



DLB Capital Announces Significant Investment in HighTower Advisors, LLC. Doug Brown to act as Non-Executive Chairman

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DLB Capital announced the completion of a strategic investment to purchase a minority stake in Chicago-based HighTower Advisors, LLC ("HighTower"). Doug Brown, Chairman and CEO of DLB Capital, will serve as Non-Executive Chairman of the company's board.

HighTower was formed to provide a better platform for wealth advisors that are looking to offer conflict free advice to their clients. Hightower will be an "advisor owned" financial services firm, thus aligning the advisors' interest with that of their clients'.

Doug Brown commented, "The current environment has created unprecedented opportunity for wirehouse financial advisors looking for alternatives to big brokerage firms. We have established a safe, stable, and client driven firm that provides virtually all of the services that a large wirehouse firm has historically provided, with none of the conflicts."

DLB Capital was attracted to this opportunity because of the structural opportunity and the strong management team led by Elliot Weissbluth, CEO and Drew Kornreich, President of HighTower.

"We have attracted an "A" list of capital partners and advisors to help us build a new model of financial services firm," explained Elliot Weissbluth. "DLB Capital and our other partners are all innovators in the financial services industry and their support validates our mission to restore confidence with the investors who have lost their trust in the traditional model.

HighTower Advisors, LLC is an investment management firm which accumulates its assets under management by acquiring successful investment advisors from traditional brokerage firms and transitioning them to a fiduciary, recurring fee-based model. By consolidating high net worth investment advisors and acquiring their high-net worth client's assets, HighTower is able to offer superior solutions to a rapidly growing wealth segment.

DLB Capital, LLC is a United States-based firm focusing primarily on the Financial Services sector and the industries that serve it. The group was formed by Douglas L. Brown to provide expertise, capital and on-site management to the financial services sector. DLB's focus is global with an emphasis on the United States and China.

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