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**JANUS PARTNERS WITH IRONMAN® TRIATHLETES TO RAISE \$7.8 MILLION
FOR CHARITY DURING 2008**

DENVER – Janus Capital Group Inc. (NYSE: JNS) today announced that the 273 Ironman triathletes who participated in the 2008 Janus Charity Challenge raised more than \$7.8 million for 201 charitable organizations.

The Ironman is a daunting physical and mental endeavor for endurance athletes. Racers must complete a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike and a 26.2-mile run in less than 17 hours to earn the title of Ironman. Simply crossing the finish line is a considerable achievement. For some Ironman athletes, the race is about more than the athletic challenge, it's about giving back.

Established in 2001, the Janus Charity Challenge harnesses the power of inspiration that emanates from the sport of Ironman to make a difference in communities around the globe. It is a unique fundraising program that encourages Ironman athletes to raise money for nonprofit organizations. Unlike most other fundraising programs, there is no pre-determined charity. Instead, participants are able to raise money for the nonprofit that he or she is most passionate about. Janus not only provides triathletes with a wide range of fundraising resources, but also makes additional donations, totaling more than \$300,000 per year, to the nonprofit groups chosen by the top 50 fundraisers at each of the seven Ironman races it sponsors.

The Janus Charity Challenge has raised approximately \$34.5 million for hundreds of charitable organizations since the program's inception, according to Casey Cortese, director of Corporate Sponsorships at Janus. "Completing an Ironman is a daunting enough task," said Cortese. "That these athletes choose to make their race about more than just crossing the finish line is truly admirable. In these economic times, now, more than ever, this program will mean so much for the charities benefiting from our athletes' efforts."

The top fundraiser for 2008 was Jim Yanoschik of Murietta, CA. He raised \$1.08 million for Rotoplast International, a non-profit humanitarian organization providing free reconstructive operations and treatment for children in need worldwide. "The Janus Charity Challenge is a wonderful and unique experience. I have met lots of great people along the way and I feel like we have made a real difference," said Yanoschik. "Like most things in life, you get a lot more out of this program than you put in."

For more information, please visit www.januscharitychallenge.com

About Janus Capital Group Inc.

Founded in 1969, Denver-based Janus Capital Group Inc. (“Janus”) is a recognized leader of growth, risk-managed and value investment strategies. Our commitment to deliver for investors is rooted in our research-intensive approach and relentless passion to gain a competitive edge.

At the end of December 2008, Janus managed \$123.5 billion in assets for more than four million shareholders, clients and institutions around the globe. Outside the U.S., Janus has offices in London, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore. Janus Capital Group consists of Janus Capital Management LLC, INTECH Investment Management LLC (INTECH), formerly known as Enhanced Investment Technologies, LLC and Perkins Investment Management LLC (Perkins), formerly known as Perkins, Wolf, McDonnell and Company LLC.

About Ironman

World Triathlon Corporation, owners and organizers of Ironman, is a Florida-based company recognized for athletic excellence, performance and quality products. With the addition of the Ironman 70.3 Series, Ironman now has more than 42 qualifying events worldwide. Supported by partners that include Ford Motor Company, Dell, Timex and Gatorade, Ironman is the No.1 user-based sports brand in the world. Ironman has been a respected name in triathlon since its inception nearly 30 years ago and is regarded as the world’s most challenging endurance event. Millions may remember moments in Ironman history such as Julie Moss’ crawl to the finish line in 1982, which was showcased on *ABC’s Wide World of Sports*. Each year, more than 80,000 athletes compete for slots in the Ford Ironman World Championship held every October in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and the Ironman World Championship 70.3 held every November in Clearwater, FL. The Ironman brand has been featured in a range of media outlets to include *NBC*, *CNN*, *Headline News*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated*, *The New York Times* and *USA Today*.