

**Peter Comisar Joins Guggenheim Securities as Vice Chairman
and Head of West Coast Investment Banking**

*Senior Banker Advised on Over \$100 Billion of Transactions
During 20-Year Career at Goldman Sachs*

New York, September 10, 2009 -- Guggenheim Partners today announced that Peter H. Comisar has joined Guggenheim Securities as Vice Chairman and head of West Coast Investment Banking. Mr. Comisar, 42, who will be based in Los Angeles, joins Guggenheim after a 20-year career at Goldman Sachs, where he held various senior positions as a Partner Managing Director in the Investment Banking Division. Most recently, he was responsible for consumer and retail sector investment banking activities on the West Coast.

Alan Schwartz, Executive Chairman of Guggenheim Partners, said: “With his experience and insight across capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and a broad network of relationships, Peter will help us grow our investment banking business and strengthen our ability to create value for our clients at a time of unprecedented opportunity. Peter will work closely with our senior management team to build a preeminent advisory business and will play a critical role in new product development. We welcome him to Guggenheim and look forward to leveraging his expertise as we further enhance our client relationships.”

Mr. Comisar has been with Goldman Sachs since 1989 in New York and Los Angeles. He spent a decade in New York as a key member of the Firm's corporate finance, capital markets and mergers and acquisitions groups. He relocated to Los Angeles in 1999 with responsibility for client coverage and transaction execution for many of the largest West Coast and Pacific Northwest-based corporate clients. He holds a B.A. from Colgate University.

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