

***Black Enterprise Magazine Ranks CastleOak Securities Top Minority-Owned Investment Bank
for the Seventh Consecutive Year***

New York, NY, August 17, 2016 -- CastleOak Securities, L.P. (“CastleOak” or “CastleOak Securities”), a leading New York-based boutique investment banking firm, announced today that it was ranked the #1 minority-owned investment bank in the taxable securities category by *Black Enterprise* magazine. This is the seventh consecutive year that CastleOak Securities has been recognized among the leading investment banking firms according to *Black Enterprise* magazine, which annually ranks leading African-American owned businesses across the nation.

“We are proud that this year CastleOak was recognized as the number-one financial services firm in a key segment of our business by *Black Enterprise* magazine,” said **David R. Jones**, President and Chief Executive Officer of CastleOak Securities, L.P. “Our team of leading professionals is dedicated to providing clients with world-class underwriting, trading and advisory services. We are pleased that our strong performance and commitment are reflected in this ranking.”

Black Enterprise magazine is a premier business news and investment resource focusing on African-American owned businesses. Its criteria for determining leaders in Investment Banking include the total dollar amount underwritten for municipal and corporate (i.e., taxable) securities.

About CastleOak Securities L.P.:

CastleOak Securities L.P. is a boutique investment bank focused on the capital markets and serving a broad array of corporate, governmental and institutional investor clients. Headquartered in New York City, and with six regional offices, Castle Oak specializes in financial advisory, equities, fixed income sales and trading, and capital markets. For more information, visit www.castleoaklp.com

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