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Nationally Acclaimed Advisory Team Joins CAPTRUST Financial Advisors

Firm deepens presence in the Midwest

RALEIGH, N.C. (January 23, 2009) – CAPTRUST Financial Advisors, an independent retirement advisory firm, announced today that 20-year Merrill Lynch veteran Steve Wilt and three of his partners have joined the firm and will head up CAPTRUST’s Midwest operations out of Akron, Ohio.

Steve Wilt, Susan Clausen, Paul Stibich and Will Lyle join CAPTRUST Financial Advisors after a highly successful and nationally recognized tenure as retirement specialists for Merrill Lynch. There, Wilt and his team earned numerous industry awards, including the 2007 Retirement Plan Advisor Team of the Year award by PLANSPONSOR Magazine and The 401(k) Wire 2008 Top 100 Most Influential People in the 401(k) Industry honor.

“This was a very big decision for me, as I have spent my entire career building my client base and many important friendships and relationships while at Merrill Lynch,” said Steve Wilt. “But the industry has changed dramatically over the last few years and it became clear to me that our clients would be better served working with an independent firm, like CAPTRUST, that held a specialized focus on providing retirement advice.”

“As a specialty retirement advisory firm, our success has always been tied to our ability to attract the best and brightest retirement advisors,” added J. Fielding Miller, co-founder and CEO of CAPTRUST Financial Advisors. “It goes without saying that we are thrilled to add such a highly-regarded team to our experienced group of advisors. CAPTRUST got better today.”

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About CAPTRUST Financial Advisors

Celebrating its 20-year anniversary in 2009, CAPTRUST Financial Advisors is an independent investment research and retirement advisory firm specializing in providing strategic advisory services to retirement plan fiduciaries, executives, and high net-worth individuals. Headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., the firm represents \$22 billion in client assets with offices in Atlanta, Birmingham, Ala.; Boston, Charlotte, N.C.; Jackson, Miss.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Portland, Maine; Richmond, Va.; Washington, D.C.; and now Akron, Ohio. To learn more, visit www.captrustadvisors.com.

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