

**CastleOak Securities Recognized as a Top
Minority-Owned Investment Bank for Sixth Consecutive Year**

New York, NY October 16, 2015 – CastleOak Securities, L.P., a leading New York-based boutique investment banking firm announced today that Black Enterprise magazine has ranked the firm among the top minority-owned investment banks and top minority-owned businesses in the U.S. This is the sixth consecutive year that CastleOak has received this highly regarded distinction from *Black Enterprise*, which annually ranks leading African-American owned businesses across the nation.

“We are proud that CastleOak has been consistently recognized by *Black Enterprise* as a leader in financial services, and included among the country’s highest quality minority-owned organizations,” said David R. Jones, President and Chief Executive Officer of CastleOak Securities, L.P. “Our dedicated team of professionals is focused on providing our clients with world-class underwriting, trading and advisory services on a daily basis, and we are grateful that CastleOak’s values, commitment and strong performance 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 securities.

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 six regional offices, CastleOak specializes in financial advisory, equities, fixed income sales and trading, and capital markets. For more information, visit www.castleoaklp.com.

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