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**CastleOak Securities Appoints John Matsikoudis as Head of Municipal Underwriting Team**

**New York, NY – April 14, 2014** – CastleOak Securities, L.P., a leading New York-based boutique investment banking, today announced the appointment of John Matsikoudis as Managing Director and Head of the Municipal Underwriting department. He will be responsible for leading the Municipal sales and trading efforts. Mr. Matsikoudis reports to David R. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of CastleOak Securities.

“Expanding our municipal sales and trading team is a continuing and primary goal for CastleOak,” said Mr. Jones. “As we continue to grow our team and range of expertise across sales and trading, we are further solidifying our position as one of the market’s leading boutique investment firms. I am confident that John’s deep market knowledge, experience and relationships will contribute to the continuing expansion of our business and underscores our commitment to our institutional clients.”

Mr. Matsikoudis added, “I am thrilled to be joining a firm with such a stellar reputation, and I look forward to helping CastleOak serve our clients and build our market franchise.”

Mr. Matsikoudis recently served as senior underwriter at Loop Capital Markets. Earlier, he was a trader at CIBC and Paine Webber. Mr. Matsikoudis holds a B.A. in Economics from Seton Hall University.

**About CastleOak Securities**

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 five regional offices, CastleOak specializes in primary and secondary sales and trading of fixed income, equity, municipal and money market securities. CastleOak Securities was named a leading black-owned investment bank by Black Enterprise magazine for the last three consecutive years. For more information, visit [www.castleoaklp.com](http://www.castleoaklp.com).

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