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ACG Boston Elects Eight New Members to Board of Directors

New Board Members Boost Local Chapter's Experience and Expertise in M&A and Dealmaking

BOSTON, MA – August 06, 2009 – ACG Boston, the Boston Chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) announced today that ACG board has elected eight new members to its board of directors. The new board members include Brad Adams, Peter Alternative, Jon Lemelman, Gail Long, Jeffrey Lucas, Laura Matz, David Powers, and Jim Wilder.

“ACG Boston has always been committed to supporting the New England dealmaking community and by continuing to add to our deep bench of talented and experienced business professionals, our board of directors and ACG Boston are clearly positioned to continue its role as a resource and influencer for this important marketplace,” said Janice L. Shields, president and recently elected chief executive officer, ACG Boston. “The backgrounds and personal experiences of our new board members will allow them to have an immediate impact and help shape the direction of our organization.”

Background – New ACG Boston Board Members

Brad Adams, TM Capital

Brad is a managing director of TM Capital Corp. Prior to joining TM Capital, Brad was a managing director and co-founder of Boston Corporate Finance, a boutique investment banking firm focused on providing merger and acquisition, capital raising, and general advisory services to global companies in the technology sector.

Peter Alternative, Mirus Capital

A partner with Mirus Capital, Peter has over 15 years of experience advising middle market, technology-based companies. He has been a financial advisor to both public and closely-held companies on divestitures, capital raising, recapitalizations, strategic acquisitions, mergers, and cross-border transactions. Peter has managed and closed twenty-five engagements with companies in numerous segments of information technology, with a particular focus on the software industry.

Jon Lemelman, Riverside Partners

Jon joined Riverside Partners in 2004 and manages the firm's intermediary relationships and new investment evaluation. He has over 15 years of experience in private equity, software, and financial services and has worked closely with numerous middle market companies. Prior to joining Riverside, Jon was an investment professional at Fidelity Strategic Investments, the private equity investment division of Fidelity Investments, where he worked on investments in the software, manufacturing, and healthcare industries.

Gail Long

Gail has 28 years experience in private equity investing, corporate banking, mezzanine debt, and LBO finance. She most recently held the title of chief executive officer at ACG Boston. Gail has also served as an executive vice president of specialized banking at Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, and, previously president of Citizens Capital, the company's \$500 million private equity subsidiary. In these roles, she directed lending to technology, professional, not-for-profit, and healthcare companies, as well as companies receiving private equity capital.

Jeffrey Lucas, GPX International Tire Corporation

Jeff is the chief financial officer of GPX International Tire Corporation, a \$500 million industrial products company with operations in North America, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. In this capacity, Jeff was instrumental in the acquisition, integration, and disposition of businesses in Canada, China, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. Jeff has over 25 years of experience in leading organizations to improve financial performance and execute complex transactions including corporate restructurings, capital raisings, debt restructurings, and initial public offerings.

Laura Matz, Perkins Products

Laura is the director of sales and marketing at Perkins Products, the division of Perkins School for the Blind, which manufactures and distributes assistive technology worldwide. Her work includes branding development of new products and building sales and distribution teams around the world. Laura has been involved with the Association for Corporate Growth for more than 10 years, both as a past member of the ACG Boston Board of Directors, and also as a research consultant to the ACG International Board.

David Powers, Goodwin Procter

David, a partner in Goodwin Procter's Private Equity Group and Technology Companies Group, primarily focuses on private equity, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, leveraged buyouts, and corporate restructurings. He provides general corporate and securities advice to emerging growth and middle market companies. In addition, David has extensive experience representing private equity and venture capital funds in connection with portfolio company investments, buyouts, and leveraged recapitalizations.

Jim Wilder, Housatonic Partners

Jim Wilder joined Housatonic Partners in 2001 and currently serves as a director. Housatonic, a private equity investment firm with over \$650 million in capital under management, invests in profitable, recurring business services companies in growing markets. Jim started his career as an analyst in the media and telecommunications group at Lehman Brothers where he was involved with mergers and acquisition transactions for wireless services and cable companies.

Next ACG Event

ACG Boston will kick off the event season this fall with the DealMakers Breakfast on Friday, September 18, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the InterContinental Hotel.

Guest speaker Brian T. Moynihan, President, Global Banking & Wealth Management at Bank of America Corporation will be speaking about the US Banking Industry.

About ACG Boston

ACG Boston (www.acgboston.org) is one of 53 local chapters around the world that form the international ACG organization, which focuses on corporate growth, corporate development, and mergers and acquisitions. With nearly 900 members, ACG Boston holds more than 40 networking and educational events per year, including monthly Dealmaker's Breakfasts, Buyer's Roundtables, Corporate Development Forums, Women's Roundtables, Networking Nights, Emerging Professionals networking events, an annual M&A conference in June, an annual Private Equity and M&A Outlook conference in February, and an annual M&A sector specific conference in November. More than 5,000 people attended ACG Boston events in the last year.

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