# Stratos Continues Expansion Through Strategic Partnership with RPI Financial Life Planners

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BEACHWOOD, Ohio, Aug. 19, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Stratos Wealth Enterprises ("Stratos") and RPI Financial Life Planners ("RPI") today announced a strategic partnership designed to support RPI's next chapter of growth while preserving the personalized planning experience, culture and client relationships that have defined the practice for more than four decades. This acquisition expands Stratos' presence in the Midwest and is anticipated to increase the firm's assets by approximately $400M.

Stratos Wealth Enterprises is the acquisition and wealth management arm of Stratos Wealth Holdings, a national network of experienced financial advisors and financial planning practitioners.

RPI was founded on the belief that financial planning is about people, not just portfolios, and has worked toward building a reputation for helping individuals and families align their finances with what matters most in their lives. Through its comprehensive Financial Life Planning approach, the practice focuses on guiding clients toward their goals with clarity, confidence and purpose.

As part of the partnership, RPI will continue to operate under the RPI Financial Life Planners name, maintaining the team, relationships and planning philosophy, while gaining access to Stratos' expanded resources, operational infrastructure, technology capabilities and growth support.

"After an extensive, multi-year search, we chose to affiliate with Stratos because they share our commitment to putting clients first, acting with integrity, and building long-lasting client relationships," said David Blaydes, Founder and Financial Life Planner at RPI. "This partnership is ultimately about our clients and our people. As we considered the future of our practice, Stratos stood out because we believed they understood our objectives and culture, while offering resources that aligned with our long-term goals."

RPI serves individuals, families, retirees, and business owners through a holistic planning process that incorporates retirement planning, tax planning, estate planning, investment management, and life transition planning. The practice has a client-centric approach and commitment to building long-term relationships and serving generations of families.

Jeff Concepcion, Founder and CEO of Stratos, added, "I believe David and the entire RPI team have built something special. Their focus on relationships, planning excellence, and helping clients navigate life's most important decisions aligns closely with the values that define Stratos. We are excited to welcome RPI to our growing community of advisor partners and support the practice as it continues to thrive."

The acquisition reinforces Stratos' commitment to partnering with advisory teams that value advisor autonomy, strong client relationships and a planning-led approach to wealth management. This is Stratos' 12th partnership since SEI's 2025 strategic investment in the Stratos business.

"This is a natural fit between two organizations that believe great advice starts with understanding what's most important to clients," said Arthur Worthington, CFP®, Managing Director, Strategic Business Development & Integration at SEI. "RPI has spent decades building long-term client relationships. We're excited to welcome the team to Stratos and look forward to supporting the next chapter of their growth."

Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

**About RPI Financial Life Planners**

RPI Financial Life Planners is a wealth management and financial planning practice headquartered in Naperville, Illinois. For more than 40 years, the practice has helped individuals and families pursue their long-term goals.

**About Stratos Wealth Enterprises**

Stratos Wealth Enterprises is the acquisition and wealth management arm of Stratos Wealth Holdings, a family of companies focused on supporting the growth of financial advisors across business models and affiliation structures. Stratos companies include registered investment advisors Stratos Wealth Partners, Stratos Wealth Advisors, and Stratos Investment Management. Stratos and its subsidiaries are majority owned by SEI Investments Company.

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- Stratos' ability to support RPI's growth and needs through its resources.

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