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Title: 2008 Annual Market Trends Breakfast

Category: Breakfast Meeting

Location: The Standard Club, 320 S. Plymouth Ct.

Start Date: April 4, 2008

End Date: April 4, 2008

City: Chicago

Description: **2008 Annual Market Trends
Breakfast Meeting**

**7:30 am to 9:15 am
The Standard Club, Chicago**

Panelists

Dave G. Chandler, Founding Partner, Chicago Growth Partners

Andrew W. Chidester, Managing Director, Duff & Phelps, LLC

Adolfo L. Laurenti, Senior Economist, Mesirow Financial

James H. Litinsky, Founder and Managing Member, JHL Capital Group LLC

Dave G. Chandler is a founding Partner of Chicago Growth Partners. Prior to founding CGP, Dave was a Managing Director at William Blair Capital Partners and, currently, is a Managing Director and member of the Board of Managers of WBCP V, VI and VII. Early in his career, Dave spent three years in Morgan Stanley's Investment Banking Division. Select current and past directorships include: American Civil Constructors, Inc., American Education Group, DJ Pharma, eInstruction Corp., Footprint Retail Services, Jonathan Engineered Solutions, Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals, Inc., PharmaResearch Corporation, Paramount Services, Inc., PRIMIS Marketing Group, TimePlus Payroll, The Plastics Group and U.S. Education Corporation. Dave received a BA from Princeton University and a MBA from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

Andrew W. Chidester is a Managing Director in the Chicago office of Duff & Phelps, LLC's Investment Banking Group, specializing in providing merger and acquisition, private placement and financial restructuring services to private and public companies. Throughout his career, Mr. Chidester has provided sell-side advisory services for private and public companies in the middle market across a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, business services, outsourcing services and healthcare. On the private placement side, Mr. Chidester has raised bank debt, senior notes, sale-leaseback financing, second-lien debt mezzanine debt, preferred stock and common stock for refinancings, acquisitions, internal growth and recapitalizations. In addition, Mr. Chidester has restructuring experience consisting of advising companies and owners in both out-of-court restructurings and in Chapter 11 proceedings, and his services in this are have included divestitures, Section 363 asset sales, debt and equity financings, renegotiation of existing debt and equity agreements and debt-to-equity conversions.

Prior to joining Duff & Phelps, Mr. Chidester was a Vice President at Brown Gibbons Lang, where he provided various investment banking services to middle-market companies. Preceding his employment at Brown Gibbons Lang, Mr. Chidester was a Vice President in the Midwest Private Equity Group at Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein in Chicago, and worked in the Corporate Finance Group of Heller Financial, where he was founding members of Heller's Healthcare Finance Division.

Mr. Chidester received a B.A. from Carleton College, an M.B.A., Northwestern University, M.S. in accounting from DePaul University, and is a Certified Public Accountant

Adolfo L. Laurenti, Senior Economist was hired in the summer of 2007 to complement our economic research function. He joined Mesirow Financial after serving as an associate economist at LaSalle Bank/ABN-Amro. Adolfo works alongside Chief Economist Diane Swonk to develop ongoing economic research, commentary and insight into the global market. In addition, he is the author of Themes on the Global Markets, a monthly newsletter providing insight into trends, issues and the forecast for the global economy.

Adolfo regularly speaks on current economic trends to professional groups and trade associations across the country. He is a guest lecturer at Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, and was an Earhart Foundation Fellow in 2002. Adolfo received a Washington Society of Investment Analysts Scholarship and a Graduate Scholarship for Excellence in Academia by the Economic Club of Washington D.C. He is a member of the National Association for Business Economics, the Chicago Association for Business Economics and serves as chairman of the young professional board for the Chicago Opera Theatre.

Adolfo graduated from Bocconi University Business School in Milan, Italy where he specialized in industrial organization. In addition, he specialized in financial economics as a visiting scholar at the Center for Industrial Economics in Copenhagen, Denmark and at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. Adolfo received his M.A. in Economics from George Mason University where he is currently a doctoral candidate.

James H. Litinsky is the Founder and Managing Member of JHL Capital Group LLC, an opportunistic hedge fund based in Chicago, Illinois. Prior to JHL, Mr. Litinsky was a member of the Drawbridge Special Opportunities Fund at Fortress Investment Group (NYSE: FIG). At Fortress, Mr. Litinsky was responsible for evaluating investment opportunities at all levels of the capital structure including loans, distressed debt, equities and derivatives. Prior to joining Fortress, Mr. Litinsky was a Director of Finance at Omnicom Group (NYSE: OMC), where he reported directly to the Chief Financial Officer. From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Litinsky worked in corporate finance at Allen & Company, where he specialized in M&A and public and private equity investments. Mr. Litinsky received a B.A. in Economics from Yale University and a J.D. / M.B.A. from the Northwestern University School of Law and the Kellogg School of Management. He is a member of the Illinois Bar Association.

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