

News Release

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FIDES CAPITAL PARTNERS announces that William Mitchell has joined as a Principal to establish the firm's distressed debt advisory practice.

LAKE FOREST, September 6, 2012 - FIDES CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC ("FIDES"), the Lake Forest, IL based real estate investment bank, announced today that William Mitchell has joined the firm as a Principal in its Lake Forest office. Mr. Mitchell will establish the firm's distressed debt advisory practice, which will focus on serving borrowers, lenders and investors in commercial real estate and other forms of specialty finance assets. In this capacity he will also identify and structure capital executions to acquire, recapitalize and sell such assets.

Prior to joining FIDES Mr. Mitchell served as a Managing Director of Holliday Fenoglio Fowler ("HFF"), a publicly traded national advisory firm, where for five years he helped start and spearhead the company's distressed and high-yield loan sales platform. At HFF he was involved in over \$4 billion of diverse loan sales for banking, hedge fund, private equity and high-net-worth clients.

Prior to HFF, Mr. Mitchell ran his own loan purchase/sale advisory firm, and prior to that, he worked at ContiFinancial where he managed the firm's daily CMBS activity, invested in over a dozen specialty finance companies and executed a number of private ABS securitizations and financings across varied asset classes. He started his career at Continental Bank in commercial real estate lending and received his BS in Accountancy (High Honors) from the University of Illinois and an MBA from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

Mr. Longoria, FIDES' founder, said "I did my first deal with Bill back in 1996, and I'm thrilled by the expertise, relationships and institutional knowledge he brings to the partnership. What is also so valuable about Bill is that he has been both a principal and advisor in the distressed debt markets. This experience on both sides of the table is what makes us so valuable to our clients."

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