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## 11% Average Annual Returns with U.S. TREASURIES

*Unique history of double-digit returns with U.S. Treasuries  
places firm in top rankings.*

VIENNA, VA March 21, 2002 - The Lara Group is pleased to announce an **11.44%\* 5-year average annual return** for its U.S. Treasury Bond Management Program (the "Program"). The Lara Group, which invests in purely U.S. Treasury Securities, continues to reach high rankings among fixed income managers:

NO. 1 in *Money Manager Review's* Global Fixed Income Managers  
Ranked by 5 Year Annual Return, (4Q01), net of fees.

NO. 2 in *Pension & Investment's* PIPER Managed Domestic  
Overall Fixed Income Managers (4Q01), 5 years, gross of fees

NO. 3 in *Nelson's* Worlds Best Money Managers, U.S. Fixed  
Income (All Styles), (universe size of 743 composites/fund),  
20 Qtrs.ending 12/31/01, net of fees.

Consistently achieving double-digit average annual returns with U.S. Treasuries is quite remarkable. The Program attributes its history of success to identifying the trading range of U.S. Treasury bonds and capitalizing on that knowledge. "The Program is ideally suited for tax-deferred accounts such as IRAs, pensions and profit sharing plans, foundations, and non-profit organizations.," says E. Ronald Lara, portfolio manager. The systematic, highly disciplined nature of the strategy, coupled with the low-risk characteristics of U.S. Treasury Securities, affords investors a unique risk-averse form of asset management.

### About The Lara Group, Ltd.

The Lara Group is an established investment management firm specializing in U.S. Treasury Securities. The U.S. Treasury Bond Management Program's objective is to provide average annual returns of 8% - 10% using purely U.S. Treasuries. The Lara Group offers professional investment management services for institutional and high net-worth investors. The firm is a woman-minority held asset management organization. To receive a complete list and description of The Lara Group, Ltd.'s composites and/or AIMR-PPS™ presentation, please visit <http://www.lara-group.com/aimr.cfm>.