



## Synaptics Awarded 'Small Cap 100' by Red Herring Magazine

### Synaptics Recognized for Its Innovative Technology Solutions and Continued Company Growth

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec 12, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Synaptics Incorporated (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leading developer of interface solutions for mobile computing, communications, and entertainment devices, today announced that it is the recipient of Red Herring's prestigious Small Cap 100 award. The Red Herring Small Cap 100 acknowledges innovative technology and smart business models that nurture growth and profitability.

Synaptics is a leader in developing custom interface solutions, with over 100 patents issued or pending in its intellectual property portfolio. The company's solutions provide a way for consumers to intuitively interact with their mobile devices. The custom interface solutions are engineered to meet the usability and industrial design requirements of OEMs for a wide range of mobile and digital technology products, including notebook computers, portable digital entertainment devices, such as MP3 players, and cell phones. A snapshot of Synaptics' new technology solutions this year include: the DualMode TouchPad(TM) which provides both cursor control and multimedia controls for notebook computers, MobileTouch(TM) interface solutions for mobile phone navigation and input, and an array of custom interface designs that provide navigation and playback controls for many of today's leading MP3 devices.

"Synaptics stands committed to research and development so it is a special honor to receive The Red Herring Small Cap 100 award as it emphasizes the importance of innovation in the field of technology," said Synaptics' President and CEO Francis Lee who has led the company since 1998. "We continuously look for new ways of building intelligence in design into our products to enhance customer usability and experience."

The editors of Red Herring evaluated over 2,500 technology companies from North America, Europe, and the Asia-Pacific region for the award. The pool of eligible companies included technology firms with a market capitalization of \$300 million to \$1 billion.

"The winners on this list are the most competitive, the most innovative, and the most promising technology companies in the small-cap segment. We hope that the Red Herring Small Cap 100 list will shine the light on them that they deserve," said Joel Dreyfuss, Editor-in-Chief of Red Herring magazine.

All award winners are profiled in the December issue of Red Herring magazine. The award ceremony for the Small Cap 100 will be held during the Red Herring Fall 2005 conference, December 13-15 in San Francisco, California. The conference will also feature presentations from finalists and winners on their business models and innovation strategies, along with keynote speeches and round-table panels on company growth, market opportunities and challenges.

#### About Synaptics Incorporated

Synaptics is a leading developer of interface solutions for the mobile computing, communications and entertainment industries. The company creates interface solutions for a variety of devices including notebook PCs, PC peripherals, digital music players, and mobile phones. The TouchPad(TM), Synaptics' flagship product, is integrated into more than 50 percent of today's notebook computers. Consumer electronics and computing manufacturers use Synaptics' solutions to enrich the interaction between humans and intelligent devices through improved usability, functionality and industrial design. The company is headquartered in San Jose, California. [www.synaptics.com](http://www.synaptics.com)

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