

Kurtis Plumer, CFA, Joins Commerce Street Capital as Managing Director of Funds Management

DALLAS (May 10, 2011) — Commerce Street Capital LLC (CSC), an asset management and advisory firm serving financial institutions, hired Kurtis Plumer as a managing director in its funds management group.

Plumer, a 15-year veteran in the investment management business, will work with CSC's current and prospective investors to provide unique investment opportunities by leveraging the firm's deep knowledge of the industry and extensive network of bank owners and managers across the United States. This announcement was made today by Dory Wiley, President and CEO of CSC.



“Kurt brings extensive portfolio management and client relations experience that will be of great benefit to our firm and our clients,” said Wiley. “We are pleased to have him join us and continue to expand our funds management business. This reflects our commitment to further develop our asset management platform, which is the perfect complement to our investment banking and private equity activities.”

Prior to joining CSC, Plumer was a partner and senior portfolio manager with Highland Capital Management, a registered investment advisor of structured products and below-investment grade assets. At Highland, he was a member of the five-person investment management committee that approved every investment, and actively managed a portfolio of leveraged loan, high yield bonds and distressed corporate debt. Plumer raised and managed two multi-strategy hedge funds, one of which was named the Best Credit Opportunity Fund of 2007 and another of which was named the Best New Fund of the Year (2006) by Absolute Return magazine.

Plumer has extensive experience working with investors to craft fund offerings that serve the needs of institutions. He also has significant bankruptcy and workout experience, having served on numerous creditor and steering committees. Prior to joining Highland, he was a high yield trader for Lehman Brothers in New York after he began his career at Banc of America (fka NationsBanc) Capital Markets in the mergers and acquisitions group. He received a master of business administration degree from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and bachelor of business administration degree from Baylor University. Plumer is a holder of the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

About Commerce Street Capital

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