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**NewOak Capital LLC Appoints Mark R. Ruh Managing Director &  
Senior Portfolio Manager of Financial Services Investments**

New York, NY - May 4, 2010 – NewOak Capital LLC appoints Mark R. Ruh, Managing Director & Senior Portfolio Manager of Financial Services Investments. Mr. Ruh will serve as the head of NewOak's bank recapitalization investment efforts and report to the Financial Services Investment Committee co-headed by Ron D'Vari, CEO and Donald Layton, Senior Executive Advisor. Mr. Ruh will direct the day-to-day activities of the bank recapitalization investment team encompassing sourcing, analysis, transaction execution and management of portfolio company investments.

"The financial services sector, and particularly banks, currently present very attractive opportunities. This is an area of intense focus at NewOak Capital from a variety of angles. Mark's proven track record and hands on experience with financial services portfolio company transactions, operations and turnarounds fits very well with NewOak's expanding investment efforts in this space. We are pleased to have Mark join us to leverage our team of experts in distressed credit, asset and franchise valuation," says Ron D'Vari, CEO and co-founder.

"Financial institutions, and banks specifically, continue to be at the forefront of the challenges facing our economy and therefore remain a key area of focus across NewOak Capital's business lines. Mark's experience with these institutions and his insight will prove invaluable to NewOak and our clients," says James Frischling, President and co-founder.

Prior to joining NewOak, Mark Ruh was a Director at Castle Creek Capital LLC, a private equity firm specializing exclusively in financial services company investments. He led transactions in all stages of the portfolio company lifecycle, and stepped into two operating and board member positions in distressed portfolio companies. Prior to joining Castle Creek in 1998, Mr. Ruh was a management and technology consultant at Ernst & Young LLP. Mr. Ruh also served as a submarine officer in the United States Navy. He holds an M.B.A. and Masters of Engineering Management from Northwestern University, and a BS in Industrial Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University.

**About NewOak Capital ([www.newoakcapital.com](http://www.newoakcapital.com))**

NewOak Capital is an advisory, asset management and capital markets firm organized to serve as an ally to institutions in addressing the challenges of the global credit markets. Using an integrated analytics platform, we provide analysis, valuation, restructuring, risk transfer and investment management solutions and services to financial institutions and other investors. The NewOak Capital team consists of more than 50 professionals with an average of more than 15 years of experience across multiple asset classes and credit cycles. Our experts incorporate the interaction of residential/commercial, consumer, and corporate credits via capital markets, financial institutions, corporate spending/capital needs, and consumer behavior. NewOak Capital is not encumbered by legacy or rear-view analysis by design. We have a reality-based, forward looking fundamental approach to credit analysis. NewOak Capital is able to apply consistent analysis across large and complex portfolios and create valuable security and portfolio level risk profiles as well as valuation across scenarios that are easy to visualize and explain.

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