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**HIGHTOWER APPOINTS MATTHIAS PAUL KUHLMHEY TO HEAD GROUP INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS (“GIS”)**

**CHICAGO, ILL. – Jan. 24, 2011** – HighTower, a national financial services company serving high net worth and institutional clients, announced today that Matthias Paul Kuhlmei, Partner and Managing Director at HighTower, has been named Head of the newly established Group Investment Solutions (“GIS”) division. In this role, Mr. Kuhlmei will oversee HighTower’s Investment Offerings Committee, the Investment Consulting Committee and the Research Offering Committee.

“HighTower continues to expand its innovative platform to provide advisors with more options that best meet the needs of their clients,” Mr. Kuhlmei said. “I am very excited to play an important role in growing the HighTower offering, providing greater access and opportunity for advisors and clients.”

Group Investment Solutions coordinates three critical capabilities within the firm: First, the HighTower Investment Offering encompasses the various custodial and third-party platforms that HighTower accesses as the industry’s only true multi-clearing and multi-custodial platform. Secondly, the Investment Consulting function delivers asset allocation, product selection and complete investment solutions for HighTower advisors, providing a foundation upon which advisors can tailor solutions for their clients. Third, the Research Offering group supports HighTower advisors who are portfolio managers, helping them coordinate world-class research from multiple sources and develop points of view for specific portfolio strategies. This capability is a powerful differentiator, providing objective support to HighTower advisors and enabling them to leverage multiple resources to improve their decision-making-processes.

Mike LaMena, HighTower’s Chief Operating Officer, said, “Matthias brings a depth of global capital markets experience and passion for the investment solutions space, as well as the practical experience of balancing a corporate position with his duties as a financial advisor. We are confident that his unique skills will enable us to quickly expand our capabilities even further.”

Mr. Kuhlmei has an extensive background in international banking and working with private clients and families in the U.S. and abroad. At HighTower, his specialization areas include global asset allocation, strategic planning for wealth preservation and generational transfer.

Prior to HighTower, Mr. Kuhlmei worked for UBS’s Private Wealth Management Office in New York and oversaw the New York-based Domestic Private Banking Team at Bank Julius Baer. He also worked at Deutsche Bank AG in New York, where he was actively involved in projects leading to the integration of Bankers Trust Co. into Deutsche Bank’s U.S.-based operations. He spent considerable time in different functions with Deutsche Bank in Europe, including as a member of the Divisional Board Member team in Frankfurt, Germany. Mr. Kuhlmei received his degree in Business Law from the University of Applied Sciences in Lüneburg, Germany, and a Diploma in Finance and Banking from the Hannover Business School, Germany.

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**About HighTower**

HighTower is the first open-source, advisor-owned financial services company. HighTower advisors are experienced investment professionals with large, established practices serving high net worth and institutional clients. As a dually-registered, multi-custodial firm, HighTower provides sophisticated investment solutions as well as an independent and unobstructed view of the markets. The company is headquartered in Chicago and maintains



corporate centers in New York and San Francisco and offices around the country. See [www.hightoweradvisors.com](http://www.hightoweradvisors.com).

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