



Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC Announces John R. Torell III Joins Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board as a Director

Tampa, FL – January 11, 2006 – Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC announced today that John R. Torell has joined Hyde Park Capital's Advisory Board as a Director. Mr. Torell is HPC's sixth Advisory Board member and joins Chairman Bill McBride and Directors Jim Cassady, Walter Revell, John Sykes and Jerry Williams.

Mr. Torell is the former President of Manufacturers Hanover Corporation and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, in New York; and the former Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of CalFed Inc. in Los Angeles. He was part of a New York group that acquired control of Fortune Bancorp, Tampa, the largest independent financial institution on the West Coast of Florida, where he was Chairman and CEO. He was also Chairman of Telesphere, Inc., an electronic distributor of financial data.

John Torell said, "Hyde Park has developed a wonderful reputation for excellence, and I am very honored to have been invited to join this very distinguished Board. I am confident that I will learn a great deal and hope to reciprocate in turn."

"We are very pleased and honored to have Mr. Torell join our Board of Advisors," said John H. Hill, Jr. Senior Managing Director of Hyde Park Capital. "John Torell has earned an exemplary reputation over his long and distinguished career. He has broad corporate and business experience and considerable knowledge in the financial services industry which directly applies to Hyde Park Capital. We greatly value the advice and relationships that Mr. Torell can provide to our rapidly growing private investment bank and look forward to working with him."

Mr. Torell is currently a Partner of Core Capital Group, a closely held private equity investment firm. He has been Chairman or President of a number of major American banking institutions and has participated in virtually all phases of the financial services industry. For the last ten years, his focus has been on private equity investments. He has also been active in selected turnaround situations.

Mr. Torell is also Chairman of the International Executive Services Corps, which is the world's leading organization providing executive volunteers to developing countries and emerging democracies. IESC's focus is to develop and strengthen the private sector of host countries in manufacturing, trade, financial and other services, tourism, as well as information and Internet technology through its Geekcorps subsidiary.

Mr. Torell is Chairman of Indecomm Global Corporation which is a business process outsourcing company with operating platforms in both the United States and India. Indecomm services the financial, healthcare and real estate industries.

He is currently a Director of Wyeth and a number of private companies. He previously served as a Trustee of Columbia University's Graduate School of Business as well as a Director of the Juilliard Foundation, the Financial Services Corporation of New York, the New York State Banker's Association, the New York State Banking Board and a number of other companies.

Mr. Torell graduated from Princeton University with a B.A. in Economics and studied at New York University's Graduate School of Business and the Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management at Dartmouth.

About Hyde Park Capital

Hyde Park Capital is an institutionally focused private investment bank serving the corporate finance needs of middle market 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 financial services, technology, healthcare, consumer, and industrial sectors, but broadly represents outstanding growth companies in any industry. Hyde Park Capital is one of the most active investment banks in the Southeast and its principals 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.

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