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HIGHTOWER EXPANDS WITH NEW ADVISOR TEAM IN BETHESDA, MD

CHICAGO, IL – September 19, 2011 – HighTower, a national financial services company serving wealthy families and institutional clients, announces its eighth new team this year. The Leventhal Group, located in Bethesda, Maryland, joined HighTower on September 16th.

“The Leventhal Group is consistently recognized as one of the top advisor teams in the Bethesda area and in the country,” said Michael Parker, Managing Director, Business Development at HighTower. “We are thrilled they are joining HighTower. We look forward to helping them grow their practice by combining their innovative strategies and dedication to client satisfaction with the best products and services available to deliver unmatched value for their clients.”

The Leventhal Group is led by Jeff Leventhal who joins HighTower as Partner and Managing Director, and Evan Nowack who joins HighTower as a Financial Advisor. *The Washington Business Journal* recently named The Leventhal Group to its list of premier advisors for 2011. *Barron’s* named Mr. Leventhal to its Top 1,000 Advisors list every year from 2009 through 2011, and this year they recognized him as one of the top 20 financial advisors in Maryland. He has 17 years of experience in the financial industry, having served at UBS since 2003. Prior to that, he worked at Merrill Lynch for eight years. Mr. Nowack also joins HighTower from UBS where he served as Vice President of Investments, specializing in asset allocation modeling, investment strategy and financial planning.

“HighTower continues to attract the most successful, corner-office advisors in the country,” said Mike Papedis, Managing Director, National Business Development at HighTower. “Our unique and innovative partnership model provides our advisors with unparalleled access to the best of Wall Street’s technology, research, and product offerings, in an independent and un-conflicted environment.”

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About HighTower

HighTower is a national, advisor-owned financial services company serving high-net-worth and institutional clients. HighTower advisors are experienced investment professionals with large and established practices. 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.

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