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MONUMENT GROUP ANNOUNCES HIRING OF JOHN McCORMICK

Monument Group, Inc., a leading independent private equity placement agent, is pleased to announce that John B. McCormick has joined as a Director. Mr. McCormick, formerly a specialized consultant with Cambridge Associates LLC, joins Monument with ten years of global private equity investment and consulting experience.

Prior to joining Monument Group, Mr. McCormick served most recently as a consultant with Cambridge Associates LLC, where he advised clients such as foundations, endowments, and wealthy family offices on investment alternatives within the non-marketable asset class including private equity, venture capital, real estate, and energy. Additionally, Mr. McCormick performed diligence on fund managers within the asset class as part of client-generated research. Prior to joining Cambridge Associates, Mr. McCormick was with BancBoston Capital, where he most recently held the position of Vice President and served as a director for a number of the firm's direct investments. While in this position, Mr. McCormick worked with management teams in developing their business strategies and restructuring efforts. Mr. McCormick received his BA in economics with honors from Williams College and his MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration at Dartmouth College.

Alicia M. Cooney, co-founder and Managing Director of Monument Group, Inc, states "Through the addition of John McCormick, Monument Group has considerably enhanced its ability to represent superior investment opportunities and to provide value for its clients. John possesses significant industry experience from both the buy and sell-side, and will ideally complement our existing team of investment professionals."

Within the past year, Monument Group has undergone significant expansion, most notably the opening of its affiliate, Monument Group (UK) Ltd., in London in late 2005. Since that time, Monument's team has grown through the additions of Martin Anthonsen, formerly a senior member of the investment teams at Nordic Alternative Investment Advisors AB and financial group Länsförsäkringar AB, and Laurence Zage, formerly Vice President and Head of Research at Helix Associates. By maintaining offices in both the US and Europe, Monument Group remains confident that its approach to private equity placements will yield greater market penetration for its clients, as well as more diverse manager exposure for its limited partner base.

Founded in 1994, Monument Group, Inc. is an independent broker-dealer owned by its principals whose sole business is raising capital for superior alternative investment opportunities. Since its inception, funds raised by Monument Group have closed on approximately \$44 billion. Representative funds closed include Alta Communications (IX), Altor Equity Partners (I, II), Beacon Capital Strategic Partners (II, III, IV), Capital Resource Partners (III, IV, V), Cerberus Institutional Partners (Series I, II, III), Lime Rock Partners (II, III), Lime Rock Resources, Monitor Clipper Partners (I, II), Quadrangle Capital Partners (I, II), Patron Capital Partners (II), Vestar Capital Partners (III, IV, V), Walden International (Pacven Walden Ventures IV, V), and Weston Presidio (II, III, IV, V). Investors in these funds are located principally in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East and represent a broad base of institutions such as endowments, foundations, public and corporate pension funds, financial institutions, consultants/gatekeepers, fund-of-fund managers and wealthy individuals and families. Monument Group maintains offices in Boston and London.

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