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**JANUS ANNOUNCES DECEMBER ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT
Fourth Quarter and Year-End Earnings Presentation Scheduled for January 30**

DENVER – At the close of the market on December 31, 2002, Janus Capital Group Inc. (NYSE: JNS) reported total assets under management of approximately \$138 billion, down approximately 5.5% from the end of November. During the same period, the S&P 500 Index decreased approximately 5.9%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 6.1% and the NASDAQ Composite Stock Index fell 9.6%.

The \$138 billion figure includes assets from Janus Capital Group's investment management subsidiaries: Janus Capital Management LLC; Berger Financial Group LLC, which owns Enhanced Investment Technologies, LLC (INTECH) and Bay Isle Financial LLC; and Nelson Money Managers plc. The total also includes the small and mid cap value assets that Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company (PWM) manages for Berger retail and institutional shareholders.

Pending a shareholder vote in March 2003, Janus Capital Group last month announced its plans to:

- Take a 30% ownership stake in PWM's investment advisory business;
- Rebrand the Berger value funds as Janus funds; and
- Merge the Berger growth funds into similar Janus funds.

Janus Capital Group's average assets under management for December totaled approximately \$142 billion. Average assets under management during 2002 were approximately \$164 billion.

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For the 12 months ended December 31, 2002, 64% of the mutual funds and 67% of the mutual fund assets managed by Janus Capital Group subsidiaries ranked in Lipper's first and second quartiles.* (These performance figures exclude Janus World Funds, subadvised funds, money market funds and Berger's growth funds.)

Fourth-Quarter and 2002 Year-end Results

Janus Capital Group will release its fourth quarter and 2002 year-end financial results before the market opens on Thursday, January 30, 2003. The company will discuss its results during a conference call January 30 at 11 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The call-in number will be 877-301-7574. (Anyone outside the U.S. or Canada should call 706-643-3623.) The slides used during the presentation will be available on the Janus Capital Group Web site (www.janus.com) beginning January 30. For those unable to join the conference call at the scheduled time, a replay will be available on www.janus.com.

About Janus Capital Group Inc.

Based in Denver, Colorado, Janus Capital Group Inc. is a leading asset manager offering individual investors and institutional clients complementary asset management disciplines through the firm's global distribution network.

Janus Capital Group consists of Janus Capital Management LLC, Berger Financial Group LLC, Enhanced Investment Technologies, LLC (INTECH) and Bay Isle Financial LLC. Janus Capital Group owns approximately 33% of DST Systems, Inc. (NYSE: DST) and 81% of Nelson Money Managers plc. As previously announced, Janus Capital Group has agreed to take a 30% ownership stake in Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company's investment advisory business. The transaction is expected to close in March 2003.

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This press release includes statements concerning potential future events involving Janus Capital Group Inc. that could differ materially from the events that actually occur. The differences could be caused by a number of factors including those factors identified in Janus' Annual Report or Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission file no. 001-15253). Janus will not update any forward-looking statement made in this press release to reflect future events or developments.

*Lipper performance percentages include funds with a minimum track record of one year. Funds included are 22 Janus Investment funds, 11 Janus Adviser funds, 12 Janus Aspen funds, and 2 Berger Value funds. Excludes multiple share classes, sub-advised funds, money markets, and all other Berger funds. Funds are ranked within their corresponding Lipper classification for the specified time period. Percentage of funds consists of the total number of funds in each quartile divided by the total number of funds represented. Funds ranked in first quartile are 16, funds ranked in second quartile are 14, funds ranked in third quartile are 6, funds ranked in fourth quartile are 11 and total funds are 47.

Percent of assets is calculated by totaling each fund's assets by the corresponding quartile and dividing by the total assets of funds represented as of December 31, 2002. Funds assets for the first quartile are \$24.1 billion, funds assets for the second quartile are \$33.3 billion, funds assets for the third quartile are \$3.3 billion, funds assets for the fourth quartile are \$25.1 billion and funds total assets are \$85.9 billion.

In connection with the reorganization of Berger Financial Group LLC, the adviser to the Berger Value Funds, into Janus Capital Group Inc., the Independent Trustees of the Berger Value Funds approved appointment of Janus Capital Management LLC as investment adviser to the Berger Value Funds and the reorganization of these funds into the Janus fund family, pending shareholder vote in March 2003. Until such shareholder vote, Janus Distributors LLC is providing this material to you pursuant to their marketing agreement with Berger Distributors LLC.

Lipper, Inc. is a nationally recognized organization that ranks the performance of mutual funds within a universe of funds that have similar investment objectives. Rankings are historical and are based on total return with capital gains and dividends reinvested. Some funds may have experienced poor or negative short-term performance.

Lipper Rankings as of 12/31/02

Janus Investment Funds

	Lipper Category	1-Year Ranking	5-Year Ranking	10-Year Ranking
Domestic Equity Funds				
Janus Fund ¹	LargeCap Growth Funds	233/661	94/315	28/92
Janus Fund 2** ¹	MultiCap Growth Funds	257/401	-	-
Janus Core Equity Fund	LargeCap Core Funds	83/933	5/489	-
Janus Enterprise Fund	MultiCap Growth Funds	179/401	90/165	30/50
Janus Mercury Fund	LargeCap Growth Funds	330/661	8/315	-
Janus Olympus Fund	LargeCap Growth Funds	267/661	6/315	-
Janus Orion Fund	MultiCap Core Funds	213/401	-	-
Janus Special Situations Fund** ²	MultiCap Core Funds	418/470	106/187	-
Janus Strategic Value Fund ²	MultiCap Value Funds	380/476	-	-
Janus Twenty Fund**	LargeCap Growth Funds	97/661	30/315	12/92
Janus Venture Fund**	SmallCap Growth Funds	155/441	57/218	21/48
International/Global Equity Funds				
Janus Global Life Sciences Fund	Health/Biotechnology Funds	114/186	-	-
Janus Global Technology Fund	Science & Technology Funds	132/370	-	-
Janus Global Value Fund	Global Funds	62/309	-	-
Janus Overseas Fund**	International Funds	736/808	78/435	-
Janus Worldwide Fund	Global Funds	256/309	65/153	7/28
Combination Funds				
Janus Balanced Fund	Balanced Funds	35/506	6/328	3/86
Janus Growth and Income Fund	LargeCap Core Funds	241/933	19/489	5/154
Income Funds				
Janus Federal Tax-Exempt Fund	General Muni Debt Funds	74/287	124/204	-
Janus Flexible Income Fund	General Bond Funds	2/37	5/21	1/6
Janus High-Yield Fund	High Current Yield Funds	49/380	8/188	-
Janus Short-Term Bond Fund	Short Investment-Grade Debt Funds	91/123	54/91	18/33

Lipper Rankings as of 12/31/02

Janus Aspen Series Portfolios - Institutional Shares

	Lipper Category	1-Year Ranking	5-Year Ranking
Domestic Equity Funds			
Aggressive Growth Portfolio	VA MultiCap Growth Funds	31/83	19/38
Capital Appreciation Portfolio	VA LargeCap Growth Funds	3/135	1/64
Core Equity Portfolio	VA LargeCap Core Funds	18/197	1/99
Growth Portfolio	VA LargeCap Growth Funds	30/135	27/64
Strategic Value Portfolio	VA MultiCap Growth Funds	78/91	-
International/Global Equity Funds			
Global Life Sciences Portfolio	VA Specialty/Misc.	50/116	-
Global Technology Portfolio	VA Specialty/Misc.	82/116	-
International Growth Portfolio	VA International Funds	157/169	18/98
Worldwide Growth Portfolio	VA Global Funds	66/71	13/33
Combination Funds			
Balanced Portfolio	VA Balanced Funds	13/70	1/47
Growth and Income Portfolio	VA LargeCap Growth Funds	54/197	-
Income Fund			
Flexible Income Portfolio	VA General Bond Funds	6/40	3/24

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Janus Adviser Series Funds – I Shares

	Lipper Category	1-Year Ranking	5-Year Ranking
Domestic Equity Funds			
Aggressive Growth Fund	MultiCap Growth Funds	165/401	91/165
Capital Appreciation Fund	LargeCap Growth Funds	7/661	2/315
Core Equity Fund	LargeCap Core Funds	77/933	2/489
Growth Fund	LargeCap Growth Funds	191/661	70/315
Strategic Value Fund	Mid-Cap Core Funds	233/274	-
International/Global Equity Funds			
International Value Fund ³	Global Funds	90/309	-
International Fund	International Funds	760/808	64/435
Worldwide Fund	Global Funds	255/309	35/153
Combination Funds			
Balanced Fund	Balanced Funds	36/506	3/328
Growth and Income Fund	LargeCap Core Funds	134/933	-
Income Funds			
Flexible Income Fund	General Bond Funds	6/37	2/21

Lipper Rankings as of 12/31/02

Berger Funds – Investor Shares

	Lipper Category	1-Year Ranking	5-Year Ranking
Domestic Equity Funds			
Berger Mid Cap Value Fund	Mid-Cap Value Funds	111/208	-
Berger Small Cap Value Fund	Small-Cap Value Funds	192/246	6/109

Comparative Equity Index as of 12/31/02

	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Average Annual Returns (%)			
Standard & Poor's 500 Index	(22.09)	(0.58)	9.34
Dow Jones Industrial Average	(15.04)	2.87	12.05
NASDAQ Composite	(31.53)	(3.19)	7.03

The S&P 500 is the Standard & Poor's Composite Index of 500 stocks, a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. The National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System is a nationwide computerized quotation system for over 5,500 over-the-counter stocks. The index is compiled of more than 4,800 stocks that are traded via this system. Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) is an unmanaged index of 30 common stocks of companies that are major factors in their industries and widely-held by individuals and institutional investors.

The funds portfolios may differ significantly from the securities held in the index. The index is not available for direct investment; therefore its performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the active management of an actual portfolio.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

** Closed to new investors.

¹On February 28, 2003, Janus Fund 2 will merge into Janus Fund.

²On February 28, 2003, Janus Special Situations Fund will merge into Janus Strategic Value Fund and the fund name will change to Janus Special Equity Fund.

³On 12/31/02, Janus Adviser Global Value Fund changed its name to Janus Adviser International Value Fund.

For a Berger Value Funds prospectus please visit berger.com. For a Janus funds prospectus please call Janus at 800-525-3713 or download the file from janus.com. The prospectus contains more information, including charges, risks and expenses. Read it carefully before you invest or send money.

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