CastleOak Securities Grows Leveraged Finance Sales & Trading Team with Three Senior Hires

New York, NY, June 13, 2016 – CastleOak Securities, L.P., a leading New York-based boutique investment banking firm, announced today that it is building its leveraged finance sales & trading capabilities by hiring Messrs. Michael S. Miller, Thomas P. Takacs and Richard E. Wright.

Messrs. Miller, Takacs and Wright, all Managing Directors, are charged with growing CastleOak's Leveraged Finance Fixed Income Sales & Trading team. "With the addition of these three highly-experienced and well-respected professionals, CastleOak Securities is opportunistically growing the depth and range of the Leveraged Finance Sales & Trading capabilities it can offer clients," said the firm's President and Chief Executive Officer, **David R. Jones**. "Each has demonstrated an impressive track record of success and an in-depth understanding of the leveraged finance marketplace; we are proud to make them an integral part of the CastleOak Securities team." They will be reporting to Tom Thees, CastleOak's Head of Fixed Income.

Michael S. Miller brings over 26 years of experience on Wall Street as a leveraged finance professional. Most recently, he served as Head of Trading at Macquarie Capital from 2012 to 2015. Always with a focus on leveraged finance markets, he previously held roles of increasing responsibility at a variety of firms, including Nomura, Oppenheimer, UBS, Morgan Stanley and Bear Stearns.

Thomas P. Takacs brings over 30 years of investment experience across credit and equity markets. From 2012 to 2015, he served as a Partner, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Business Development at long/short credit hedge fund Taurasi Capital. He previously held leadership roles at Battleground Capital Management and Ore Hill Partners. Before that, he spent 10 years at Goldman Sachs, where he served as Co-Head of Leveraged Finance & Distressed Sales.

Richard E. Wright brings over 27 years of fixed income sales experience across numerous product categories with an emphasis on credit. He served most recently as a Managing Director at Jefferies & Co. for more than seven years in the Leveraged Credit Sales group, focusing on leveraged finance debt placement, special situations and distressed debt. Mr. Wright was previously at Bear Stearns & Co. for 13 years as a Senior Managing Director, primarily working in the Distressed Fixed Income Sales Specialist Group.

In addition to its leveraged finance hires, CastleOak has added veteran Fixed Income generalists Brian Lynch, Fred Stuart, and Thomas Warnock to its Investment Grade and Money Market generalist teams.

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 five 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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