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**MONUMENT GROUP ANNOUNCES HIRING OF LAURENCE ZAGE; PLACEMENT AGENT
FURTHER BOLSTERS EUROPEAN PRESENCE**

Monument Group, Inc., a leading independent private equity placement agent, has further expanded its capabilities in Europe with the hiring of Laurence Zage as Director of its London affiliate, Monument Group (UK) Ltd. With this initiative, Monument has further augmented its ability to represent alternative investment opportunities in the European marketplace and beyond. Mr. Zage, formerly a senior member of the placement team at Helix Associates, joins Monument with six years of global private equity placement experience.

Prior to joining Monument Group, Mr. Zage served most recently as Vice President and Head of Research at Helix Associates, with ultimate responsibility for fund due diligence, including analyses of manager track records, competitive landscapes, advanced benchmarking, fund cash flow modeling, return attribution analyses, and various other fundraising materials. Mr. Zage and his team oversaw every aspect of the firm's diligence, playing a pivotal role in the screening, selection, negotiation, and project management of placement mandates. At Monument Group, Mr. Zage will have the opportunity to continue to use his highly skilled approach to fund placement. Says Mr. Zage, "I have collaborated closely with Monument on several placements and find the team members' significant prior experience in fund investing gives them real insight as fundraisers. I am excited to join the European office - there is a great opportunity for us to focus on a small number of high quality placements, and bring a thoughtful and innovative approach to marketing them globally." Prior to joining Helix, Mr. Zage practised as a barrister, engaged primarily in criminal defence advocacy. He received his BA in law with honors from Oxford University.

John McLaren, co-Founder and Managing Director of Monument Group, Inc., relocated to London in 2005 from the firm's Boston office to become the Managing Director of Monument Group (UK) Ltd. In February, Martin Anthonsen, formerly a senior member of the investment teams at Nordic Alternative Investment Advisors AB and financial group Länsförsäkringar AB, joined Mr. McLaren as a Director. Mr. McLaren said, "Laurence is the perfect complement to our existing team. With his extensive market knowledge and analytical experience, he greatly enhances Monument Group's strong reputation for reasoned and thorough diligence."

Through the hiring of Mr. Zage, Monument Group seeks to substantially bolster the firm's origination and fundraising abilities in the European market. Since 1998, over \$4.5 billion in capital has been committed by 143 distinct non-US investors to funds raised by Monument Group. Monument Group has also represented select European offerings, most recently Altor Equity Partners and Patron Capital Partners, on their private equity placements. Monument Group's principals possess extensive buy-side experience, which affords them the ability 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 their clients with the up-to-date market insights necessary to raise capital in a changing environment. 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.

About Monument Group

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 over \$43 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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