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**MONUMENT GROUP ANNOUNCES HIRING OF JANET BROOKS
PLACEMENT AGENT FURTHER AUGMENTS EUROPEAN PRESENCE**

Monument Group, Inc., a leading independent private equity placement agent, has further expanded its capabilities in Europe with the hiring of Janet Brooks by its London affiliate, Monument Group (UK) Ltd. Ms. Brooks, formerly a Director and board member of UK middle-market private equity firm ECI Partners LLP, will join Monument Group in October with twenty years of global private equity experience.

At ECI Partners, Ms. Brooks was responsible for the firm's investor relations and fundraisings, establishing one of the first such functions within a private equity firm in Europe. During her fifteen year tenure at ECI, Ms. Brooks oversaw the successful fundraising of four institutional funds from a diverse group of investors including endowments, foundations, pension funds, financial institutions, and fund of funds worldwide. Ms. Brooks also developed ECI's firm-wide marketing strategies for deal flow, investor relations, and general strategic direction. She is currently a member of the British Venture Capital Association's Investor Relations Committee, and has previously served in a similar capacity for the European Venture Capital Association. Prior to joining ECI, Ms. Brooks served in various investment roles with VenCap International and Charterhouse Investment Management. She received an MA (Hons) from Cambridge University and an MBA from INSEAD. At Monument Group, Ms. Brooks will have the opportunity to expand her significant experience in private equity fundraising and marketing. Says Ms. Brooks, "I have been aware of Monument's strong reputation in the market for many years, and was attracted by their approach, which is based on the buy-side experience of the team members. The London office is already off to a great start and I am very excited to have the opportunity to further deepen its presence in Europe."

Monument Group expanded its international capabilities and presence through the opening of a London office in 2005. Since that time, the firm has sought to add, on a selective basis, highly skilled and experienced alternative investment professionals to build upon the firm's existing business and capabilities. Martin Anthonsen, formerly a senior member of the investment teams at Nordic Alternative Investment Advisors AB and financial group Länsförsäkringar AB, joined Monument Group shortly after the London office opened and serves as a Managing Director of Monument Group (UK) Ltd. Mr. Anthonsen has since been joined by Laurence Zage, Managing Director, and Steve Cahill, Vice President, both of whom possess significant placement experience and were previously with Helix Associates, where Mr. Zage served as Head of Helix's research team. Mr. Anthonsen said, "Janet is the ideal addition to our team. With her extensive market knowledge and investor relations expertise, she will greatly enhance Monument Group's strong reputation for quality mandates and thoughtful fundraising."

About Monument Group

Founded in 1994, Monument Group, Inc. is an independent broker-dealer owned 100% by its principals. Monument Group's sole business is raising capital for superior alternative investment opportunities. Since its inception, funds raised by Monument Group have closed on over \$57 billion. Representative funds closed include Alta Communications (IX), Altor Equity Partners (I, II), Beacon Capital Strategic Partners (II, III, IV, V), Capital Resource Partners (III, IV, V), Cerberus Institutional Partners (Series I, II, III, IV), Lime Rock Partners (II, III, IV), Lime Rock Resources, Monitor Clipper Partners (I, II), Quadrangle Capital Partners (I, II), Patron Capital Partners (II, III), Thompson Street Capital Partners (II), Vestar Capital Partners (III, IV, V), Walden International (Pacven Walden Ventures IV, V, and VI), and Weston Presidio (II, III, IV, V). Investors in these funds are located principally in the United States, Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, and the Middle East and represent a broad base of institutions including endowments, foundations, public and corporate pension funds, financial institutions, consultant/gatekeepers, fund of fund managers and wealthy individuals and families. Monument Group's principals possess extensive buy-side experience, which allows them to properly position funds in the market, work closely with prospective investors, and build long-term client relationships. The principals' close relationships with institutional investors provide Monument Group's clients with up-to-date market insights necessary to raise capital in a changing environment.

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