



Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC Announces John Sykes as Director of Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board

Tampa, FL and Charlotte, NC – May 31, 2005 – Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC announced today that John H. Sykes, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Sykes Enterprises, has agreed to serve as a Director of the Hyde Park Capital Advisory Board.

In connection with the announcement, John H. Hill, Jr., Senior Managing Director, stated, "We are excited to announce the newest member of our Hyde Park Capital Advisory Board. I have had the pleasure of knowing John Sykes for over a decade, since he relocated his company from Charlotte to Tampa. Having served as financial advisor and investment banker to Mr. Sykes and Sykes Enterprises for many years, including during the Company's highly successful IPO and initial follow-on capital raise, I have seen firsthand John Sykes' exceptional business acumen and work ethic. In addition to his business success, John Sykes is distinguished by his true caring and charitable commitment to the community. He is a man of strong integrity, highly regarded by all those who know him, and we are honored by his association with Hyde Park Capital."

Mr. Sykes commented, "I am pleased to join the Hyde Park Capital Advisory Board and look forward to working with fellow directors Bill McBride and Jerry Williams, in addition to John Hill and John McDonald and the rest of the Hyde Park Capital team. Hyde Park Capital has rapidly established itself as the preeminent M&A focused private investment banking firm in Florida and the Southeast. During the course of my career and through many M&A transactions, I have seen the importance of having an excellent financial advisor and M&A specialist involved on important transactions, and I am confident that company owners and shareholders are well advised and in good hands with Hyde Park Capital. I know the high quality of the people connected with Hyde Park Capital and am delighted to join them to help grow Hyde Park Capital."

John H. Sykes retired as of December 31, 2004 after 27 years overseeing Sykes Enterprises. Mr. Sykes founded Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated (SYKES) in Charlotte, NC in 1977 as a small technical engineering firm with three employees. In 1993, the company relocated its headquarters to Tampa, Florida. Today, the company is a global leader in the business process outsourcing arena and provides customer contact management services to Fortune 1000 and leading global companies. SYKES is on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange (SYKE) and has more than 17,000 employees in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa.

Mr. Sykes has been recognized with numerous awards in recognition of his business accomplishments, entrepreneurial abilities and community involvement. Some of

these include the Florida Entrepreneur of the Year; the Innovator of the Year awarded by his industry peers; Citizen of the Year by the Tampa Police Department; and the Citizen of the Year by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers. Also, Mr. Sykes was inducted into the Tampa Bay Business Hall of Fame and was awarded the Florida Enterprise medal by the Merchants Association. He is recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the Judeo Christian Health Clinic and is a recipient of the Senior Philanthropy Award. Mr. Sykes was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the International Sales and Marketing organization, and was named by the Florida Council on Economic Education as a Florida Free Enterpriser of the Year. He is active with the Florida Council of Economic Education and recently completed a three-year term as Chairman of this organization.

Mr. Sykes continues to be active in the Tampa Bay community. He currently is serving a two-year term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tampa. Because of his support and commitment to the University of Tampa, the University named the John H. Sykes College of Business in his honor. Mr. Sykes is a member of the United Way Million Dollar Roundtable as well as the Alexis de Tocqueville Society.

He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina and attended High Point College and Queens University, both North Carolina schools, as well as Rollins College in Florida. Mr. Sykes received two Honorary Doctorate degrees from the University of Tampa (Tampa, FL); one in Business Administration, the other in Humane Letters. He also received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Pikeville College in Kentucky.

Mr. Sykes also owns a horse farm, CloverLeaf Farms II, in Ocala, Florida. He purchased the farm in 1997 and has successfully built the farm into a multi-million dollar leader in the thoroughbred industry. CloverLeaf Farms II is a facility designed for breeding, development and training of horses and currently includes more than 185 horses. Mr. Sykes recently achieved notoriety for selling the mare of the famous thoroughbred Smarty Jones.

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 or call (813) 383-0202 or (704) 258-6653.

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