



CASTLEOAK SECURITIES STRENGTHENS ITS EQUITY SALES & TRADING TEAM

New York, NY – (January 7, 2010) - CastleOak Securities, L.P., announced today the expansion of its equity sales and trading team with the addition of Daniel J. O’Grady, Managing Director, Equity Sales and Trading.

David R. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, “Dan is an exceptionally talented professional with deep trading experience and a wealth of industry relationships. I look forward to his contributions in serving our clients and further building upon CastleOak’s robust equity platform.”

Mr. O’Grady said, “I am excited to join this great firm. CastleOak’s attention to clients’ needs, range of expertise across the firm’s sales and trading, capital markets, and financial advisory groups, combined with its commitment to continued growth, all make for a tremendous opportunity.”

Mr. Jones noted that CastleOak had a very successful year in 2009, continuing its momentum since the firm’s first underwriting in mid-2006. In the last two years alone, CastleOak has co-managed offerings totaling over \$275 billion for a range of clients in industries including financial services, media, and energy among others.

Mr. O’Grady previously was Managing Director of Sales and Trading at Blaylock Robert Van, LLC where he managed an equity sales team. His extensive experience encompasses sales and market planning, development, and penetration. Prior to joining Blaylock, Mr. O’Grady held management and sales roles with Ormes Capital Markets, BA Securities (a Bank of America company), BT Securities Corporation, UBS Securities, Drexel Burnham Lambert, Paine Webber, as well as Merrill Lynch.

About CastleOak Securities, L.P.

CastleOak Securities, L.P. is a leading boutique investment bank with an extensive suite of financial services including equity sales and trading, fixed income sales and trading, and financial advisory services. The firm offers clients expertise in primary and secondary market transactions, advice on mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, valuations and general strategic assessments. Based in New York, with regional offices in Chicago and Atlanta, CastleOak is managed by a team of seasoned investment bankers who provide innovative, client-driven solutions that leverage their extensive professional experience, strong institutional relationships and keen market insight.

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