

PRESS RELEASE

Chris Hughes Joins The Chicago Corporation as Senior Advisor

Chicago, IL (3/7/2011) – The Chicago Corporation, an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm, announced today that Chris Hughes has joined the firm as a Senior Advisor.

Mr. Hughes brings over 20 years of experience in the real estate industry and the capital markets. Currently, he is a managing principal at WiSLiM Investments, a private investment vehicle focused on real estate and renewable energy transactions, which has closed on seven real estate related transactions since its inception in 2004.

Prior to that, Mr. Hughes was a managing director at RREEF Alternative Investments, where he has headed the global capital markets and structured real estate investments group, global private equity, and global real estate securities and structured investments. There he managed funds in excess of \$6.0 billion with global platforms, as well as negotiated and closed hundreds of transactions totaling \$15 billion, including preferred equity, unsecured public/private bond placements, single borrower and large loan CMBS, revolving lines of credit, construction/development, acquisition bridge/value added loans, and subscription lines and mezzanine loans. He was a founding member of the RREEF Global Executive and Investment Committees and a full voting member of the Deutsche Bank Real Estate Capital Commitments Committee as well as various other client capital focused investment committees.

Outside of business, Mr. Hughes's charitable activities include co-sponsoring an event in 2010 and raising the funds to purchase, package, and ship high protein meals to benefit the children of Haiti, with the ambitious goal of securing the funds and volunteers to increase production to 1 million meals in 2011 as this effort becomes an annual event. Other activities include the Infant Welfare Society, Feed My Starving Children, and Giant Steps, as well as board membership with California, Energy and Power, a renewable energy company.

Mr. Hughes is a graduate of Marquette University, with a B.S. in Business Administration.

About The Chicago Corporation

The Chicago Corporation is an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm focused on providing middle-market companies with a range of financial and corporate advisory services including merger and acquisitions, institutional debt and equity capital raising, and financial restructuring. The Chicago Corporation leverages the broad experience of its team to evaluate and implement financial strategies designed to maximize the value of a client's business. The firm is committed to a "client-first" approach, which ensures that its professionals work together to find the best market-based solution for the client. For more information about The Chicago Corporation, its investment bankers, and Senior Advisors, please visit www.thechicagocorp.com.

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