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It's A Great Time For Real Estate In Austin, Texas - Austin Real Estate Top Ten

TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is a new independent website offering exciting and unique Top 10 lists of today's best deals on real estate for sale. Their current featured market addition is Austin, Texas

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"According to Relocation.com, Austin TX is the #1 city to which to relocate for a fresh start. This means that if you're down and out somewhere else in the country, moving to Austin would lift your spirits and offer you a new, fresh start for life, family, and career." says [Austin Real Estate](#) Top Ten Concierge, Donna Harris.

The Austin list features the 10 best deals on a mix of waterfront homes, ranches, and condos in the Austin, Texas area.

To view the Austin Top Ten Real Estate List visit:

http://www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/luxury_real_estate/condos/regional/austin/

This list is a welcome addition to their already extensive list of regional markets. To view a full list of their regional real estate markets visit <http://www.toptenrealestatedeals.com>

The site also offers a weekly Real Estate Top 10 list of national deals in the United States.

In addition to the best home and condo bargains, the Top Ten research team looks for fun, eye catching deals. Recent Top Ten listings have included a spaceship house in Chattanooga, a cave home in Missouri, and a haunted house in Massachusetts.

Their independent Top Ten team focuses on uncovering the best luxury real estate deals from the web, newspapers, auction lists, and pre-construction ads while including only those deals that they feel are the very best bargains! The deals are not their listings, they do not broker sales, and they are not an agency. TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is a general media showcase of [great deals on real estate](#) for sale.

For further information, or to request an interview with a company representative, please contact their Internet Marketing Director, Jason Wakefield at [press\(at\)toptenrealestatedeals \(dot\) com](mailto:press(at)toptenrealestatedeals.com).

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"Right now is the time to buy in Southwest, Florida! With pricing at historic lows, low interest rates, and high inventory levels ... Why would you wait any longer?" says Southwest Florida Top Ten Concierge, Joe Muni.

The Southwest Florida list features the 10 best deals on a mix of [waterfront homes and condos in the Southwest Florida](#) area servicing Naples, Bonita Springs, Bonita Beach, Marco Island and Fort Myers Beach.

To view the Southwest Florida Top Ten Real Estate List visit:
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Loan Modification Companies and Homeowners Get a Second Chance - Short Sale Pros Reduces Foreclosures Through Smart Partnerships

As many Homeowners are being denied Loan Modifications and put on the path to Foreclosure, one novel company, Short Sale Pros, offers solutions designed to avoid foreclosure by assisting loan modification companies and homeowners with no-cost short sale negotiation services.

San Diego, CA (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- As many homeowners are being denied loan modifications and put on the path to foreclosure, one novel company, [Short Sale Pros](#), offers solutions designed to avoid foreclosure by assisting loan modification companies and homeowners with no-cost short sale negotiation services.

Although a short sale is not the first option for most homeowners since it requires them to walk away from their property, the statistics have shown that more homeowners are being denied loan modifications even with government intervention and professional help from a [loan modification](#) company. The banks have also realized more than 50% of loan modifications go into re-default. A modification turndown or re-default often leads the homeowner into foreclosure since they are unaware that a short sale may still be a viable option.

"It is very sad to meet homeowners who have been relying on a loan modification to solve their problems only to find out that they have been denied. Most think the only option is foreclosure which can destroy a person emotionally and financially for five or more years. Short sales are an alternative that most homeowners can utilize to get back on their feet sooner by walking away from their home into a more affordable rental," said Michael Corradini, CEO of Short Sale Pros. "There are unique benefits to the homeowner through Short Sale Pros that a loan modification company or a Realtor alone cannot provide."

Many loan modification companies are not able to get a modification approved in time to avoid foreclosure and are overwhelmed trying to negotiate short sale themselves, straining their often limited resources.

According to Michael Taylor at LMS, a leading loan modification company, "Short Sale Pros offers a unique solution when the lender is unable to produce an affordable modification for the homeowner. Not only does the homeowner get help for no-cost, the partnership also frees our resources and we are rewarded as an affiliate." Short Sale Pros offers loan modification companies revenue share opportunities as well as new loan modification applicants through its partnership with America's Lead Source.

"At Short Sale Pros, we encourage homeowners to get informed about their options at [ShortSalePros.com](#) or government sites such as [MakingHomesAffordable.gov](#)," added Michael Corradini.

Based in San Diego, California, Short Sale Pros is helping lead America's recovery as one of the fastest growing short sale negotiation firms. They are the only company to offer no-cost negotiations to Homeowners, full commissions to REALTORS®, and revenue share opportunities and lead replacements to Loan Modification companies. They streamline the complicated short sale process utilizing lender contacts, proprietary mitigation techniques and handling all paperwork. Homeowners, REALTORS®, and Loan Modification companies are



encouraged to get informed at ShortSalePros.com or 866-975-PROS (7767).

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Housing is 'Under the Weather' in More Ways Than One; Homes in Stalled Developments are Vulnerable to Elements

According to Rick Peters, president of R. E. Peters Company (a real estate consulting firm specializing in toxic assets), builders, foreclosing lenders and other asset managers need to think about "distressed property" more literally - as in what exposure to time and the elements can do to its value.

Huntington Beach, Calif. (Vocus) July 14, 2009 -- In today's real-estate world, the word "climate" is used almost exclusively to describe the tough economic conditions. According to Rick Peters, president of [R. E. Peters Company](#) (a real estate consulting firm specializing in toxic assets), builders, foreclosing lenders and other asset managers need to think about "distressed property" more literally - as in what exposure to time and the elements can do to its value.

Peters recently stated that foreclosing owners who are suddenly holding hundreds of unfinished homes since the housing collapse often overlook the common-sense basics of maintenance. But they'll pay for that neglect. Prolonged exposure to sunlight, wind and rain can do long-term structural damage that will make the property unbuildable or unmarketable even after the economic climate brightens. This is one of the greatest unseen risks that blindsides today's accidental landlords, particularly those rooted in the world of finance.

Peters said in his work as a consultant he has come across scores of real-world examples of how today's penny-saving neglect can be very costly down the road. But many of these risks are manageable to those who take time to learn how to deal with them.

In buildings with unfinished exterior surfaces or interior drywall, for instance, weathering and deterioration can become the largest cost component for owners. The receiver or trustee should weigh this risk when considering the expense of wrapping a wood-framed structure with an exterior weather-barrier to guard against further deterioration.

And the current owners aren't the only ones who should care - consumers who may be buying such properties in the future need to know what to look for to determine how a home weathered the elements during the housing downturn.

Media outlets interested in covering this story can arrange an interview with Peters by contacting Anton Communications at 949-748-0542.

About R.E. Peters Company, Inc.

R.E. Peters Company, Inc. is a real estate consulting firm based in Southern California that assists banks, land owners, asset managers, trustees and court appointed receivers with assessment and management of distressed real estate assets. For more information, please call 714-713-1277 or visit our web site at www.repeterscompany.com.



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Crowds are Wolfing down the Prime Burgers at Lobos

A mere two weeks ago, everyone in Vidalia Georgia thought they knew hamburgers and what a fun restaurant was all about. That all changed when restaurant owner Neal Wolfe contacted Synergy Restaurant Consultants to open new restaurant start up called 'Lobos Prime Burger'. Lobos (Spanish for Wolf) is a new restaurant concept drawing on a unique combination of simplicity and mass selection for its' success. This exciting, and fun location offers quality unmatched by the moribund franchises dotting the main highway. Of course, it has always been a traveler's code that one should seek out the restaurant business that the locals frequent most. Well, the locals can't seem to get enough with Lobos enjoying lines out the door...even during what they had hoped would be a 'soft' unadvertised opening.

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This new restaurant start up offers only the biggest, best and juiciest Prime Graded Burgers using always fresh -- never frozen -- ground beef. Whole white meat chicken breast sandwiches and hot dogs complete a meat pleasing menu. However, like the burgers, ordinary hot dogs won't do. Lobo's offers a massive 10" jumbo hot dog dubbed the 'Alpha Dog'. It's so large they prepare it open-faced and served on large roll...no buns here. As if that wasn't different enough, Lobos also offers sweet potato & traditional French fries prepared in 0% Trans fat oils, premium ice cream milk shakes, tart and refreshing lemonade, and four different salads for those non-wolf types.

Synergy Restaurant Consultants, listened intently to Mr. Wolfe's desire for every aspect of his [new restaurant start up](#) menu to offer guests something different. He gave no censorship to choices and Synergy took to the task! Simplicity matched with unmatched selection. All of the Prime Burgers (called a Lobo in here) can be completely customized; guests use a crayon and a brown bag stamped with the sandwich menu to build their Lobo. Every Lobo can be served on either a sweet roll or a wheat multigrain bun; piled high with unlimited choices from 21 fresh vegetables, cheeses and relishes (including one made with the renowned, local, sweet Vidalia onions) and a mind numbing choice of 15 different gourmet ketchups, BBQ sauces, mustards and mayonnaises. Guests then trade their bag with the cashier for a bag of roasted peanuts as they're invited to "shuck 'em and chuck 'em" onto the floor while every sandwich is cooked to order.

Lobos in Vidalia may not be one of a kind for long, as Mr. Wolfe is so happy with his new restaurant concept and its ease of operation compared to a previous restaurant franchise of his, that he is currently searching for other locations that may need a reminder of what great food, great service and affordable quality are really all about. Look soon for a whole pack of Lobos to be on the highways!



About Synergy Restaurant Consultants:

Synergy Restaurant Consultants is a premier, nationally recognized restaurant consulting firm dedicated to improving the financial performance of independent and national restaurant chains. For 20 years, Synergy has been turning dreams and visions into real award-winning and financially profitable restaurants.

Synergy provides a portfolio of turn-key restaurant solutions designed to help operators develop sustainable brands and scalable concepts for growth. Our solid hands-on experience in hundreds of restaurants across the United States, Canada, South America and Saudi Arabia has made us a trusted authority on new restaurant ups.

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Archive Systems Achieves Highest Business Records Storage Growth Rate in the History of the Company

First Two Quarters Bring in Nearly Half a Million Cubic Feet of New Business

Fairfield, NJ (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- Archive Systems, a leading provider of [records management services](#), today announced that the company has just completed the best two quarters of [business records storage](#) sales in its 19 year history. Close to half a million cubic feet of new business has been added to Archive Systems' multiple Record Center facilities in 2009.

"Our clients utilize our records management services because our integration of technology enables them to achieve new efficiencies and streamline processes. Our focus on technology also allows us to offer services and solutions that other records management companies can't provide. We are very excited about this unprecedented growth because it reinforces our approach," stated Gordon Rapkin, Chief Executive Officer of Archive Systems.

The new clients come from a wide range of industries including insurance, legal, and transportation. One of the key technologies that these companies are taking advantage of is Archive Systems' [Virtual Records Center](#) (VRC) to manage their entire hard copy collection online. The VRC provides immediate access to business-critical information through an intuitive online experience. Clients are able to quickly search inventory, request on-demand Virtual File Delivery, manage retention policies, run real-time reports, schedule pickups and deliveries, order supplies, and much more.

"The market has really responded to the VRC and the availability of Virtual File Delivery. A user simply requests documents to be scanned on demand, and the images can then be viewed in the VRC. This also enhances our Go Green Initiative because it eliminates the need to physically deliver the documents, reducing driving emissions. The files are available online and for collaboration, so there's no need to make copies for distribution," added Rapkin.

The VRC is an extension of Archive Systems' records management services, which include business records storage, document shredding, offsite data protection, and conversion services. Companies that want to implement advanced imaging and workflow use ASPEN 360, a comprehensive Software-as-a-Service solution. [ASPEN 360](#) integrates everything from document receipt, document imaging and data capture, Web-based image hosting, and workflow management services for a complete services-based solution.

About Archive Systems, Inc.

Archive Systems provides comprehensive business records management services and industry leading customer support. These services range from business records storage and secure document shredding to virtual file delivery and document conversion services. The company's multiple Record Center facilities, complete with barcode tracking, system-driven workflows, and sophisticated records management systems, keep records protected yet easily accessible. In addition, Archive Systems' flagship solution, ASPEN 360, bridges the gaps in partially automated business processes. The offering provides companies with an outsourced service that captures, stores, routes, and archives documents online. For more information, please visit www.archivesystems.com.



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Bell&Circus Adds Google (GOOG) to the Bell&Circus Watchlist

Earlier today, Google (GOOG) was added to the noted Bell&Circus Watchlist. The organization sees momentum behind Google's foray into the OS market.

Vancouver, WA (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- Today, Bell & Circus named Google to its closely followed Bell&Circus Watchlist. Bell&Circus is a noted Investment Blog www.bellandcircus.com. The Watchlist was developed by its founder just after the housing market started to crumble in 2007. It has evolved into a list of stocks that its readership generally adds to their personal stock watchlists. The 2009 Bell&Circus Watchlist is on pace to rise 51% this year compared to the S&P which has lost 11% YTD.

Stocks chosen for the list compiled by the Investment Blog must pass the company's stringent fundamental analysis and technical analysis screens to be considered. A stock enters the list once it has received a buy signal from the company's proprietary MHI indicator.

Dee Patrick compiled the list this year. She explains, "The MHI indicator was developed to analyze a company's forecasted price in relationship to its current price. When price conditions are most favorable in relationship to 3 other key data points, a buy signal is given. The stock is then added to the Watchlist after considerable fundamental analysis.

"What we see with Google (GOOG) is a company still struggling to find an identity outside of search. As a result it has taken some rather shrewd risks with its foray into several challenging ventures such as Enterprise Search and Internet Browsing. What clinched the spot on our list for Google was its announcement earlier this week that it would make a credible entry into the Operating System market. Although the success of such a venture would not be measureable for several years, we were impressed with the pricing performance after the announcement. From a strategic perspective it was the right thing to do. From a technical perspective, it was a homerun!" says Patrick.

For additional information on the Bell&Circus Watchlist contact Dee Patrick or visit www.bellandcircus.com. All rights to Bell&Circus and Bell&Circus Watchlist are reserved by Bell&Circus and bellandcircus.com.

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Fairfield Funding, Atlanta Structured Settlement Funding Leader, Launches its Brand New Website

Fairfield Funding, [Atlanta structured settlement](#) funding leader, has just launched its brand new website: www.fairfieldfunding.com. Now clients looking for a reliable, fast, and cost effective [structured settlement funding](#) firm can comfortably go online to start their cash now process

Atlanta, GA (Vocus) July 13, 2009 -- Fairfield Funding, an Atlanta based company specializing in purchasing structured settlements and annuities, has just launched its brand new website: FairfieldFunding.com. Now anyone who has received a structured settlement or life settlement can comfortably go online to receive a fast quote and start getting the cash now with Fairfield Funding. Braden Askue of Fairfield Funding says, "We are very excited to provide our clients, along with the rest of the Structured Settlement community, this valuable resource which will allow us to continue to provide unmatched customer service."

Structured settlements provide a steady income over time. Many people with structured settlements are not aware that their structured settlement annuity is a great resource that can be tapped into either in part or in full at any moment. Federal and state statutes govern the transfer of structured settlement payments. Despite language in some settlement agreements prohibiting selling structured settlement payments, these statutes permit the sale of most structured settlement payments. Many settlement agreements provide for payments for life, after a specified period expires. These non-guaranteed or life-contingent settlement payments can often be sold, providing cash now in exchange for uncertain structured settlement payments in the future.

Fairfield Funding allows its clients to get the most money for their [structured settlement](#) based on their individual needs and circumstances delivering the right solution at the right time. Fairfield Funding's team of associates are fully trained in guiding and assisting their clients through the process of selling structured settlements from beginning to end making sure all questions and concerns are promptly answered along the way. Rick Hazen, one of our senior account executive says, "I enjoy knowing that I have been able to help many people out in these tough economic times."

"When I wanted to [sell my life insurance](#) I didn't know where to turn initially. Working with Fairfield Funding was an enjoyable experience. They delivered on what they quoted me and were far less than any of their competitors that I spoke to. I would recommend Fairfield Funding to anyone who is thinking of selling their payments," says Walter V. from Montgomery, AL.

Fairfield Funding prides itself in its excellent and fast customer service. Meeting customer expectations is top priority for the financial company. Reflected in how quick the [pre-settlement funding](#) is delivered. After completing a simple application process, and once all the required documents are received, it generally takes between 24 to 48 hours for reviewing the case. Upon approval, a check is sent via overnight mail or the money is wired directly into the client account.

Fairfield Funding (a Division of APIS) established in 2008 is a full service funding company specializing in



purchasing and funding structured settlements and life settlement. Collectively, Fairfield Funding management has over 50 years of experience in the financial services arena. The Atlanta based company is specialized in meeting the short term financial needs of its clients through low cost funding transactions. Savings from low operating costs are passed on to its clients.

For more information about Fairfield Funding or to [sell structured settlement](#) or a life settlement funding need, please visit [FairfieldFunding.com](#).

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Strengths-based Leadership Development Can Undermine Candidates for Top Management Jobs

Summary: Strengths-based leadership development may hinder organizations' efforts to find and develop leadership talent according to a new critique by management thought leaders in "The Perils of Accentuating the Positive," edited by Rob Kaiser. Authors include Robert Eichinger, Morgan McCall, Bob Kaplan, Steven Berglas, Robert Hogan, Michael Benson, Randall P. White, members of the Center for Creative Leadership, and more.

Greensboro, NC (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- A fad swept through corporate training and development during the last decade following top-selling books such as "Now, Discover Your Strengths" by Marcus Buckingham and Donald Clifton and a parade of subsequent titles on "strengths-based development." The strengths movement maintains that fixing weaknesses is a mistake because the only way for executives to achieve top performance is by building on strengths.

But a new book discusses the rest of the story: the hidden dangers easily overlooked by the seductive advice to focus on your strengths and ignore weaknesses. In [The Perils of Accentuating the Positive \(Hogan Press, 2009\)](#), editor [Robert B. Kaiser](#) assembles celebrated management thinkers and consultants including Robert Eichinger, Morgan McCall, Bob Kaplan, Steven Berglas, Robert Hogan, Michael Benson, Randall P. White, and members of the Center for Creative Leadership. Together, they provide an expert assessment of strengths-based development.

Kaiser explains that the emphasis on strengths overlooks a core idea in modern management development: how strengths can become weaknesses through overuse. For instance, when an entrepreneurial appetite for risk is not balanced by due diligence and caution, the entrepreneur's strength can become an organizational liability. Ignoring weaknesses can end a career and destroy an organization. "Research shows that managerial derailment is more often caused by unattended weaknesses," says Kaiser.

"Fads and fashions swing like a pendulum," Kaiser says, "but best practice is always much more balanced than the hype."

The strengths-based approach to leadership development is an offshoot of positive psychology, an emerging branch of the psychological profession which admirably seeks to redress psychology's long-standing fixation with pathology and mental illness.

Kaiser believes the popular version of the strengths message was widely adopted during the early years of this decade, preceding the current economic crisis, because it suited the mood of the day. In a recent [Financial Times](#) article, Kaiser wrote, "It is no surprise that the strengths-based approach gained its popularity amid the self-serving decadence and delusional optimism that has spun the global economy out of control."

Rob Kaiser is the author or coauthor of three previous books, including [The Versatile Leader](#) and more than 100 articles. His work has been published in the [Harvard Business Review](#) and the MIT Sloan Management Review.



For more info and to purchase the book visit [Hogan Press](#).

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Finance For Life Announces New Life Insurance Premium Finance Loans

Premium Finance Leader Has Unique Access to New Loan Plans

Memphis, TN (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- Finance For Life today announced it has recently added two exciting new loan programs to its existing array of loans, both hybrid and traditional.

Gershon Yarmush, Vice President of Operations for Finance For Life comments on the expansion, "We are seeing the introduction of new capital into this space. We are adding these loan programs to fill the void in the current market place." Ronnie Katz, President of Finance For Life says, "There are many new programs coming into the market. One of our new programs emulates a very successful program that was available in 2008 and was very popular. The other has features which will lead carriers to quickly approve the loan program. We encourage GA's and producers to call us for details. Clients will be very happy with the parameters and terms of the new loans."

Finance For Life has several options for its clients, including at least five hybrid loans and five or more traditional lenders. Finance For Life has staff prepared to take on a large influx of cases it anticipates once the market is aware of its new life insurance loans. Per Gershon Yarmush, "The life insurance premium finance market is getting back into full swing. We expect a great finish to the 2009 year."

About [Finance For Life](#)

Since its inception in 2005, Finance For Life has experienced growth in both annual revenue and company size. FFL works with the most reputable General Agencies and life insurance premium finance lenders available to insureds of all ages. Finance For Life has brokered nearly 1 billion dollars in death benefit for affluent seniors and their families as well as for affluent younger insureds. Their professional, experienced and dedicated team has earned Finance For Life a reputation of providing exceptional customer service, diligence and utmost respect for client confidentiality and privacy.

Finance For Life also helps facilitate the sale of premium financed and non premium financed life insurance policy portfolios. It has approximately 6 billion of inventory available and works with both buyers and sellers.

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Douglas Wilson Companies Announces Opening of Miami Office, Appointment of Terri Echarte as Regional Managing Director

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San Diego, CA (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- As part of its ongoing efforts to better serve a growing roster of clients on the East Coast, the national problem resolution and real estate services firm Douglas Wilson Companies (<http://www.douglaswilson.com/dwc/>) today announced the opening of its Miami office and appointment of Regional Managing Director Terri Echarte.

The San Diego-based company specializing in distressed real estate and court-appointed receiverships now has six offices around the U.S., including San Francisco, Atlanta, Orlando, Las Vegas and Miami.

According to CEO Douglas P. Wilson, the new Miami office enhances the company's ability to handle the swelling tide of residential and commercial real estate foreclosures in Florida and the southeastern region, as well as a gateway to Caribbean markets.

Heading up the just opened South Florida office is seasoned commercial real estate lending professional Terri Echarte, who Wilson said brings to the company an extensive banking and real estate background that will greatly benefit property owners and lenders looking to maximize asset value and execute reasonable exit strategies.

"We are extremely excited that Terri has joined our team," said Wilson. "She brings exceptional knowledge and expertise to the team and we expect her to play a significant role in the continuing expansion of our comprehensive services to investors and institutional clients throughout North America and the Caribbean."

Prior to joining Douglas Wilson Companies, Echarte was a managing director of the Miami office of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, where she primarily arranged debt, mezzanine financing, and equity for clients throughout the U.S.

In addition, she previously served as senior vice president with Bank of America's origination team of Miami-Dade County, worked in acquisitions, dispositions and client relations with IBEX Institutional Advisors and with United Trust Fund.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the elite team at Douglas Wilson Companies especially in these historic times," said Echarte. "There are many challenges ahead but also enormous opportunities for a company like DWC to leverage its national infrastructure and unmatched 20-year track record within the distressed real estate realm."

A licensed real estate and mortgage broker, she's a member of various professional organizations including Commercial Real Estate Women and the International Council of Shopping Centers, and active in Urban Land Institute, Mortgage Bankers Association and the National Association of Industrial Office Properties.



Douglas Wilson Companies new Miami office is at 201 S. Biscayne Blvd. For further information, call 305-913-6452 or visit www.douglaswilson.com.

ABOUT DOUGLAS WILSON COMPANIES

Founded in 1989, San Diego-based Douglas Wilson Companies is one of the largest firms of its kind, providing a wide range of specialized business and real estate services to law firms, state and federal courts, corporations, partnerships, pension funds, REITS, financial institutions and property owners nationwide.

Services include workout and problem resolution, crisis/force majeure response, asset management, consulting, business planning, receivership, development, entitlement, and construction management. To date, the company has provided problem resolution for more than 500 projects involving assets valued in excess of \$8 billion.

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Alliance of FORTUNE 500 Companies Offers Free Job Recruitment Service to Help Get Americans Back to Work

CEO of local organization, Qualigence, involved in promotion efforts.

Livonia, Mich. (PRWEB) July 14, 2009 -- UnitedWeWork.org, a free recruitment service available to employers of all sizes and workers of all levels and skills, was launched today. As U.S. unemployment rates near an all-time high, unemployed workers need quick and efficient ways to match their skills with open job opportunities. UnitedWeWork.org will facilitate the connection between job seekers and employers. Large organizations, including 7-Eleven, ADP, Allstate, AT&T, Hewitt Associates, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, Office Depot, Sears Holdings, and Starbucks have partnered with AllianceQ to kick-off this effort.

UnitedWeWork.org was developed by AllianceQ, a collaboration of industry-leading Fortune 500 companies that attract millions of job candidates each year. The objective of the Alliance is to help job candidates connect with other employers (especially pertinent in these tough times) and to drive down their future recruiting costs. Through AllianceQ, these companies share job candidates they cannot hire, giving each member access to more talent and giving job candidates access to many more precisely matched opportunities with other employers.

Through UnitedWeWork.org, U.S. employers will be able to access a candidate database of people ranging across all experience levels and skill sets. Companies will have free access to the database for the remainder of 2009. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees will have free access through July 2010.

[Stephen A. Lowisz](http://StephenA.Lowisz), CEO of Qualigence, the largest recruitment research firm in the U.S. that is headquartered in Livonia, MI, is the Chairman for AllianceQ. "This concept has been in the planning stages for months" comments Lowisz. "The economy needs to improve and one way to improve it is to get people back to work. We developed UnitedWeWork.org to be instrumental in accomplishing this."

Companies that join UnitedWeWork.org will have access to advanced matching technologies to generate a "shortlist" of qualified, skilled and interested job seekers that are matched based on skills, competencies and work preferences. Candidates are re-evaluated daily as new jobs are posted. "In this economy we are seeing far more job seekers and far fewer jobs--to the point where some job boards have actually taken to charging job seekers to help them find work" said Phil Haynes, Director of AllianceQ. "UnitedWeWork.org is the only significant offering to allow companies to save on job posting, search and recruitment fees, as well as give all job seekers an equal chance to be found and hired." The average cost to post an open position, identify the appropriate candidate and fill the position is approximately \$10,000. UnitedWeWork.org will connect employers with job seekers with no recruiting, job posting or advertising fees.

"As a founding member of AllianceQ, ADP is proud to support the United We Work initiative. This alliance creates access to a no cost, easy-to-use community that connects candidates and companies," said Benito Cachinero, Corporate Vice President of Human Resources for ADP, Inc. one of the world's leading providers of business outsourcing solutions to over 585,000 clients.

AllianceQ is powered by QuietAgent, a next-generation job matching network. Companies and candidates can



visit www.UnitedWeWork.org to learn more.

About United We Work:

UnitedWeWork is a nationwide recruiting service designed to stimulate hiring in America by connecting job seekers and employers without any recruiting fees whatsoever. Any job seeker can join for free. Any employer can easily find, contact and hire any job seeker without cost. United We Work is provided through AllianceQ, and principal partners including 7-Eleven, ADP, Allstate, AT&T, Hewitt, Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, Office Depot, Sears Holdings, and Starbucks. United We Work is powered by QuietAgent, a next-generation job matching network. For more information or to join, visit www.UnitedWeWork.org.

About Qualigence:

[Qualigence](#) is a recruitment research and professional search firm headquartered in Livonia, Michigan with additional offices in throughout the U.S. Qualigence identifies professionals from all industries and position levels and can develop qualified and culturally-fit passive candidates into interested candidates for your organization. Known for the accuracy and depth of its research, Qualigence has grown to become the largest recruitment research company in the U.S. Founded by Stephen Lowisz in 1999, Qualigence is a privately held organization.

About AllianceQ:

[AllianceQ](#) is a growing collaboration of industry-leading Fortune 1,000 companies that have come together to build an exclusive recruitment network to help job seekers get connected to jobs, and to drive down their future cost of recruiting. AllianceQ members share job candidates they cannot hire, giving each member access to more talent, and giving job candidates inside access to more opportunities with other alliance members, and any other employer outside of the alliance. AllianceQ is powered by [QuietAgent](#), a next-generation job matching technology.

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Fort Worth Homes Site FtWorthFamilyHomes.com Launches Today

FtWorthFamilyHomes.com, Fort Worth's newest and most innovative real estate website, is set for its official launch today. The site employs cutting-edge technology to bring the expertise of the area's most knowledgeable real estate professionals and a complete and updated list of all available [Fort Worth homes for sale](#) directly to interested home-buyers.

Fort Worth, TX (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- FtWorthFamilyHomes.com, Fort Worth's newest and most innovative real estate website, is set for its official launch today. The site employs cutting-edge technology to bring the expertise of the area's most knowledgeable real estate professionals and a complete and updated list of all available [Fort Worth homes for sale](#) directly to interested home-buyers.

Searching for a new home in the Fort Worth area has never been so stress-free. FtWorthFamilyHomes.com allows prospective home-buyers to conveniently search all available [Fort Worth homes for sale](#) and surrounding cities. In addition to Fort Worth, buyers have hassle-free access to MLS property listings for the DFW Metroplex, including [Southlake](#), [Arlington](#) and [Flower Mound](#).

FtWorthFamilyHomes.com features convenient one-stop real estate servicing. At FtWorthFamilyHomes.com homebuyers can even be pre-approved for financing with the help of our professional real estate team of licensed realtors and mortgage professionals. FtWorthFamilyHomes.com provides superior Realtor© services in addition to our cutting-edge Internet system to meet the real estate needs of home browsers, buyers, and sellers from big to small. Be sure to inquire about our relocation services.

Choosing a FtWorthFamilyHomes.com licensed Texas Real Estate professional puts the unmatched power of the Internet to work for home-sellers. Effective exposure sells homes, and nobody does that better than FtWorthFamilyHomes.com. In addition to worldwide online exposure, homes listed for sale on FtWorthFamilyHomes.com are automatically entered into the MLS. Homes for sale with FtWorthFamilyHomes.com are placed in regular rotation in the exclusive Featured Homes section, and use of a blog network, video channels, Twitte, and other internet media outlets bring our listings to the immediate attention of prospective home buyers. A video of the home and surrounding property also gives home buyers a powerful tool to aid in making the home-buying decision, and a powerful marketing tool to home sellers.

"Our goal is to provide home buyers in the Fort Worth market with a streamlined, informative and first-class experience - beginning from when the home buyer first starts looking for their next home on the internet all the way to, and beyond, receiving the keys to their new home," said Shannon Johnston, broker. "Our team of professional and experienced agents are trained to take the buyer through the entire home buying experience as soon as they are ready to personally inspect the properties that they have found on our website."

One of the innovative features of FtWorthFamilyHomes.com that sets it apart from other nationwide corporate sites is that it is tailored to Fort Worth and surrounding cities. "Most national and even regional sites don't give Fort Worth and surrounding cities the attention that it deserves in terms of local information and style.", said



James Johnson, webmaster. "Fort Worth and the surrounding cities are all in possession of their own unique identity and those homebuyers definitely deserve an internet experience tailored and focused on those cities."

"One of the most exciting features about this new site is our [Deals Lists](#). Homebuyers and even investors can find the best home deals weekly. We find the best deals for buyers by taking every home in our database and comparing each one with other homes in the neighborhood with like amenities. We see how far away from an average price per square foot each home is priced and list the ones that show the greatest savings per square foot. We've even seen some cases of homes being priced 50% below the surrounding properties, offering probably the best home buying opportunity this generation will ever see."

About FtWorthFamilyHomes.com

FtWorthFamilyHomes.com is a website listing all Fort Worth homes for sale in Fort Worth and surrounding areas. Users can search for their next home with the help of our easy-to-use website. No user registration is required. Homebuyers can decide to use the services of a trained and experienced Realtor © working with FtWorthFamilyHomes.com . Homebuyers can also see the best priced homes in Fort Worth and surrounding cities by using the Deals Lists.

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Escape To Your New Beach Home - Port St. Lucie Real Estate Top Ten

TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is a new independent website offering exciting and unique Top 10 lists of today's best deals on real estate for sale. Their current featured market addition is Port St. Lucie, Florida

(Vocus) July 13, 2009 -- TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is a new independent website offering exciting and unique Top 10 lists of today's best deals on real estate for sale. Their current featured market addition is Port St. Lucie, Florida

"There is something in Florida for everyone, whether you are looking for a gorgeous new home, an oceanfront estate, a home with a lake, river or golf view, land to build your dream home when you retire or a modest and affordable home to call your own. " says [Port St. Lucie Real Estate](#) Top Ten Concierge, Millie Gill.

The Port St. Lucie list features the 10 best deals on a mix of waterfront homes and condos in the Port St. Lucie, Florida area.

To view the Port St. Lucie Top Ten Real Estate List visit:
http://www.toptenrealestatedeals.com/luxury_real_estate/condos/regional/port_st_lucie/

This list is a welcome addition to their already extensive list of regional markets. To view a full list of their regional real estate markets visit <http://www.toptenrealestatedeals.com>

The site also offers a weekly Real Estate Top 10 list of national (mainly United States) deals.

In addition to the best home and condo bargains, the Top Ten research team looks for fun eye catching deals. Recent Top Ten listings have included a spaceship house in Chattanooga, a cave home in Missouri, and a haunted house in Massachusetts.

Their independent Top Ten team focuses on uncovering the best luxury real estate deals from the web, newspapers, auction lists, and pre-construction ads while including only those deals that they feel are the very best bargains! The deals are not their listings, they do not broker sales, and they are not an agency. TopTenRealEstateDeals.com is a general media showcase of great deals on [real estate for sale](#).

For further information, or to request an interview with a company representative, please contact their Internet Marketing Director, Jason Wakefield at press at toptenrealestatedeals dotcom.

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Affiliated Auction Galleries: July 2009 Premier Auction Catalogs: 7/18 Military & Firearm Auction 7/19 Antique, Coin & Jewelry Auction

Affiliated Auctions Galleries announces their July 2009 Auction Catalogs. Session 1, taking place on July 18th @ 10am EST features 500+ lots of militaria / military and firearms. This catalog session is packed with edged weapons, head gear, uniforms, cloth & insignias, flags, medals & awards, modern & antique firearms, photos, ephemera, and more. Session 2, leads the coin, antique and jewelry catalog taking place on July 19th @ 12noon EST features 500+ lots of high grade coins, currency, timepieces, fine jewelry & diamonds, antiques, silver, railroad items, Native American rugs, natural history, gold, glassware & pottery, ivories, sports memorabilia, collectible vehicles and much more.

Tallahassee, FL (PRWEB) -- Affiliated Auction Galleries, a worldwide leader in militaria / military, firearm, antique, coin and collectibles auctions, is proud to announce their July 2009 catalog auctions. To be offered in 2 sessions over July 18th and 19th, 2009. The July auctions are not to be missed. Bidders may participate online, via phone, absentee or in person on the gallery floor. Session 1 features a premier militaria & firearm catalog that is sure to please the collector's pallet. Kicking off at 10am EST on Saturday July 18th 2009, session 1 will span all conflicts and battles, featuring 500+ lots of modern & antique firearms, awards & medals, photos & ephemera, edged weapons, head gear, uniforms, photos, cloth & insignias, flags and much more. Highlighting the sale are many lots of rare and significant historical value, to include: Lot 32003 1950's Tallahassee Ku Klux Klan Lucky 13 Historic Archive, Lot 32114 Prussian Infantry Regimental Colors Flag, Lot 32127a 3rd Reich Allgemeine SS Generals Cap, Lot 32135 WWII German 4th SS Police Division Snow DD Helmet, Lot 32159 The Field Uniform of WWII German General Friedrich Mieth, Lot 32196 Third Reich German Diplomat Officials Dagger, Lot 32227 Buke-Zukuri Koshirae Japanese Katana, Lot 32255 The Cisco Kid TV Series Colt SA Army Revolver, Lot 32260 Colt Bisley Single Action Army .45 Cal., Lot 32261 Colt Single Action 1873 Military Model Revolver, Lot 32286a Colt 1911 U.S. Army .45 Pistol, Lot 32300 1930 Broomhandle Mauser 9mm W/ Scabbard, Lot 32305 Mauser Luger S/42 Pistol G Date, Lot 32313a WWII Japanese Nambu Type 14 Pistol, Lot 32327 harpers Ferry 1819 Flint Lock Musket, Lot 32351 Springfield Armory Krag Jorgensen 1896 Carbine, Lot 32352 Springfield 30 Cal M1 U.S. Military Rifle, Lot 32112a Third National Flag of the Confederacy and Lot 32354 Winchester Model 67 .22 Cal Rifle. These are just a sampling of the extensive quality offering bidders will find in session 1 of the catalog. Turning to session 2; the antique, coin and jewelry catalog auction material will attract a variety of bidders given the broad breadth of items set to hit the block on Sunday July 19th at 12noon EST. Feature lots to take note of, include: Lot 33002 Beatles Memorabilia Grouping, Lot 33005 Salvadore Dali Don Quixote Platinum Limited Edition, Lot 33017 Signed Egon Schiele Watercolor 1910, Lot 33047 14th Century Panel Painting Icon Birth of Christ, Lot 33061 Bronze Statue of a Bird by Delabrierre, Lot 33069 Tiffany & Co. Table Lamp, Lot 33073 Art Deco Figural Nude Lamp, Lot 33091 19th Century Galle Art Glass Vase, Lot 33092 Lalique Crystal Nemours Bowl, Lot 33094 Marble Bust of Alexander Hamilton, Lot 33130 Rookwood Pottery Vase 1886 A.R. Valentine, Lot 33150 Large Ivory Elephant Hunter Okimono, Lot 33165 Sterling Silver Tea Service Set by Manchester, Lot 33170a 1971 Porsche Chalon, Lot 33170b 1954 BMW R25/3 Motorcycle, Lot 33178 1894 Morgan Dollar Key Date, Lot 33195 1911-D \$2.50 Gold Indian Coin Graded NGC MS62, Lot 33025 1878 Gold \$3.00 Liberty Princess PCGS MS62, Lot 33222 1901 \$10 Large Size Bison Note, Lot 33259 14K Waltham Railroad Pocket Watch, Lot 33262 Ladies Platinum & Diamond Art Deco Watch, Lot 33266 Vintage Men's Rolex Precision Watch, Lot 33267a Men's Jaeger LeCoultre 18K Alarm Watch, Lot 33315 ladies 5 Carat



Diamond Ring, Lot 33329 Mark Silverstein Designer Platinum Diamond Ring, Lot 33338 Early Sunburst Navajo Gallup Throw Rug, Lot 33346 Cast Iron Railroad Sign No Trespassing C & E.I.R. Co. and Lot 33351 Gibson Les Paul Custom Electric Guitar.

Bidders are able to view, register and bid at www.AffiliatedAuctions.com. Bids are accepted via Internet, phone, absentee and live on the auction floor. Contact the gallery directly with any questions 850-656-5486. Affiliated Auction Galleries is buying and accepting consignments for upcoming catalog auction. No cost valuation consultations are available. Affiliated will travel worldwide to meet with you. Put the powerful combination of global multi-medium marketing, multi-tier & platform bidding, extensive collector buyer base, beautiful full-color auction catalogs, full-time show marketing team and dedicated team of experienced auction professionals to work selling your items or collection. Contact Affiliated today and realize the most money possible for your valuables. www.AffiliatedAuctions.com. Affiliated Auctions is based out of Tallahassee FL.

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Synergy Gets Fired Up

Fired Up Inc., parent of the 170-unit casual-dining Johnny Carino's Country Italian chain, has retained Synergy Restaurant Consultants to enhance and accelerate the brand with their menu development, unique restaurant expertise and creativity. "At Carino's, we maintain a very aggressive development schedule, and since we have been working with Synergy Restaurant Consultants, our menu efforts have been the most significant and profitable they have been in our history" says Chris Peitersen, Vice President of Culinary Operations, Johnny Carino's Italian Executive Chef.

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Carino's new restaurant design and hospitality showcase emphasizes their open kitchens and the open-flame grill featured in each unit. Synergy Restaurant Consultants developed new and innovative menu selections that took full advantage of the high profile grill. At the same time, the chain launched its first national restaurant marketing campaign. It highlights the message that Carino's is "not your garden-variety Italian." The restaurant openings and marketing includes television commercials, billboards and print.

"The new Carino's Italian Grill has entered into the working partnership with Dean Small and Danny Bendas of Synergy Consulting Group. They have been assisting us with menu development over the past 12 months and their work has been crucial to the development of our new and enhanced menu. When given the assignment to help us improve our menu development process, their passion, creativity, and understanding of our kitchen operational procedures helped to create four new menu items that have shown great success. At Carino's, we maintain a very aggressive development schedule, and since we have been working with Dean and Danny, our menu efforts have been the most significant and profitable they have been in our history".

"I would highly recommend Synergy Restaurant Consultants to assist anyone in need of menu development and kitchen operations coaching. Their restaurant consulting work is communicated in an efficient manner and contains the thorough content we need to make it successful" exclaimed Chris Peitersen Vice President of Culinary Operations.

About Synergy Restaurant Consultants:

Synergy Restaurant Consultants is a premier, nationally recognized restaurant consulting firm dedicated to improving the financial performance of independent and national restaurant chains. For 20 years, Synergy has been turning dreams and visions into real award-winning and financially profitable restaurants.



Synergy provides a portfolio of turn-key restaurant solutions designed to help operators develop sustainable brands and scalable concepts for growth. Our solid hands-on experience in hundreds of restaurants across the United States, Canada, South America and Saudi Arabia has made us a trusted authority on innovation and restaurant operating efficiencies. www.synergyconsultants.com

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4th MidEast CemenTrade Meets on 12-13 Oct, 2009 in Abu Dhabi! GCC Cement Producers, Construction Industry Majors & Investors Share Perspectives

4th MidEast CemenTrade summit convenes on 12-13 October 2009 in Abu Dhabi to explore the revival of the construction industry and demand for cement & concrete in the MidEast region. GCC Cement Producers, Construction Industry Majors & Investors share perspectives on real estate development and infrastructure construction activity fuelled by buoyant economic growth.

Abu Dhabi, UAE (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- The 4th MidEast CemenTrade summit convenes on 12-13 October 2009 in Abu Dhabi' Millennium Hotel to map the outlook for the cement and construction industry in the GCC within the context of the global financial crisis. The conference will also explore strategies adopted by key regional cement producers and construction industry majors to stay competitive.

"Commodity Online" reported in April 2009: "The need for housing & continued government investments in infrastructure development in emerging economies will drive the global demand for cement." Nestled between the emerging markets of Africa & traditional markets of Asia, the MidEast is a pivotal trading route for both meeting cement demand and soaking in supply in the region.

Despite the global slowdown, momentum in the GCC & Levant region is still being funneled by multibillion-dollar stimulus packages and real estate investments. According to Arab Construction World, "The total value of real estate projects under construction in the GCC stands over US\$2.39 trillion."

4th MidEast CemenTrade presents critical insights and market intelligence on emerging trends and trade flows in the region's cement, concrete & construction industries. The conference will also explore the implications and impact of these key developments on global cement demand and supply.

Key stakeholders, GCC Cement producers and Construction industry majors will share:

- Country specific forecast covering Saudi Arabia, UAE, Pakistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Afghanistan and Sub-Saharan Africa
- Assessment on investment opportunities in the dynamic Middle East & East Africa markets
- Analysis of cement trading around the world, and the impact of the credit crunch.
- Updates on new clinker production unit by Star Cement & its supply balance in UAE
- Insights into the changing landscape of the cement industry in the region & expectations for 2010
- Latest developments in port and loading infrastructure in East Africa to facilitate logistics & import
- Options & advantages in alternative fuel switch
- Opportunities and commercial challenges from Recycling concrete from waste materials

4th MidEast CemenTrade will be of strategic importance to the cement, concrete & construction industry in the Middle East where participation, support and insights from key stakeholders in the region's cement sector will alter the course of the industry in the months ahead.

Those seeking more information on participation, and sponsorship or media exchange opportunities at 4th



MidEast CemenTrade summit should visit [4th MidEast CemenTrade meet 12-13 Oct, 2009 in Abu Dhabi GCC Cement Producers, Construction Industry Majors & Investors share perspectives](#) immediately or contact Ms. Angelia at +65 6345 5701

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Jonathan Commercial Properties of Eastern Virginia Proudly Announced the Launch of its Enhanced Website - JonathanCommercial.com

Jonathan Commercial Properties, the premier real estate firm serving businesses and commercial investors based in Eastern Virginia proudly announced the launch of its enhanced website - jonathancommercial.com.

Virginia Beach, VA (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- Jonathan Commercial Properties, the premier real estate firm serving businesses and commercial investors based in Eastern Virginia proudly announced the launch of its enhanced website - jonathancommercial.com. The website is positioned to be a leading resource for a range of properties including commercial, industrial, office, retail, residential and land in the areas of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Hampton and Newport News.

Owner and principal Jonathan S. Guion has been involved in commercial real estate for over 20 years, and brings a great deal of experience as both an investor and developer. Businesses have access to a local professional that understands the property market; whether the goal is to find the right [Virginia Beach commercial property](#) or [Chesapeake commercial real estate](#), Jonathan Commercial Properties promises a level of knowledge and skill that earned the company a 2008 Gold Award from the Hampton Roads Association of Commercial Real Estate.

The redesigned website makes it easy for investors to begin their search of the area, view the range of properties available and learn more about the potential of their investment. The home page offers an overview of the approach of the company as well as its services and benefits. Select the 'Properties' link and you will see a selection of some of the properties available in the area. Buyers, sellers and developers should pay particular attention to the 'Services' link, which brings you to a page detailing the skill sets and advantages that Jonathan Commercial Properties has to offer - including property leasing and land development.

Investors looking for Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and [Norfolk VA commercial property for sale](#) may find that a local source is the best way to begin their next venture. Visit www.jonathancommercial.com for more information.

About Jonathan Commercial: Jonathan Commercial Properties is a real estate brokerage company specializing in commercial investment sales and the sale and leasing of commercial properties in Eastern Virginia and the Hampton Roads market including Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News and the surrounding counties.

About Jonathan S. Guion: Jonathan S. Guion serves as the Principal for Jonathan Commercial Properties, specializing in commercial investment sales and the sale and leasing of commercial properties in Virginia. He holds a Master of Business Administration degree with a concentration in finance and a Bachelor of Science from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. He is a current member of HRACRE, ICSC, REIN, the Commercial Council and the local, state and national Association of REALTORS®. A native of Hampton Roads, he is very active in the community as a philanthropist and resident. He is also on the Board of Directors for The Noblemen - a philanthropic group of businessmen that raise money for disadvantaged children and their families in the Hampton Roads area.



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Trilliant Exploration Acquires Minority Stake in Global Diamond Resources, Plc

\$2.42 Million Investment focused on diversification into Africa's Diamond Resources

New York, N.Y. (PRWEB) -- Trilliant Exploration Corp., (TTXP.OB-OTC) a fully operational gold mining company with concessions in southern Ecuador announced today that it has acquired a minority stake in privately held, Global Diamond Resources (GDR).

The £1.5 million (\$2.42 Million USD) investment was made by Trilliant Exploration's wholly owned UK subsidiary, Trilliant Diamonds Ltd. Global Diamond Resources maintains a 93% interest in the Kao Diamond Mine of Lesotho, South Africa.

Drilling at the Kao Diamond Mine has confirmed resources to 600 meters with over 147 million tones of proven and probable reserves. A full report of the Kao Diamond Mine has been completed by SRK Consulting (UK), Ltd. SRK analysts have stated in their final report that "Kao has considerable upside potential and that it could turn into a world class deposit."

"We are very pleased to be making this minority investment into Global Diamond Resources. We see the investment into Global Diamond Resources as the first step to developing further the concessions held in the Kao Diamond Mine," Mr. William Lieberman, President of Trilliant Exploration Corporation stated. "We are working towards appointing a Non Executive Chairman, who is an industry veteran that made the \$2.42 million investment and who will be very active participant in building its operations."

For more information and recorded video and interview with President William Lieberman please visit: www.miningstock.info

About Global Diamond Resources

Global Diamond Resources Plc (GDR), www.globaldiamondres.com, previously known as Lesotho Diamond Corporation Plc has secured mining leases and prospecting licenses in Lesotho, the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC") and Botswana.

In the next five years GDR has a commercial objective of producing a million carats per annum through its major kimberlite diamond operation at The Kao Diamond Mine and its alluvial operations in the DRC.

The Kao Diamond Mine (Pty) Ltd. is the largest of GDR's major diamond assets and is currently being developed in three stages. Stage 1 of GDR's development plan is the trial mining phase of 188 tph DMS operation, Stage 2 and 3 are being planned to treat 900 and 1400 tph DMS capacity respectively.

About Trilliant Exploration Corporation

Trilliant Exploration Corporation is a producing mineral exploration and development company with its administrative offices located in New York and principle operating concessions in Southern Ecuador, South



America. The Company is engaged in gold mining and related activities, including exploration and acquisition of gold-bearing properties, the extraction and processing of ore, and reclamation of mining properties.

Trilliant Exploration is currently exploring new opportunities in El Oro province and is continuing its upgrade of Muluncaygold Corp S.A. The Company is well on track to ramp up its ore processing capacity to 200 tons-per-day by the third quarter of 2009 and plans to reach its goal of 750 tons-per-day within the next 18 months.

The company's Muluncay Gold Project currently processes rock at 50 tons-per-day that produces an average of 6 to 8 grams of gold per ton from its concessions located in the center of the Portovelo-Zaruma mining camp. The Portovelo-Zaruma region has conservatively produced 4.5 million ounces of gold since 1905. For additional information on Trilliant please visit the Company's Web Site: www.ttxp.biz

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Forward-Looking Statements This press release may contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and such Forward Looking Statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties.

All statements other than statements of historical fact in this announcement are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to the viability of the company's business plans, the effect of our acquisition of Muluncaygold Corp, S.A. on our profitability, the effectiveness, profitability, and the marketability of the Company's products; the Company's ability to protect its proprietary information; general economic and business conditions; the volatility of the company's operating results and financial condition; and other risks detailed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and are based on current expectations, assumptions, estimates and projections about the company and the industry. The Company undertakes no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent occurring events or circumstances, or to changes in its expectations, except as may be required by law. Although the company believes that the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, management cannot assure the public that their expectations will turn out to be correct, and investors are cautioned that actual results may differ materially from the anticipated results.

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Jumpstart Capital Partners to Launch New Zealand Opportunity Fund

Jumpstart Capital Partners, based in Los Angeles, today announced plans to launch a US\$100 million closed-end opportunity fund to capitalize on distressed and under-valued real estate assets in New Zealand.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) July 11, 2009 -- Jumpstart Capital, LLC., a real estate investment company based in Los Angeles, today announced plans to launch a US\$100 million closed-end opportunity fund to capitalize on distressed and under-valued real estate assets in New Zealand.

Jumpstart Capital Asset Management (NZF I) LLC. (the "Fund"), will acquire real estate and real estate related assets, and invest in select land development projects, that demonstrate strong market fundamentals, long-term capital growth and superior risk-adjusted returns.

The Fund has already secured an anchor investment that comprises a majority stakeholding in a prominent resort/master-planned community development situated in one of the world's most stunning locations and the fastest growing region in Australasia. The portfolio of prime commercial and residential property is conservatively projected to deliver a Net IRR upward of 40% over 5 years.

"This transaction was several years in the making and all about timing and synergy" says Jumpstart Capital CEO Jason M. Neal, a seasoned entrepreneur with more than 20 years industry experience in the United States and New Zealand. "It represents a risk-averse opportunity and important step in our longer-term investment strategy".

New Zealand has not been immune to the global credit crisis and tightening supply of credit. However, when compared to the United States and Europe this country of 4 million people has held its composure and is well positioned for a resurgence of strong domestic and foreign investment and sustained economic growth. Which is expected to translate into strong capital growth within the real estate sector.

"Fund managers in the United States and Europe are scrambling in a competitive environment to raise capital for domestic real estate transactions that may not be profitable for years because of wider economic and political implications" says Neal. "Smart money is now being invested in countries that offer resilient stable economies, attractive foreign investment and tax policies, and can be classed as safe havens. New Zealand is one of the few countries that fit this profile".

Jumpstart Capital has secured exclusive rights to participate off-market and at wholesale valuations in other resort and master planned communities in New Zealand. Alternatively, the Fund plans to acquire primarily income producing distressed assets in select locations.

"A key to our success in New Zealand is aligning strategically with established local operators that have vast experience and a proven track-record" says Neal. "We have accomplished this and now look forward to launching the Fund and capitalizing on very unique opportunities".

About Jumpstart Capital Partners



Jumpstart Capital Partners is a privately-held real estate investment company based in Los Angeles, California, established to invest and manage private equity capital on behalf of institutional and high net worth investors. The company invests in high-quality real estate, real estate-related assets and select land development projects that offer clients superior risk-adjusted returns.

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Altegris Investments Team Continues to Grow; Expands Service to Client Base

Altegris Investments announced today that it has promoted one of its senior alternative investment professionals and hired two additional senior staff members in order to enhance its services to a growing client base.

La Jolla, CA (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- Altegris Investments announced today that it has promoted one of its senior alternative investment professionals and hired two additional senior staff members in order to enhance its services to a growing client base.

"In this challenging investment environment, we are seeing unprecedented growth in alternative investment products, as sophisticated investors and wealth advisors seek historically non-correlated alternatives with traditional long-only portfolios," said Jon Sundt, President and CEO.

Todd Trusso, a five-year veteran of Altegris, was recently named Director, Private Client Group taking on the broader management and leadership responsibilities of the seasoned team of investment professionals serving sophisticated investors and family offices. Mr. Trusso's previous experience includes serving as a manager of financial services with Prudential Financial, where he was responsible for overseeing a team of 12 financial advisors. Mr. Trusso holds the designation of Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA®).

"Todd's unmatched expertise and dedication to being a true professional in alternative investments is highly valued by our clients and is one of the key factors in our continued strong growth," said Dick Pfister, Executive Vice President, Institutional Research and Sales.

Chris Maudlin has joined the Altegris team as a vice president in the Private Client Group. Prior to Altegris, Mr. Maudlin played a key role as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch within a top-ranked team of advisors responsible for the management of over \$700M in client assets with a focus on continual market analysis for potential investment opportunities for clients. Mr. Maudlin has also held wealth advisor and financial analyst positions with Morgan Stanley and Citibank.

Chris Vigliatore joins Altegris as an associate vice president and will serve the company's expanding Institutional Relationships team. In his previous role with MAN Financial, Mr. Vigliatore worked in managed futures and alternative investment operations, focusing on providing investment and trade execution solutions to external institutional sales forces. Mr. Vigliatore's experience complements Altegris' already substantial expertise in managed futures and other alternative investment products.

About Altegris Investments:

Altegris provides access to a platform of alternative investments designed to meet the needs of sophisticated investors and their wealth managers. The Altegris team of over 60 professionals, including a 10-person research team, is dedicated to finding, selecting and negotiating capacity with selected hedge funds, managed futures funds, and other alternative investments. Currently, investors have allocated more than \$2 billion in trading level to alternative investments available through the Altegris platform. The Altegris Group of Companies includes Altegris Investments, APM Funds, and other affiliates.



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Free Webinars Announced: Your Retirement Account Can Be a Better Bank - Secrets That Banks Don't Want You To Know

Fairpointe, a family-owned and operated mortgage company, announces two webinars on how to invest in private mortgages using a retirement account, presented with guest speaker Entrust New Direction IRA, Inc., a self-directed IRA administrator. The free webinars, Learn the Secrets the Bank Doesn't Want You to Know From a 15-Year Veteran on July 17th, and Overcoming the Top 5 Fears in Servicing Private Mortgages on July 31st, will describe the alternative retirement investment of private mortgage lending.

Denver, Colorado (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- Fairpointe, a family-owned and operated mortgage company, announces two webinars on how to invest in private mortgages using a retirement account, presented with guest speaker Entrust New Direction IRA, Inc., a self-directed IRA administrator. The free webinars, Learn the Secrets the Bank Doesn't Want You to Know From a 15-Year Veteran, on July 17th, and Overcoming the Top 5 Fears in Servicing Private Mortgages, on July 31st, will describe the alternative retirement investment of private mortgage lending.

Michael Bonn, owner of Fairpointe Mortgage, and Patrick Hagen, lead educator of Entrust New Direction, will be presenting the webinars. Bonn will explain how to find, fund and profit from private mortgage lending. Hagen will explain how to open a self-directed IRA or transfer existing retirement account to a self-directed account. Hagen will also provide case studies of private mortgage retirement investors. Registration is free at newdirectionira.com.

During the July 17th webinar, Learn the Secrets the Bank Doesn't Want You to Know From a 15 Year Veteran, Bonn will detail:

1. Four simple steps to creating your own loans.
2. How to find and create secured loans with rates of 8-14%.
3. How to achieve easy turnkey servicing of the loan.
4. How to rebuild a more secure financial future with real estate.
5. How to source money to lend from IRA and 401k plans.

This will be a step-by-step guide to do it all, from locating and evaluating, to servicing a mortgage note.

For the July 31st webinar, Overcoming the Top 5 Fears of Private Lending, Bonn will explain why many retirement investors stay in the stock market and also present facts to conquer the fear factor. Guest speaker Entrust New Direction will present case studies of actual private lending investments made by IRA accounts.

Fairpointe Mortgage, awarded a Gold Star award covering 2000-2008 by the Denver Boulder Better Business Bureau, has been family-owned and operated for nearly a decade in Littleton, Colorado. Owner Michael Bonn has owned and operated mortgage companies for 14 years, funding over \$250 million in conventional and private mortgages. Bonn believes in private mortgage lending so much that 100% of his IRA investments are in Deeds of Trust. As he explains on his website, his desire is to help people who want to invest in real estate without the



headaches of doing it all themselves. <http://coloradodeedsoftrust.com>

Entrust New Direction IRA, part of The Entrust Group, one of the nation's oldest and largest self-directed IRA providers, administers a variety of self-directed accounts, which can invest in all varieties of real estate, as well as gold and private stock. Entrust New Direction provides self-directed plan options for Roth IRAs, SEP-IRAs, Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), 401k and other qualified plans. <http://newdirectionira.com> The Entrust Group, Inc. provides tax-enhanced services such as self-directed IRAs and qualified plans through its national network of franchise and company-owned offices located throughout the United States. The Entrust Group also provides education services on self directed IRAs, Qualified Plans, and other tax-enhanced services on a regular basis throughout the country.

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Navitas Capital Attracts Green Building and Investing Leaders

Newly formed board of advisors helps venture capital firm lead in investing in sustainable building materials and technologies.

Berkeley, CA (PRWEB) July 13, 2009 -- Navitas Capital, an early-stage venture capital firm investing in green technology solutions for the built environment, announced today the creation of a nine-member Advisory Board composed of leading experts in materials science, building engineering, green design practices, real estate development and private equity and venture capital. The board will help guide Navitas' investments and strategic growth.

The members of the Advisory Board include:

- Andy Cohen, Executive Director and Architect, Gensler. Mr. Cohen oversees initiatives related to design, client development and strategic growth for Gensler, which has become the No. 1 ranked U.S. commercial design firm and the leading architecture and interior design firm. Mr. Cohen is also the Regional Managing Principal for the Southwest and has collaborated on major projects such as LAX Airport and MGM MIRAGE CityCenter in Las Vegas, the largest sustainable design and privately-funded project in the United States. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.
- Peter Cushman, Vice President, Development, Bancroft Capital. Mr. Cushman is a leading advocate for green building on policy, construction and technology. He oversees all of Bancroft Capital's development efforts, including the development of The Peloton, a \$160 million mixed-use community in Boulder, Co., He helped develop the Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole and Four Seasons Resort Silicon Valley, among others, as Project Manager, LDW Resort & Hotel Development. Mr. Cushman is an active member of the Urban Land Institute. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of American Sunrise Communities, Boulder East, Eta Gamma Housing Corporation and Zaca Mesa Winery.
- Goodwin Gaw, Founder and Managing Principal, Gaw Capital. Under Mr. Gaw's leadership, Hong Kong-based Gaw Capital has become a leading real estate investment company strategically focused on China and the Asia Pacific Region. Mr. Gaw brings over 15 years of real estate and management experience across multiple asset classes in the United States and Asia. He is Vice Chairman of Pioneer Global Group, Founder and President of Downtown Properties, and former Chairman of Global Gateway.
- Dr. Malcolm Lewis, P.E. President and Founder, CTG Energetics. Under Dr. Lewis' stewardship, CTG Energetics has become the recognized leader in energy efficiency and sustainability for the built environment. Dr. Lewis has been active in the design of leading-edge buildings for over 30 years as a consulting engineer specializing in mechanical, electrical, and energy systems. His projects have won numerous awards for energy efficiency, sustainability, and design. Dr. Lewis served on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is a member of the USGBC's LEED Steering Committee, and Chair of the LEED Technical Committee.
- John Picard, Founder and CEO, John Picard Associates. Mr. Picard is one of the preeminent environmental consultants in North America. He has pioneered the philosophy of natural systems and sustainable design in his work as a green building engineer, corporate strategist, and executive advisor. He is a founding member of the USGBC, a longstanding member of Interface's Dream Team, and an environmental advisor to EarthPark, EcoTown, and a number of corporations around the world.

- Nellie Reid, Director of Sustainable Design, Gensler. Over the decade Ms. Reid has been at Gensler, she has served as a sustainable design consultant on multiple projects from the San José Airport to the Port of Long Beach Headquarters. She has spent much of the last four years providing a Sustainable Design and LEED oversight role on hospitality projects, including MGM MIRAGE CityCenter, Marriot/Ritz, Kimpton, Mondrian and Warner Brothers. She is a founding member of the USGBC Los Angeles Chapter, where she served as vice chair and now serves as an Emeritus board member. She was named one of the "25 Environmental Champions for 2004" by Interior and Sources Magazine and been recognized on "40 Under 40" lists by both Real Estate Southern California and Building Design + Construction.

- Danny Rimer, Managing Partner, Index Ventures. Mr. Rimer established the London office for Index Ventures, the preeminent IT venture capital firm in Europe. He is Ranked Number 16 on Forbes' "The Midas List." His investment interests include Internet infrastructure software and services. He currently serves on the board of Astley Clarke, FON, Oanda, Rightscale, Sky (BSY), Spot Runner, Stardoll, Trialpay, Viagogo and Woome.

- Brandon Tinianov, CTO, Serious Materials. Dr. Tinianov is a recognized expert in building science and in the creation and patenting of novel construction materials to support global sustainability initiatives. Through his influential participation in the Green Building Initiative (GBI) and Sustainable Silicon Valley (SSV), Dr. Tinianov has been recognized as a leading voice in the green construction innovation realm and was recently elected Founding Chairman of the Silicon Valley Branch of the USGBC.

- Phil Williams, VP of Sustainability and Systems Engineering, Webcor Builders. Webcor is the Number 2 ranked U.S. green contractor. Mr. Williams is a licensed Professional Mechanical Engineer in California, a LEED Accredited professional and an active member of the USGBC, San Francisco Mayor's Green Building Task Force, Center for the Built Environment (CBE), Sustainable Silicon Valley, Business Council on Climate Change (BC-3) and Center for Integrated Facilities Engineering (CIFE).

"Navitas' dedication to the built environment and track record of investing early in the industry's emerging leaders is unique among the venture capital community," said advisor Picard. "The industry needs a firm that understands technology and the unique challenges of the building industry, and I'm excited to be part of Navitas' success."

"We are honored that such a prestigious group of influential leaders has joined us at Navitas Capital," said Jim Pettit, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Navitas Capital. "I am confident that their advice and guidance will be invaluable as we evaluate prospective growth sectors, investment opportunities and expand our venture capital footprint within the green building sector. Assembling an advisory board of this caliber is a key strategic differentiator in the ongoing development of Navitas Capital."

"The \$1.8 trillion built environment is going through a profound 'green' transformation," said Travis Putnam, LEED AP, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Navitas Capital. "Buildings consume 40 percent of the energy in the United States and have necessarily become an important part of our nation's new energy policy. Compelling economics and increasing mandates are driving developers, builders and designers to focus on sustainability."

Putnam added: "With the help of our Advisory Board, Navitas is identifying and funding those companies it believes will help lead the sustainable building revolution by dramatically reducing the energy consumption and environmental impact of the built environment."



About Navitas Capital

Navitas Capital is an early-stage venture capital firm investing in green technology solutions for the built environment. Navitas Capital's investment focus is unique among VCs -- dedicated to working with entrepreneurs who are developing innovative building materials and technologies for a sustainable built environment. Navitas invests in the areas of sustainable building materials, building automation, building systems, advanced lighting, water management and distributed renewable energy. Founded in 2008, Navitas has been one of the early and driving forces behind several of today's leading green building technology companies. Navitas Capital is based in Berkeley, California. Please visit www.navitascap.com for more information.

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Canada Revenue Freezes Assets of Prominent Canadian Wife of UN Human Rights Plaintiff

On February 13, 2009, the Canadian Revenue Authority (CRA) served a Notice of Enforcement No 708575 upon Canadian Dare Foods heiress, Carolyn Dare Wilfred's family Holding Company freezing the entirety of her Canadian related assets and demanding 15 million dollars in reassessed taxes. This tax action came at a critical time during her financial support of her husband, Harmon Wilfred's unprecedented UN Human Rights case against Canada.

Toronto, Canada (PRWEB) July 12, 2009 -- Former CIA financial contractor and whistleblower, Harmon Wilfred filed for a Judicial Review at the UN Human Rights Commission (UNHRC) on January 7, 2009 to further support his Petition No 1638/2007 against the government of Canada. The grounds of Wilfred's latest pleading is based on the premise that although the United States, named as a co-defendant with Canada in the original case, refuses to accept the competence of the UN Human Rights Committee; this does not disqualify Canada as the continuing and sole defendant.

Although the Canadian government has yet to answer Wilfred's UNHRC complaint, this latest action by the CRA in the wake of his request for a Judicial Review of his Human Rights Petition against Canada would appear to be more than a coincidence, says Harmon Wilfred. The Order of Enforcement has also cited facts directly relating to Wilfred's UN case. The CRA justified the reassessment by a retroactive disqualification of Carolyn's lawfully permitted 2001 tax strategy. This overall action was further reinforced on June 12, 2009 by the CRA's outright dismissal of Carolyn's objection filed against the Enforcement Order. As a result, her entire Canadian estate has been made unavailable even for legal expenses until the matter is resolved.

The Wilfred's departed North America in June of 2001 under duress for fear of Mr Wilfred's personal safety and freedom during the midst of continuous alleged violations of his human rights by the United States and Canada. Mrs. Dare Wilfred's tax planning at that time, necessitated and designed around their urgent relocation off shore, was completed by Alberta tax attorney Richard DeVries under the advice of prominent Canadian legal and accounting consultants [Frazier Milner](#) and [BDO Dunwoody](#). Even though Carolyn's advisors are adamant in maintaining that her tax planning according to court documents was and continues to be lawful and valid, the CRA has persisted in retroactively excluding the 2001 strategy. Although Carolyn and her legal counsel insist that this action must be challenged, "How does one mount a formidable legal action against the CRA, or continue to confront the Canadian government for alleged human rights violations if your opponents are permitted to freeze all financial ability to fund the challenges?" asks Harmon Wilfred. As founder, director and trustee of their New Zealand international IT business, [ITtelenet Limited](#) and charitable trust, [La Famia Foundation NZ](#). Mr. Wilfred has been residing in New Zealand as a stateless person without the legal right to work or earn an income since the US State Department formally accepted the renouncement of his US citizenship in 2005. He is currently seeking New Zealand citizenship.

As a loyal Canadian and member of the Dare family, Carolyn has written an open letter to the Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper and the citizen's of Canada entitled [OH Canada](#) telling her story and appealing to the PM



for justice. "I believe I am being deliberately bullied by my own country for supporting my husband on a compelling UN human rights complaint; which is nothing less than government condoned extortion!" says Carolyn Dare Wilfred.

The material evidence of Wilfred's UN Petition against Canada allegedly involves prominent individuals in the current US Obama administration, including Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and White House Counsel Gregory Craig; as well as former President Bill Clinton and Colorado State Attorney General, John Suthers.

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ARAG Appoints Jerry Turjanica as National Sales Director

Employee benefits professional manages important relationship with wholesale clients for legal insurance plans.

Des Moines, Iowa (PRWEB) – ARAG® has appointed veteran sales professional Jerry Turjanica as National Sales Director, Wholesale. ARAG President and Chief Executive Officer Cameron Sutton said, “Jerry Turjanica will play a strategic role in serving customer needs and expanding our presence in the marketplace. He has a strong background in the [employee benefits](#) industry and has consulted with some of the nation’s largest employers seeking employer-paid and voluntary programs, as well as health plans and insurers setting up private label benefit plans.”

Prior to joining [ARAG](#), Turjanica was Director of National Sales for EyeMed VisionCare, LLC, a Luxottica group company. He was responsible for national sales relating to health and dental plans and ancillary insurers. He previously worked for Wellpoint and United Health Group.

Turjanica graduated from Youngstown State University in Ohio, where he earned a Bachelor of Science and Business Administration degree in accounting and a Master of Business Administration degree in finance. Turjanica, who is based in Cincinnati, is active in the community where he is a volunteer coach in youth athletic programs.

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The Best-Selling Book of Its Kind is Now Even Better

Just as it is not necessary to know how the microchips in your computer work to multiply a few numbers, it's not necessary to be a CPA to have a working knowledge of the "accounting model of the enterprise".

Franklin Lakes, NJ (PRWEB) July 12, 2009 -- Financial Statements: Revised and Expanded Edition is a perfect introduction to financial accounting for non-financial managers, stock-market investors, undergraduate business and MBA students, lawyers, lenders, entrepreneurs and more.

Most introductory finance and accounting books fail either because they are written "by accountants for accountants" or because the authors "dumb down" the concepts until they are virtually useless. Financial Statements deftly shows that all this accounting and financial-reporting stuff is not rocket science and that anyone can understand it.

Ittelson empowers non-financial managers by clearly and simply demonstrating how the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement work together to offer a snapshot of any company's financial health. Every term is defined in simple, understandable language. Every concept is explained with a basic, straightforward transaction example. And with the book's uniquely visual approach, readers will be able to see exactly how each transaction affects the three key financial statements of the enterprise.

"Finally, a handbook that takes the mystery out of accounting principles. I recommend this book to any 'non-financial' type who sits at the head of the table - boardroom or kitchen," said Margi Gandofi, VP, strategic programs, clinical services, New York Blood Center.

"I wish this book were around when I started my first company. The entrepreneur can learn in one evening's reading what it took me two years of learning-by-doing," said Gordon B. Baty, partner, Zero Stage Capital.

About the Author:

Thomas R. Ittelson is a scientist, businessman, author and teacher with many years of hands-on experience in business development and marketing for technical companies. As a consultant to entrepreneurs, Ittelson has written business plans and prepared financial projections that have helped raise more than \$500 million in start-up equity capital. Financial Statements was born from the author's efforts to teach client entrepreneurs how to design and use financial statements in their start-up businesses.

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Investors can Avoid the Next Madoff, According to Financial Advisor Todd Kernaghan

The story of Bernard Madoff, the former financier convicted of defrauding clients of billions of dollars, has raised fears in the minds of many investors. Todd Kernaghan, a noted financial advisor, offers tips to help investors avoid getting caught in a scam.

Austin, TX (PRWEB) July 12, 2009 -- It's an investor's worst nightmare: Losing a life's savings to the lies of a trusted financial advisor.

The story of former financier Bernard Madoff has intensified those fears in the minds of many investors. Madoff recently was sentenced to 150 years in prison for defrauding clients of billions of dollars.

Investors can take steps to avoid getting caught in a scam, according to noted financial advisor Todd Kernaghan in his blog at <http://www.toddkernaghan.com/>.

"Unfortunately, there probably will be another Madoff, and nothing is foolproof," Kernaghan writes. "There are, however, some steps you can take as precautions."

The first question investors should ask is whether the advisor, advisor's firm or an affiliate of either also acts as custodian of the funds.

If the answer is yes, investors should think twice, according to Kernaghan.

"Most frauds are perpetrated when the individual has custody of the funds directly or through an affiliate," Kernaghan says.

Kernaghan recommends getting an independent custodian for the funds. A company with another name isn't enough -- an independent custodian should not be directly or indirectly controlled by the advisor or the advisor's firm. If the advisor refuses to use an independent custodian, investors should get a very detailed reason why.

Next, investors should know whether the advisor, advisor's firm or an affiliate prepares all statements of account activity.

If yes, it's not automatically a red flag. Many advisors suppress the statements from the custodian. If this is the case, investors should ask to receive the custodian's statements as well. If investors are not allowed to receive them, they should ask why.

"There are a lot of investment advisors out there that do use independent custodians and allow them to create the account activity statements, so you do not have to settle for one that doesn't," according to Kernaghan.

Third, investors should ask whether the advisor, advisor's firm or an affiliate of the advisor has the ability to withdraw funds for any reason other than the advisory and investment fee they may be entitled to.



If so, investors should find out under what circumstances they are allowed to withdraw funds and whether those circumstances require the investor's consent, according to Kernaghan.

Other than the ability to withdraw funds for mutually agreed upon advisory and investment fees for the account, all others should require formal consent. Investors should read their advisory agreements and make sure that is the case, according to Kernaghan.

Fourth, are the results (accounts) of the advisor audited in-house or by an affiliated company?

Most reputable investment advisors and firms hire independent auditors for results verification, according to Kernaghan. Investors should insist on a well known, independent auditing company that uses the latest standards.

Finally, investors should study the returns in their accounts. Are the returns consistent from month to month and year to year, do they have no losses, or do they appear to be out of the norm? If so, and particularly if any of the previous four answers are yes, investors should do some digging, according to Kernaghan.

For more investing advice from Todd Kernaghan, click on <http://www.toddkernaghan.com>.

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White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc. Named to 2009 Annual Ranking of Top Wealth Managers Listing

Wealth Manager Magazine has named *White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc.* (www.whiteoakswealth.com) a top wealth manager for the 9th consecutive year.

Minneapolis, MN (PRWEB) July 11, 2009 -- [Wealth Manager Magazine](#) has named White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc. a top wealth manager for the 9th consecutive year. Wealth Manager conducted a survey with more questions this year than ever - 47 to be exact, including 6 years of ADV-reported assets. More than 500 firms were surveyed and 407 firms made the ranking list of Top Wealth Managers (formerly the Top Dogs).

"White Oaks is proud to be recognized for the 9th consecutive year," commented Bob Klosterman, President and CEO of White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc. "With the current economic crisis and financial scandals, White Oaks' long-standing strengths and capabilities are confirmed." Sharon Bloodworth, Vice-President and Partner of White Oaks remarked, "We have worked hard to ensure the trust and confidence of our clients and we will continue to ensure the health of our clients wealth."

Kathleen M. McBride of Wealth Manager Magazine also indicated the heightened level of stress the economy is in by stating, "Wealth managers and their clients have come through the most wrenching financial storms most people can fathom, while at the same time the world has seen some of the largest and most outrageous financial swindles of all time exposed. While almost no one has been left untouched, some wealth managers are coming back stronger than ever, even though many are smaller."

[White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc.](#) is a private, fee-only wealth management firm within Minneapolis, MN that specializes in simplifying the complexities of wealth for upper net worth individuals. The firm offers an advisory team with over 60 years of experience in areas such as retirement planning, investment advice and management, estate planning, tax planning, stock option exercise, charitable gift planning, qualified plan distribution planning, and many other issues that individuals face in meeting and achieving their financial security goals. White Oaks Wealth Advisors, Inc. has been honored by having team members listed on the "Top 250 Financial Advisors" by Worth Magazine, Top Dog's by Bloomberg Wealth Manager, "5 Star Advisor" by Paladin Registry, "WiserAdvisor.com", "Best 150 Advisors for Doctors" by Medical Economics and "100 Top Advisors" by Mutual Funds Magazine.

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Nearly 70 Southeast Wisconsin Lots Set to Be Sold at Wisconsin's Largest Single-Family Lot Auction

Deals Abound as Properties Near Kenosha Once Valued over \$100,000 to Start at \$40,000.

Green Bay, WI (PRWEB) July 11, 2009 -- Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions, a project-focused auction company that specializes in accelerated marketing programs, recently announced its involvement in an event poised to be the largest single-family lot sale in Wisconsin's history. On August 15, 2009, Micoley will assist in the sale of nearly 70 sites, all found in several highly desirable subdivisions in Southeast Wisconsin. Lots previously valued between \$100,000-\$150,000 will likely be sold at prices that are mere fractions of what they once cost.

Lots included in the sale can be found in the Ashbury Creek and Westfield Heights subdivisions, both in Pleasant Prairie, Wis., and in the Heritage Estate subdivision, located in the town of Salem, Wis. The vast majority of the lots up for sale are residential, though a few commercial lots are available. All are within 15-20 miles of Kenosha.

According to Wade Micoley, owner of Micoley & Company, today's tough economic environment is actually the perfect one in which to build a home - especially in these particular communities.

"Because the lots will start at \$40,000, homes built on them will be much more affordable than comparable ones in the area - and buyers can use any builder they wish," says Micoley. "Plus, first-time home buyers can take advantage of the \$8,000 tax credit, creating additional savings."

The large variety in the look and size of the lots (ranging from small, suburban ones to sites that are more than one full acre) allows buyers to choose the option that best meets their lifestyle needs and preferences. Since all are relatively close to the Illinois border and train stations, these communities are ideal for city commuters.

"I am very excited about using the auction process again to move lots," said Mark Bourque, president of Prudential Premier Properties, who owns 25 of the lots up for bid. "I looked to auction services in the early 1990s when I wanted to close out one subdivision and open another. I found this method to be the best way to quickly reduce my inventory while giving my customers great deals on prime real estate. It's truly a win/win scenario."

Other companies working with Micoley to sell lots in this auction are Stafford Development and Stafford Custom Home; Harvest Developments & Harvest Custom Homes; and Douglas Kent Homes. Each is based in Kenosha.

Selling property through auction, or rapid distribution, is a growing trend - not just here in Wisconsin but around the world.

"In Australia, virtually all real estate is sold at auction, and it's becoming the wave of the future in the United States, too," says Maxine O'Brien, executive director of the Wisconsin Auctioneers Association. "Some states are further ahead than us, but there's no doubt that auctions are gaining steam in Wisconsin."

O'Brien continues, "The reasons auctions are becoming more popular are simple. People are beginning to realize



that competitive bidding is the only way to set the true value of a property. And you can't beat the exciting environment an auction event creates! Morpace, Inc., a national marketing and research firm hired by the National Auctioneers Foundation, found that the number-one reason people attend auctions is because they are fun."

The Micoley & Company auction will take place at the Radisson Hotel, located at 11800 108th Street in Pleasant Prairie. Pre-registration starts at noon, with the auction commencing at 1 p.m. Tour maps of the properties, bidders' packets and other details can be found by visiting www.micoleyauctions.com.

"We encourage interested folks to go check out the different lots available ahead of time," advises Micoley. "Then on the day of the event, prospective buyers need only bring with them a cashier's check made out to Micoley & Company for an amount equivalent to 5 percent of the minimum bid of a lot they want. Even if the lot goes for a higher amount, this figure will still allow them to obtain the purchasing rights."

Financing will be available for qualified buyers, and broker participation is welcome.

Developers may sell lots prior to the auction if a satisfactory offer is negotiated. For pre-sale information, call Micoley & Company at (888) 662-1020.

About Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions

Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions is a project-focused auction company that customizes accelerated marketing programs for financial institutions, commercial/corporate clients, and the individual property owner in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions manages and facilitates the sale of company assets, inventory, etc., in order to provide the smoothest possible transaction for our Midwestern clients. For more information about Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions, visit www.micoleyauctions.com or call (888) 662-1020.

Headquartered in Green Bay, Wis., Micoley & Company Real Estate Auctions is just one of the unique portfolio of companies that operate under the Micoley & Company umbrella. This full-service real estate firm provides its rapidly expanding base of Midwestern clients with services including brokerage, land development, property management, general contracting and property auction. Micoley & Company is licensed in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan.

For more information about Micoley & Company, visit www.micoley.com.

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Glenn Neely and NEOWave Institute Launch Neely Investments LLC

Prominent Elliott Wave analyst Glenn Neely has formed Neely Investments LLC to manage and direct private funds globally.

Aliso Viejo, CA (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- Glenn Neely and NEOWave Institute have formed Neely Investments LLC to manage and direct private funds globally. A prominent Elliott Wave analyst, Neely was recognized in Timer Digest's May 2009 issue as the #1 stock market timer for the past 12 months.

Based in New York, Neely Investments is the world's first and only portfolio management firm based on core NEOWave disciplines. Glenn Neely is the founder and architect of the NEOWave method of trading and market forecasting. Over the years, he has received a significant number of inquiries from investors interested in NEOWave-based investment management. The creation of Neely Investments is the culmination of his 25-year career of successful forecasting and trading advisory services.

Neely Investments has partnered with Emerson Equity LLC, a registered investment advisor and broker dealer, to offer a series of NEOWave-based private investment funds. To receive information on NEOWave-based private investment funds, please contact Emerson Equity at:

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About Glenn Neely and NEOWave Institute:

Glenn Neely, who is internationally regarded as the premier Elliott Wave analyst, founded the Elliott Wave Institute in 1983. In 1990, Neely published his advanced Wave analysis process in his now-classic book, *Mastering Elliott Wave*. In 2000, Neely changed the name of his research and advisory firm to NEOWave Institute to differentiate his scientific Wave analysis technology from orthodox, subjective Elliott Wave analysis, which is frequently nebulous, inaccurate, and constantly fluid.

What is Elliott Wave? In the early 1930s, Ralph Nelson Elliott presented his theory of market behavior, which quantifies each stage of an economic cycle into specific patterns of mass psychology. Glenn Neely has devoted more than 25 years to mastering and advancing the concepts of Wave theory. Neely refined Elliott Wave theory to make it objective, practical, and consistently accurate, producing his now-famous NEOWave technology. This precise, step-by-step assessment of market structure leads to low-risk, high-profit investing and trading. Orthodox Elliott Wave, devoid of such technology and rules, typically leaves the analyst with ambiguous interpretations, seriously flawed results, and dual-directional forecasts.



Today, decades after R.N. Elliott penned his original theory, countless investors and traders trust Neely's revolutionary, step-by-step NEdWave approach to market analysis. Devotees of NEdWave Institute and Glenn Neely are reaping the rewards of low-risk, high-profit investing. Learn more about Glenn Neely and NEdWave Institute at <http://www.NEdWave.com>.

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Gresham Investment Management LLC Has No Connection to Accused Ponzi Schemer Eldon A. Gresham

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New York, NY (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- Gresham Investment Management LLC is a SEC registered Investment Advisor and a CFTC registered commodity pool operator and commodity trading operator that currently manages more than \$5 billion in long-only, diversified commodity index investments. Gresham Investment Management LLC assures its clients and prospects that there is no connection whatsoever, beyond the unfortunate coincidence of names, between us and Eldon A. Gresham or his firm, The Gresham Company, which is currently under investigation by the CFTC. Please feel free to contact Jason Ungar, 212-984-1126, with any questions. www.greshamllc.com

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Billion Dollar Restaurant Supply Chain Management Veteran and Procurement Guru Joins The Synergy Restaurant Consulting Team.

Laguna Niguel, California. Industry experts Synergy Restaurant Consultants are pleased to announce that Jim Campbell, Restaurant Supply Chain Management Veteran and Procurement Guru will join the Synergy Restaurant Consulting Team. “Jim brings an incredible amount of restaurant supply chain management knowledge and experience to our team and will be a tremendous resource to our clients,” says Dean Small, Managing Partner of Synergy Restaurant Consultants. Jim’s primary role in the Synergy organization will be to focus on mid-scale restaurants that do not have the luxury to afford someone with his vast supply chain management experience.

Laguna Niguel, CA (Vocus) July 10, 2009 -- Industry experts Synergy Restaurant Consultants are pleased to announce that Jim Campbell, Restaurant Supply Chain Management Veteran and Procurement Guru will join the Synergy Restaurant Consulting Team. “Jim brings an incredible amount of restaurant supply chain management knowledge and experience to our team and will be a tremendous resource to our clients,” says Dean Small, Managing Partner of Synergy Restaurant Consultants. Jim’s primary role in the Synergy organization will be to focus on mid-scale restaurants that do not have the luxury to afford someone with his vast supply chain management experience.

"We believe with Jim’s [Restaurant Supply Chain Management](#) experience and our overall ability as efficiency experts to reduce food and labor costs we now play an integral role in any organizations plans to improve their financial performance, turnaround or expansion," continued Mr. Small.

Jim has 30 years of Restaurant Supply Chain Management experience with a dozen different restaurant concepts from fast food to fine dining. His career in Restaurant Supply Chain Management began with Far West Services as a Director of Purchasing for Ruben’s, Coco’s, and the Ruben E. Lee where he built an effective Restaurant Supply Chain Management Department and began to develop his expertise in commodity analysis and contract negotiations.

At Restaurant Enterprise Group he was a Vice President of Purchasing for concepts including El Torito, Gladstone’s for Fish, RJ’s Ribs, Baxter’s, Charlie Brown’s, Houlihan’s, Del Taco, and Jojo’s. With sales at Restaurant Enterprise Group in excess of \$1 billion Jim was responsible for a Restaurant Supply Chain that spent in excess of \$300 million annually. He served as Vice President of Purchasing and Distribution for American Restaurant Group concepts Black Angus Steakhouse, Spoons, Velvet Turtle, Grandy’s, and National Sports Grill.

“Jim will be a great asset to our team and clients as he has extraordinary experience at negotiating long term protein and commodity contracts and has over 30 years of experience developing regional and national distribution programs,” says Managing Partner, Dean Small.



Synergy provides a portfolio of turnkey restaurant solutions designed to help operators improve their financial performance. Our solid hands-on experience in hundreds of restaurants across the United States, Canada, South America and Saudi Arabia has made us a trusted authority on restaurant operating efficiencies and restaurant supply chain management.

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Rare Wine Company Acquires Premium Wine Reseller

Benchmark Wine Group has acquired the brand and assets of premium wine reseller Tinamou Wine Company.

Napa, CA (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- [Benchmark Wine Group](#) announced today that it has acquired the brand and assets of premium wine reseller [Tinamou Wine Company](#). "Tinamou has a long history of serving a loyal customer base with top quality Bordeaux and Ports," said Benchmark Senior Sales Manager Whitney Farris. "We are in the process of contacting these customers to assure them that Benchmark will continue to provide world-class vintage wines they have come to expect from Tinamou in exceptional condition at industry-leading prices."

Benchmark President David Parker added, "Tinamou established a respected business in the rare wine world and we are happy to have been asked to take over service of their customers. Our focus on customer service, market intelligence and leading technology has placed us in a strong position in this economy and are actively seeking additional acquisition opportunities for rare wine and fine wine company assets."

[Benchmark Wine Group, Inc.](#) is part of a family of fine wine and technology companies that have been serving rare wine collectors, investors, resellers and top restaurants with a broad selection of wine and wine trading information since 1997. Affiliates include internet wine auction house Brentwood Wine Company, LLC and The Wine Market Journal, which publishes the industry's most complete report of wine auction prices.

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Leading New York City Domain Dispute Attorney Warns: Domain Industry Professionals Should Do Something To Stop Frivolous Domain Dispute Arbitration Proceedings

New York City domain dispute attorney, Karen Bernstein, says that domain industry professionals (affectionately known as "domainers") are being hammered by meritless domain disputes and should lobby the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) harder for changes to its existing arbitration policy and to block a pending ICANN policy that could change the domain name dispute process severely crippling their businesses.

New York, New York (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- New York City domain dispute attorney, Karen Bernstein, says that domain industry professionals (affectionately known as "domainers") are being hammered by meritless domain disputes and should lobby the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) harder for changes to its existing arbitration policy and to block a pending ICANN policy that could change the domain name dispute process severely crippling their businesses.

Recently, this point was highlighted by a failed case brought by an insurance company against one of Ms. Bernstein's clients, WeDirect, Inc., an Internet company that promotes web properties through search engine marketing for purposes of selling Internet traffic to automobile dealers, insurance companies, and educational providers.

In its decision, the three-member National Arbitration Forum Panel denied transfer of WeDirect's domain name located at www.cheapautosinsurance.com despite the complaining insurance company's federally-registered trademark for CHEAP AUTO INSURANCE. The Panel held that WeDirect, as well as anyone else, is entitled to register a commonly used phrase, so long as the domain is used in a descriptive fashion. Here, WeDirect was offering a comparative website offering cheap auto insurance. WeDirect asked the panel for a finding of reverse domain name hijacking [RDNH, which is a type of countersuit brought by the respondent (like the defendant in a court case), requesting the panel to acknowledge that the arbitration complaint was brought in bad faith but the arbitrators declined to make that determination. In the case, the insurance company filed over 1,000 pages of documents that weighed over 16 pounds.

As Ms. Bernstein puts it, "the National Arbitration Forum Panel's decision to decline a finding of reverse domain name hijacking for my client is yet another example of how business owners are using the UDRP [Uniform Domain Name Resolution Policy] to strong arm domainers into transferring their profit-making domains with no repercussions." Ms. Bernstein speculates that since domain arbitrations are relatively inexpensive to bring some business owners wrongfully decide to take advantage of the domain arbitration system by filing complaints for less money than they would if they had simply made an offer to buy the domain name. Instead, they think that by virtue of their federal trademark registrations that may have been issued years after the domainer registered the domain they are in the superior position to obtain an order to get the domain transferred to them. "Ownership of a federal trademark registration does not necessarily win the day in a domain dispute," Ms. Bernstein says.

Ms. Bernstein is of the opinion that a majority of panels decline to find RDNH despite the arbitration complaint not having any basis in the law and that even if reverse domain hijacking is found for the respondent the finding



does not award damages for the complaining party to pay the domainers legal fees as a penalty for bringing an abusive complaint.

Ms. Bernstein recommends that domainers urge ICANN to change the arbitration procedure by requiring it to assess fees to the complaining party if RDNH is found to deter frivolous UDRP proceedings. She also believes that domain arbitration panels such as the National Arbitration Forum should charge a modest fee to the party bringing the complaint so that there can be a preliminary determination by an arbitration panel of whether a case has any merit before allowing the matter to go forward. "These types of domain disputes hurt domainers who operate legitimate businesses by forcing them to needlessly spend money in arbitration and legal fees," Ms. Bernstein said.

"The average cost to file a domain dispute is low compared to the enormous sums that must be shelled out to bring a federal trademark infringement lawsuit and that's why so many companies opt to go through the UDRP process. On the other hand, the average domainer does not necessarily have the financial resources or the time to fight the domain dispute and either does not respond to the arbitration complaint (allowing in most cases the domain to be transferred) or spending the time and money to fight it," Ms. Bernstein said.

ICANN, the organization that sets the guidelines for arbitration panels to follow in reaching their decisions, governs the issuance of domain names ending in .com and .net, for example, and has recently proposed a new plan called the Uniform Rapid Suspension System Policy (URS) that could give trademark holders the ability to file a simple form complaint for only \$200. By filing the URS complaint it automatically freezes the domain name in dispute before the domainer ever has a chance to respond to the complaint and before a decision is ever rendered.

"The UDRP system is set up now where the domain name does not get transferred unless there is a transfer decision rendered by the Panel or by a court if the arbitration is appealed which gives the domainer the opportunity to make their case before a decision is reached for why the domain name should not be transferred. But if the URS is implemented it could make things a whole lot worse for domainers by halting their businesses entirely until a domain decision is reached or an appeal is decided and that takes a lot of time and money. There needs to be strong efforts by the domain community to lobby ICANN to change its arbitration complaint intake policy and not to permit the URS to take effect," said Ms. Bernstein.

The www.cheapautosinsurance.com National Arbitration Forum decision can be found on its website located at <http://domains.adrforum.com/decision.aspx>. The case is Combined Insurance, Ltd. v. iclicks c/o Michael Mayder, Case No. 1261538 (NAF June 26, 2009).

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SunGard Launches Smart Gateway for Tokyo Commodities Exchange

SunGard has launched a new smart gateway for the Tokyo Commodity Exchange (TOCOM). SunGard's smart gateways are a series of new clearing gateways for listed derivatives markets. The TOCOM gateway, which is the second of SunGard's smart gateways to be launched, is already being used by 15 customers.

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SunGard's smart gateways are integrated with its post-trade derivatives processing solutions, including [GL Clearvision](#), [GL Ubix](#), [GMI](#) and [Options Watch](#), helping customers to improve performance and efficiency. Developed in Java and based on industry standards such as FIX messaging, SunGard's smart gateways can be rolled out in a number of different technical environments including Windows, UNIX and Linux. This new architecture is scalable so that multiple gateways can be installed for a single exchange to help support increased trading volumes. The smart gateways will replace all of SunGard's existing clearing gateways by early 2010.

Vincent Burzynski, chief product officer for SunGard's global trading business, said, "The fact that we have 15 SunGard customers already using the TOCOM smart gateway, so quickly after its launch, shows how much scalability and performance have become key concerns in the post-trade environment. We believe that with so many customers seeking to increase the efficiency of their post-trade processes, we'll see similar enthusiasm for smart gateways in other regions as we roll them out."

To hear more commentary on SunGard and the listed derivatives space, or to join our online "What Happens Next?" conversation, please click [here](#).

About SunGard Global Trading

SunGard provides multi-asset, front- to back-office trading solutions for equities, fixed income, derivatives, FX and commodities on exchanges worldwide. These solutions support full lifecycle trading and trade processing activities including information services, market connectivity and order management that help improve trade efficiency and risk monitoring.

About SunGard

SunGard is one of the world's leading software and IT services companies. SunGard serves more than 25,000 customers in more than 70 countries, including the world's 25 largest financial services companies.

SunGard provides software and processing solutions for financial services, higher education and the public sector. SunGard also provides disaster recovery services, managed IT services, information availability consulting services and business continuity management software.

With annual revenue exceeding \$5 billion, SunGard is ranked 435 on the Fortune 500 and is the largest privately



held business software and services company on the Forbes list of private businesses. Based on information compiled by Datamonitor*, SunGard is the third largest provider of business applications software after Oracle and SAP. Continuity, Insurance & Risk has recognized SunGard as service provider of the year an unprecedented six times. For more information, please visit SunGard at www.sungard.com.

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Focusing on the Model Driven Enterprise, No Magic Collaborates with OMG on the Development of Latest UPDM Specification

No Magic, the leading global provider of integrated modeling software and services, today announced that it is actively working with OMG™ to develop the next iteration of the Unified Profile for DoDAF and MODAF (UPDM).

Plano, TX (Vocus) July 9, 2009 -- [No Magic](#), the leading global provider of integrated modeling software and services, today announced that it is actively working with OMG™ to develop the next iteration of the Unified Profile for DoDAF and MODAF (UPDM).

The Unified Profile for DoDAF and MODAF (UPDM) is an initiative led by OMG to develop a modeling standard that supports both the USA Department of Defense Architecture Framework (DoDAF) and the UK Ministry of Defence Architecture Framework (MODAF).

No Magic has been working with OMG since 2005 to help create the initial submissions for UPDM 1.0. No Magic's flagship product - [MagicDraw](#) - was the core tool used to define the profile, and create the UPDM DMM (domain meta model). No Magic continues to release plug-ins that enhances the support for UPDM.

Today, No Magic is co-chairing the UPDM 2.0 effort. No Magic's architects are a key part of the central team that is working to align different AFs, such as DoDAF 2.0, NAF (NATO), and DnDAF (Canada). No Magic is playing an active role in all areas of specification development, architecture, and documentation for UPDM 1.0 and upcoming releases.

"Fully generating the UPDM specification from a model is a great achievement and we are grateful to No Magic for their thought leadership and contributions to this effort," said Richard Mark Soley, chairman and CEO, OMG. "We look forward to continuing to work together to advance the UPDM specification."

"The defense industry is one of the many markets we serve and we're able to apply the expertise we've garnered in the UML space to help military software modelers obtain the tools they need to develop their software. Coupled with our semi-automated generation of specific views from other views, UPDM can be delivered in half of the time," said Gary Duncanson, CEO of No Magic, Inc. Mr. Duncanson added, "We're also seeing rapid growth in the commercial use of UPDM among enterprises within the healthcare and banking industries. We look forward to continued collaboration with OMG, and we're committed to maintaining our leadership role in the upcoming development of the UPDM 2.0 effort."

About No Magic, Inc.

No Magic, a leading provider of business process and architecture modeling software with its MagicDraw® product line, supports the full life-cycle from the requirement and planning process through final testing with award-winning, OMG standards-compliant software that quickly architects and models your organizational structure, business processes, applications, information, and technology. MagicDraw® supports multiple domain-specific models including UML®, BPMN, SysML, DoDAF, MDA, unit testing, data modeling and more. Service offerings include training, consulting, and custom applications, and product customization for any part of



the MagicDraw® suite of tools such as custom modeling domain diagrams, requirements management, team collaboration, design, and analysis.

Founded in 1995, No Magic Inc. is headquartered in Plano, Texas with operations worldwide. Further information on No Magic can be found at www.nomagic.com.

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Phoenix Marketing International Research Shows Steep Decline in Millionaires in U.S.

Hawaii Maintains Lead in Millionaires per Population

Rhinebeck, NY (PRWEB) July 9, 2009 -- The Phoenix Affluent Marketing Service, a [Phoenix Marketing International](#) practice, announced today the number of millionaires in the U.S. has declined by 14% over the past two years. Additionally the Phoenix data shows that Hawaii again leads the nation in the percent of millionaires per overall population.

Phoenix's annual market sizing analysis and aggregate wealth rankings shows that approximately 6.4% of Hawaii's households are millionaires, leading the nation for the second year in a row. Phoenix defines a millionaire household as one with \$1 million or more in investable or liquid assets (excluding sponsored retirement plans and real estate). Rounding out the top five states in millionaires per population are Maryland (6.3%), New Jersey (6.2%), and Connecticut (6.2%). These states maintained their order of ranking from 2008. Virginia (5.5%) cracked the top five in 2009, up from 6th in 2008, while Massachusetts (5.4%) came in 6th in 2009, down from 5th in the previous year.

"While the top states in millionaire percentages were little changed from the previous year, overall, the market downturn has taken its toll on the ranks of millionaires in most states," says David Thompson, Managing Director of the Phoenix Affluent Market. "Since June of 2007, we estimate that the number of millionaires nationally has declined by 14%," notes Thompson. Phoenix estimates that there are now about 5.1 million households in the U.S. that qualify as millionaires, down from nearly six million two years ago.

The complete states' rankings for 2006 through 2009 are available by visiting the Phoenix site at http://www.phoenixmi.com/images/uploads/pdf_upload/State%20Rankings%20Millionaires%202006%202007%202008%202009.pdf

About Phoenix Marketing International

Founded in 1999, Phoenix Marketing International is one of the fastest growing marketing services firms in the United States. With offices across the country and partnerships with many of the largest companies in the financial services, pharma, automotive, healthcare, and travel and leisure industries worldwide.

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Diaspora Interactive Media Corporation Announces The Official Unveiling Of: AfricaBusinessSource.com - Beta!

With the success of Jamati.com (Africa's Premiere Entertainment Portal), The Diaspora Interactive Media Corporation Team, which spearheaded the African Entertainment Renaissance is pleased to take the online space to yet another level with the official unveiling of AfricaBusinessSource.com - Beta.

(PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- With the success of Jamati.com (Africa's Premiere Entertainment Portal), The Diaspora Interactive Media Corporation Team, which spearheaded the African Entertainment Renaissance is pleased to take the online space to yet another level with the official unveiling of AfricaBusinessSource.com - Beta.

Diaspora Interactive Media Corporation, CEO Elias Mageto on Africa BusinessSource.com; "We know that the demand for African business and investment content is high, not just in a more integrated African continent, but in Asia, North America and Europe. Our goal is to ensure we provide cutting edge editorial content along with the information and tools that entrepreneurs and business professionals alike will appreciate and benefit from."

AfricaBusinessSource.com provides entrepreneurs and business professionals with the news, tools and advice they need to succeed in today's business environment. AfricaBusinessSource.com is uniquely focused on African business sectors with a worldwide audience in mind. While providing general business and investment content, AfricaBusinessSource.com sets the agenda through a unique focus on African innovation. Our goal is to help African entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs interested in Africa and business leaders work smarter and more efficiently in a global economy.

With the launch of its beta phase, readers can expect to find monthly features, An advice library, a first time ever comprehensive database of over 1000 publicly traded companies on the African stock exchanges, Profiles of Up and coming as well as accomplished Entrepreneurs and business leaders, articles/commentary covering various business sectors and regions in Africa and the Diaspora, and a comprehensive list of upcoming events.

AfricaBusinessSource.com has plans to launch interactive forums and offline events later this year. Johnathan Andersen, DIM Corporation's Web Director had this to say; "AfricaBusinessSource.com has more than just editorial content; it's a resource center for all things business. So to support the variety of content types we built the site on the versatile CMS, WordPress. The ease of use that comes with WordPress' administration panels makes publishing content a breeze."

As Africa becomes a significant player in the global market place, Africa Business Source will keep its audience on the pulse and tuned into - the exciting and emerging business trends shaping the African continent and Diaspora worldwide.

About DIM Corp.:

Diaspora Interactive Media Corporation (DIM Corp.) is Africa's newest content provider. DIM Corp is an Online, Print, Audio, Television and Mobile content producer for African and African Diaspora audiences. The



company produces content on multiple platforms, for the continent of Africa and for providers in the Diaspora interested in adding value for their users and viewers. The company launched its first portals, Jamati.com and Jamati.fr, and has plans to launch new brands beginning in 2010. The new brands are expected to bring DIM Corp. full circle, producing a menu of content for platform owners to consider for syndication as well as compelling and cutting edge content for African and African Diaspora Audiences. www.dimcorporation.com

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RealEstateInvestor.com Celebrates its 30,000th Registrant by Encouraging Investors to Get Online

RealEstateInvestor.com (REI), which provides an online platform where members can learn about the latest in real estate investment properties and resources, is encouraging more investors to join its network in order to take advantage of the many deals that are found on various real estate investing websites.

San Diego, CA (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- RealEstateInvestor.com (REI), which provides an online platform where members can learn about the latest in real estate investment properties and resources, is encouraging more investors to join its network in order to take advantage of the many deals that are found on various real estate investing websites.

With a community of now over 30,000 investors, in just two years REI has developed a good pulse on the industry and should be used as a primary asset for all real estate investors. With its growing network of members, REI is also encouraging its members to utilize websites such as LoopNet.com and InvestorLoft.com for exciting real estate prospects. In a number of booming housing markets many of the homebuyers are real estate investors.

Through information obtained from the National Association of Realtors, REI has learned that investors bought one out of every five homes last year. And, many of these investors are buying up deeply discounted foreclosed homes and other distressed properties in locations like Las Vegas, California and Florida.

Websites like LoopNet.com, InvestorLoft.com and SmartZip.com are an ideal outlet for investors looking for their next biggest real estate deal. These websites carry listings for both commercial properties and residential income properties. Users can search these listings by city, price range or investment goal.

If searching by investment goal, one can narrow the search by a property that is likely to generate the most cash in the short term, one with the most equity, or one that will pay for itself the quickest. The results include photos, prices, an aerial map of the neighborhood and other details. Some of the sites require a fee, while others are free.

While REI offers solid products and support for all of its members, it is also an outlet to provide objective news and resources that will best benefit its entire network, even if those resources are outside of REI.

"We believe in being an independent voice that allows our 30,000 members to make the best decisions for them, while we work on providing the most objective and current information on a daily basis. Being objective is mandatory and in doing so, we will offer guidance and advice when our members ask so that ultimately they will best be able to determine if a property they are interested in is really worth the investment," said Colin Egbert, CEO of REI.

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Seisma Oil Research, LLC Recognizes The Opportunities For Growth And Becomes Seisma Energy Research, AVV

Seisma Oil Research, LLC are extremely proud to announce their successful application to expand business operations from the Nation of Aruba; now fully licensed under the name: Seisma Energy Research, AVV.

Boca Raton, FL (PRWEB) July 10, 2009 -- Recognizing that an opportunity exists, the timing is right, and the markets are there, Seisma Oil Research, LLC transitions to become Seisma Energy Research, AVV. After having established a firm foothold in the North American region Seisma is poised to break into new markets in the Southern Hemisphere and offer new and exciting opportunities. Seisma understands that as the world's demand for increased energy supplies keeps growing at an unchecked and vigorous pace they can now diversify and position themselves as a major player in the region by branching out and taking advantage of new found opportunities.

A spokesperson for Seisma commented on the transition recently. "By relocating our offices and facilities to Aruba we have properly positioned ourselves to take advantage of the vast quantities of resources and opportunities found in nearby South American countries, while remaining in close proximity to our proven projects in North America. We feel that as a company looking for growth we need to continue to move forward by expanding and diversifying our product range. Aruba's location, infrastructure and business environment only makes good business sense as the place for us to kick-start our expansion strategy. He continued to explain the move by emphasizing, "It is a responsibility and a promise we have made to ourselves and to our partners."

Operating as Seisma Energy Research, AVV will facilitate the growth of the company's portfolio and offerings to its existing and burgeoning client base. As new product lines come into play, and the company diversifies its holdings, Seisma anticipates their growth to occur at a much greater pace than in previous years. Seisma's spokesperson elaborated, "Aruba has been a center of productivity and growth in the Southern region for close to a century, and it has always played a significant role in bringing the areas natural resources to market and improving the economic health of the region. We have been looking for an opportunity like this for a while and we now know that we have found it in Aruba."

In establishing the criteria for their new headquarters, Seisma focused on location, access to available resources, functionality and image. The new offices in Aruba will enable Seisma to absorb their anticipated growth and expansion with ease. The shift enables Seisma to combine much of their corporate executive, sales and administrative team under one roof enabling them to work more efficiently and provide their partners and clients with a superior level of service. Seisma's move to Aruba will also create a growth of internal headcount for staffing, an increased focus on managed services, and full spectrum support for their Joint Venture Partners worldwide. In addition, the surrounding amenities are exactly what were wanted for Seisma's employees and visitors alike.

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