4
12	Birch Hill Investment Advisors	Boston	MA	www.birchhilladvisors.com	\$894.5	\$894.5
13	Fiduciary Counselling	St Paul	MN	www.fidcouns.net	\$1,792.4	\$891.0
14	Tolleson Private Wealth	Dallas	TX	www.tollesonwealth.com	\$1,679.6	\$804.7
15	Mercer Global Advisors	Scottsdale	AZ	www.merceradvisors.com	\$3,524.3	\$749.2

* Discretionary assets under management growth from 12/31/06 to 9/30/08
Source: RIA Database

** This is not the full list. Only a portion of the rankings

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