



Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC Announces Jerry Williams as Director of Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board

Tampa, FL and Charlotte, NC – May 3, 2005 – Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC announced today that Jerry Williams, former Chairman, President and Founder of Williams Securities Group, Inc., has agreed to serve as a Director of the Hyde Park Capital Advisory Board.

"We are very pleased to have Jerry Williams join our Advisory Board," said John McDonald, Senior Managing Director of Hyde Park Capital. "As we build our Advisory Board, we look for individuals like Jerry who have a long demonstrated history of success, an excellent reputation and strong relationships with companies and business leaders. Additionally, Jerry has relevant and valuable experience founding and scaling Williams Securities Group, one of the largest independent broker dealers in the Southeast prior to its sale to Robert W. Baird. We are honored by his association with Hyde Park Capital and we look forward to his participation as an Advisory Board member. Jerry Williams brings to Hyde Park Capital Partners a breadth of knowledge and experience in the realm of finance and investments, along with a broad network of contacts in Florida and throughout the country."

"The Principals of Hyde Park Capital, John Hill and John McDonald, are thoroughly educated and very experienced investment bankers whom I have known and worked with for the last few years," said Jerry Williams. "The opportunity to continue in the financial services industry with them and my good friend, Bill McBride, will be stimulating and beneficial to our clients. I feel fortunate to be part of the Hyde Park team."

Jerry Williams has extensive experience in investment banking and the securities industry over his long and illustrious career. In 1968, after ten years in the securities industry, he founded Williams Securities Group, Inc., a regional market maker and investment bank. In 1991, Mr. Williams sold his successful business to Robert W. Baird, Inc., and there served as Senior Vice President for the subsequent eight years.

Within the securities industry, Mr. Williams has held several high-profile positions, including: Governor, and later President, of the Florida Security Dealers Association; Vice Chair of the District Committee, and later a member, of The Board and Executive Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; and a member of the Board of Directors of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.

He has also been active civically, with the Tampa General Hospital Foundation, United Way of Tampa Bay, University of South Florida Foundation, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. As a member of the Capital Campaign Executive Committee for DePauw University, he participated in the largest fundraising campaign ever achieved by a liberal arts university.

From 2002 to the present, Mr. Williams has been on the Board of Directors and Chaired the Finance Committee of Gemesis Corp., a manufacturer of gem quality diamonds.

Mr. Williams holds a B.A. degree from DePauw University and an M.B.A. in Finance from The Wharton School.

About Hyde Park Capital

Hyde Park Capital is an institutionally focused boutique investment bank serving the corporate finance needs of private and public companies primarily in the Southeast. Hyde Park Capital's principals have significant transaction experience successfully executing merger & acquisition engagements, including purchase and sale of company assignments, recapitalizations, financial advisory, fairness opinions and raising private capital for companies, including equity, mezzanine and senior debt. Hyde Park Capital has significant experience in the technology, healthcare, financial services, consumer, and industrial sectors, but is broadly focused on representing outstanding companies in any industry. Hyde Park Capital is one of the most active investment banks in the Southeast and has advised more than 40 client companies over the past four years. Hyde Park Capital has offices in Tampa, Florida, and Charlotte, North Carolina, and is a member of the NASD and SIPC. For additional information about Hyde Park Capital visit www.hydeparkcapital.com or call (813) 383-0202.

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