



## **Hyde Park Capital Advisors, LLC Announces Jim Cassady Joins Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board as Director**

**Tampa, FL and Charlotte, NC – August 3, 2005** – Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC announced today that Jim R. Cassady has joined Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board as a Director. Mr. Cassady is HPC's fourth Board Member and joins Chairman Bill McBride, and Directors John Sykes and Jerry Williams.

Mr. Cassady served as Bank of America's President for Broward County, FL, from 1992 to 2004, during which time he served in leadership positions including: National Market President Executive (2002-2004); Florida Community Development Banking Executive (2000-2002); East Florida Commercial Bank Executive (1998-2000) and South Florida Risk Management Executive (1992-1998). Prior to this, he held the position of Broward County Florida Commercial Executive from 1986-1992. Furthermore, Mr. Cassady held various leadership positions in consumer, commercial and international banking in Atlanta, GA and New Orleans, LA. Mr. Cassady earned a 30-year reputation as an aggressive and effective leader in strategic planning, implementation and business development for one of the world's premier corporations, Bank of America Corp.

Mr. Cassady has been honored with numerous awards in recognition of his business accomplishments and community involvement including: the Leadership Broward Profile in Leadership Award; Sun Sentinel Excalibur Award/Outstanding Business Leader; Greater Ft. Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award; and the Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award.

Mr. Cassady is civically active within local community organizations, holding a number of past and present board positions including the Broward Workshop, United Way, NCCJ, Urban League, Museum of Art, and the Museum of Discovery and Science.

Mr. Cassady earned a bachelor's degree from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. and attended Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Rutgers University and served as an officer in the U. S. Army earning a Bronze Star for combat service in Viet Nam.

"I am greatly looking forward to serving on Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board and associating myself with one of the fastest and highest quality investment banking firms focused on the Southeast," said Mr. Cassady. "I welcome this opportunity to contribute my skills, knowledge and the strong business and personal relationships I have developed over my career."

"We are very pleased to have Jim join our Advisory Board," said John McDonald, Senior Managing Director of Hyde Park Capital. "Jim brings a wealth of experience

and relationships to our firm along with a stellar reputation.”

**About Hyde Park Capital**

Hyde Park Capital is an institutionally focused private investment bank serving the corporate finance needs of companies primarily in Florida and the Southeastern United States. Hyde Park Capital's principals have extensive transaction experience successfully executing merger & acquisition engagements, including purchase and sale of company assignments, recapitalizations, financial advisory, fairness opinions and raising growth capital for companies, including equity, mezzanine and senior debt. Hyde Park Capital has significant experience in the technology, communications, healthcare, financial services, consumer, retail and industrial sectors, but broadly represents outstanding growth companies in any industry. Hyde Park Capital is one of the most active investment banks in Florida and the Southeast and the principals of Hyde Park Capital have advised on more than 200 investment banking transactions totaling more than \$6 billion in transaction value. 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](http://www.hydeparkcapital.com) or call (813) 383-0202 or (704) 258-6653.

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