



HIGHTOWER PROMOTES THREE C-SUITE LEADERS

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CHICAGO— September 15, 2015 — HighTower announces promotions of three executives on the company's management team to support the firm's continued growth and maturation:

- Chris Curtis to Chief Financial Officer
- Michael Parker to Chief Development Officer
- Larry Koehler to Chief Administrative Officer and Vice Chairman

"The senior team at HighTower displays remarkable passion, talent and leadership in support of our advisors and clients," **said Elliot Weissbluth, Founder and CEO, HighTower** "It is an honor and privilege to work with such an amazing group of professionals."

Chris Curtis joined HighTower in March as Executive Vice President, Finance & Accounting. He now serves as CFO, reporting directly to Mr. Weissbluth. Mr. Curtis previously worked for Envestnet, where he managed preparation for and execution of that firm's 2010 initial public offering and subsequent capital raising events.

Michael Parker, HighTower's first Chief Development Officer, reports directly to Mr. Weissbluth. Mr. Parker will continue to lead HighTower's activities around the recruitment and growth of advisor teams. He also assumes added responsibilities for marketing, public relations and brand-building. The architect of HighTower's proprietary "Blueprint for Growth" study and benchmarking assessment, Mr. Parker will guide the firm's growth as it expands its platform offering to wirehouse firms, independent firms as well as established RIA practices. In 2014, HighTower advisors experienced 22 percent average year-over-year (YOY) growth versus the industry average of 9 percent. (Source: Moss Adams/InvestmentNews 2014 Compensation Study).

Larry Koehler, HighTower's previous CFO and founding executive since the company's inception, assumes the newly created role of Chief Administrative Officer and Vice Chairman. He will continue to be responsible for HighTower's legal, compliance, human resources, facilities and M&A activities.

"Larry's history as a founding member of HighTower and his years of dedication to building this business make him a natural fit for the role of CAO and Vice Chairman," **said David Pottruck, Chairman, HighTower**. "I look forward to working closely with Larry and the rest of the board to achieve new milestones for HighTower."

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