

## **GUGGENHEIM INVESTMENT ADVISORS APPOINTS THREE NEW PRIVATE BANKERS**

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CHICAGO – September 1, 2009 - Guggenheim Investment Advisors, a global wealth and asset advisory firm with more than \$50 billion in assets under supervision, today announced the appointments of Courtlandt B. Ault, Tanya Williams and Rory O'Connor to its private banking team as managing directors. Guggenheim Investment Advisors provides investment and related services to high net worth individuals, families, foundations, trusts, and endowments.

"We are thrilled to welcome these outstanding professionals to Guggenheim; their expertise and experience will drive the growth of our investment advisory business in three key markets." said Guggenheim Investment Advisors CEO Andrew M. Rosenfield."

Ault is leading the expansion of Guggenheim's investment advisory business in the Southeastern United States, including Palm Beach, Naples, and Atlanta. Williams is focused on Guggenheim's presence in the Midwest. And O'Connor will help lead Guggenheim's West Coast investment advisory operation from Los Angeles.

Ault brings 28 years of experience in the wealth management field to Guggenheim. He opened the Naples and Atlanta offices of Bessemer Trust. He also served private wealth clients at Atlantic Trust, and more recently was president of a single-family office. Ault received a B.A. degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Williams worked in product management at investment management firm Earnest Partners in Atlanta. She previously worked at Calvert, an asset management firm, as regional vice president. Williams has also worked in client service in the institutional marketplace, providing technical investment insight into client assets and products. Williams received an MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and a BA in Economics from Northwestern.

O'Connor joins Guggenheim with over 18 years of experience in private equity and investment management in the consumer sector. At TORO Capital, he held an advisory role with private equity firms focused on the consumer sector and provided wealth management services. Previously, O'Connor headed new business development at Deutschebank Capital Partners Europe in London as well as at Charterhouse Group International. O'Connor received his MBA at Columbia Business School.

"Guggenheim Investment Advisors stands out to me as a formidable player in the wealth management space, and that is what drew me to the firm," said O'Connor. "The firm's model involves sitting on the same side of the table as the client and working to achieve what is best for them. Guggenheim has an unconflicted business model in an industry where a lot of businesses are conflicted."

#### **About Guggenheim Investment Advisors**

Guggenheim Investment Advisors is a global wealth and asset manager serving high net worth individuals, families, endowments, and foundations with more than \$50 billion of assets under supervision. GIA has offices in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Atlanta, Miami, Geneva, and Hong Kong. Guggenheim Investment Advisors operates through registered investment advisors worldwide. For more information, contact Guggenheim Investment Advisors at (847) 295-8450 or visit <http://www.guggenheiminvestmentadvisors.com>.

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