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Accordion Partners Expands HQ Team

New York, NY, July 1, 2010 – Accordion Partners LLC is pleased to announce the expansion of its business development team. The company has recently added a financial services industry veteran, Silvana Carpanelli-Hayes, as Vice President of Business Development.

Ms. Carpanelli-Hayes comes to Accordion with a background focused on investment banking MBA recruiting. She was most recently Vice President of Marketing for a niche job board. While spending most of her career in New York, Ms. Carpanelli-Hayes has created alliances with the top 20 business schools and has built strong relationships with their alumni. At Accordion, Ms. Carpanelli-Hayes will focus on cultivating new relationships for the firm with a specific focus on investment banks, corporate M&A groups and private equity funds.

"I'm excited to have Silvana join the Accordion business development team. Her vast experience within the upper end of financial services, including her relationships with women in finance groups, will surely be beneficial in marketing our new manner of working in finance," commented Nick Leopard, Chief Executive Officer. "Her passion for promoting diversity in the workplace is an invaluable asset."

"It was very appealing to finally find a place of work where I have the tools to truly satisfy my clients' needs," says Carpanelli-Hayes. "Being able to deploy top tier talent on a project-by-project basis is what most of my clients have been asking for. These days you need a sharp deal team to execute complex transactions, but most firms want to avoid the fixed overhead costs. Imagine bypassing the difficulty of sourcing talented professionals when you have confidence in the team Accordion has developed. This is also a brilliant opportunity for so many experienced hires that love the finance industry, but require flexibility in their lives," she added.

Ms. Carpanelli-Hayes is based in Accordion's New York headquarters. Her contact information is <u>scarpanelli@accordionpartners.com</u> and +1 (970) 389-7926.

For additional information on "Accordion Partners Expands HQ Team", contact Nick Leopard at +1 (646) 233-0131 or visit <u>www.accordionpartners.com</u>.

ABOUT ACCORDION PARTNERS – Accordion Partners is a firm of experienced investment banking and fund professionals deployed to clients on a project-by-project basis. We provide our clients with all the tools needed to efficiently assess and execute the most complex transactions.

Our mission is to empower clients with a new level of flexibility in managing increasing deal flow, eliminating inefficiencies and keeping a firm handle on overhead costs.

More detailed information is available at: <u>www.accordionpartners.com</u>.

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