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### Botanical Name

*Ulmus* 'Morton Glossy'

### Common Name

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### Family

Ulmaceae

### Origin

This selection resulted from a controlled cross conducted by Dr. George Ware at The Morton Arboretum between Vanguard™ Elm (*Ulmus pumila* × *Ulmus japonica*) and Accolade® Elm (*Ulmus japonica* × *Ulmus wilsoniana*).

### Hardiness

U.S.D.A. Zones 4-9

### General Description and Habit

Lustrous dark green foliage cloaks this easily managed selection. A young, upright-oval form matures to softly arching branches. Triumph maintains excellent disease and pest resistance as well as good drought tolerance, making it a great choice for tough, urban planting sites.

### Size

20-year size: 30' tall by 15' wide

Mature size: 50' to 60' tall by 40' to 50' wide

### Growth Rate

Fast as a young specimen, up to 3 feet per year, then 1 to 1.5 feet per year until maturity. Attractive as a young tree.

### Ornamental Characteristics

**Foliage** Large, lustrous, dark green foliage in summer. Yellow fall color.

**Habit** Selected for its refined oval habit, medium-texture and easily trainable growth as a young tree. Branches begin to arch as the tree matures.

### Culture

Easily transplanted, balled and burlapped. Quick to establish and regain rapid growth. Adaptable to most soil types unless excessively wet.

### Pest and Disease Problems

Excellent disease and insect resistance. Resistant to Dutch elm disease and elm yellows, two catastrophic diseases of elms. Good resistance to elm leaf beetle.

### Landscape Value

Excellent shade tree for home and commercial landscapes. Wonderful park or street tree.

### Propagation

Graft onto *Ulmus pumila*; own root from tissue culture and softwood cuttings.

### Special Note

Triumph™ Elm is second in a line of many to be introduced from the elm improvement program at The Morton Arboretum. The program began when the significance of the large, glossy-leaved hybrid elm near the Thornhill Education Center was recognized. Accolade® was the first elm to be commercially introduced from The Morton Arboretum's tree breeding and selection program. The program was established by Dr. George Ware to test and examine as many species of Asian elms as possible in an effort to find suitable replacements for the beloved but disease-prone American elm.

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