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HIGHTOWER ADDS \$800 MILLION FLORIDA TEAM TO PARTNERSHIP

CHICAGO, IL – August 11, 2014 – HighTower opens its fourth Florida office with HighTower Fort Myers, the 44th team to join the HighTower Partnership.

The Fort Myers team combines the client service offering and expertise of Pamela Lynn Abraham, Jack E. Thomas and Trevor R. Swartz into a single practice. All three join HighTower as Partners.

"Pamela, Jack and Trevor will maintain their entrepreneurial culture as members of the HighTower Partnership, while benefitting from a unique service and technology platform that is engineered to meet the evolving needs of investors," said Michael Parker, HighTower's National Director of Enterprise Development.

"The team will also leverage our Blueprint for Growth, accessing our advisors' best thinking to strengthen and expand client relationships, and develop the team's unique roadmap for success," Parker continued.

HighTower Fort Myers is focused on serving the needs of high-net-worth individuals and families. Ms. Abraham previously spent 33 years at Merrill Lynch where she led Pamela Lynn Abraham & Associates, while Mr. Thomas and Mr. Swartz led Merrill Lynch's Thomas & Swartz Global Wealth Management. The Partners bring three colleagues – Director, Senior Wealth Management Advisor Mathew Verrengia; Senior Registered Associate Benita Alstatt, and Client Services Associate Tiffany Likness – to their practice.

"HighTower gives us access to the top research and capital markets products without sacrificing our independence," said Mr. Thomas. "At a time when many people have lost trust and confidence in the traditional financial services system, HighTower provides the freedom and transparency we need to deliver advice and service that truly benefits our clients."

"Joining HighTower is like 'coming home' to a firm where everyone is dedicated solely to acting in the best interests of clients," said Ms. Abraham. "We believe HighTower's



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innovative approach to delivering unobstructed financial advice and providing teams like ours with the resources they need to flourish is the way of the future."

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About HighTower

HighTower is an industry leading financial services firm offering a unique platform that blends objective wealth management advice with innovative technology. Our dedication to transparency in wealth management for investors and comprehensive support for independent advisors sets us apart.

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