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For Immediate Release

Melville, NY - Aegis Capital Corp., Aegis Capital Corp. (www.aegiscapcorp.com) is pleased to announce the hiring of one of Paulson Capital Corp.'s leading independent offices, Acumen Investment Services based in Hauppauge, NY, co-founded by Thomas Custance and Joseph LaScala.

Thomas Custance is Co-Founder & President of Acumen Investment Services. Prior to forming Acumen, Tom was Sr. Vice President of Investec Ernst & Co., a NY based broker/dealer that was the predecessor of what is now known as Maxim Group where he ran one of the most successful teams at the firm. Tom has over 13 years of experience in striving to help retail and institutional customers match their investment needs with high quality investment products and services. Tom currently holds a Series 7 (General Securities Representative) and Series 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law Exam) with FINRA. He attained a bachelor's degree in business from the Mario Gabelli School of Business at Roger Williams University where he attended as a multi-sport athlete.

Joseph La Scala is Co-Founder and CEO of Acumen Investment Services. Prior to forming Acumen, Joe was Vice President of Investec Ernst & Co, a NY based broker/dealer that was the predecessor of what is now known as Maxim Group. Joe currently holds the following industry licenses with FINRA: Series 7 (General Securities Representative), Series 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law Exam), Series 24 (General Securities Principal), Series 4 (Registered Options Principal) and Series 65 (Uniform Investment Advisor). Additionally, Joe is registered with the State of NY as a licensed life, accident and health insurance agent. He holds other individual state insurance appointments as well. Joe has attained a Masters of Business Administration degree in Finance from the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University, as well as a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Finance and a minor in management from Manhattan College where he attended on a baseball and golf scholarship and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Thomas and Joseph have joined the Melville, NY location of Aegis Capital along with several of their top financial advisors.

“We are truly pleased to have the entire Acumen team join the Aegis family and more importantly the trust they have shown in Aegis to support their diversified clientele. Thomas and

Joseph will be a valued addition to Aegis Capital's continued and growing success," said Robert Birardi, head of business development, Melville, NY.

About Aegis Capital Corporation

Aegis Capital Corporation has been in business for over 27 years and maintains a conflict free service platform catering to the needs of private clients, institutions and corporations. Aegis Capital Corp. was founded in 1984 by Robert Eide, the current CEO and Chairman. Aegis' origins were based on servicing the specific needs of an extremely affluent customer base. Today Aegis has become a premiere full-service investment banking firm with over ten locations and employees stretching across the US. We have clientele in all 50 states, as well as overseas. Aegis has been able to bring quality service through its clearing relationships of Penson Financial and JP Morgan.

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