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M West Holdings, LLC Announces Strategic Hires

Los Angeles, CA – Diversified commercial real estate investment firm M West Holdings, LLC is pleased to announce two new hires, Andrew Paulson as Asset Manager and Matthew Ellis as Vice President.

“The economic downturn has provided M West Holdings with an opportunity to hire two tremendously talented individuals,” according to Karl Slovin, President of M West. “Both of these hires would have been unlikely in more stable times as each would have continued to rise through the ranks at American Realty and Wachovia, respectively. Due to the fact that M West is strong and positioned to take advantage of the fallout in the commercial real estate markets, strategic staff growth logically follows to allow us to capitalize on market opportunities,” says Slovin.

Andrew Paulson departs American Realty Advisors to join M West as Asset Manager. While at American Realty Advisors, Mr. Paulson managed over \$250 million in core office, industrial and multi-family assets in several major markets including Dallas, Austin, Los Angeles, Orange County, the Bay Area, Seattle, and Portland. Mr. Paulson is experienced in lease negotiation, property management and financial analysis and will be responsible for overseeing all third party property management and leasing efforts.

Mr. Paulson received an MBA from Loyola Marymount University and a Masters of European Business from EDHEC Business School in Lille, France.

Matthew Ellis joins M West with extensive experience in real estate lending and structured finance. Matthew worked at Wachovia Securities for the past seven years and most recently held the position of Vice President of Originations, located in their Los Angeles office. During his tenure with Wachovia, he originated, underwrote, structured, and closed debt and equity transactions, totaling over \$4B, at all levels of the capital stack. At M West Holdings, Matthew will source and underwrite prospective investments in Southern California, the Pacific Northwest and Texas. He will also be charged with sourcing joint venture equity and will play a major role in re-financing the company’s existing holdings.

Mr. Ellis received a Masters of Economics with a concentration in Finance, a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Science in Geography, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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