

Cowen and Company Hires Robert Roden to Head New Leveraged Finance Group

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Cowen and Company announced today that Robert Roden has joined the firm as a Managing Director and Head of Cowen's new Leveraged Finance Group. Mr. Roden's addition, along with this newly formed group, will expand Cowen's product offerings and focus on debt-related products. Mr. Roden will be based in San Francisco and will report to Graham Powis, Head of Equity Capital Markets.

Mr. Roden joins Cowen from Merriman Curhan Ford & Co., where he was Head of Structured/Leveraged Finance. Previously, he was Co-Head and a founding member of Banc of America Mezzanine Capital and, earlier in his career, worked with FINOVA Mezzanine Capital and CS First Boston's High Yield Debt Group.

"Rob's hiring represents a key step forward as Cowen expands its product offerings. With his extensive knowledge of leveraged finance and strong leadership skills, we are delighted to have him join our team," said Graham Powis.

"Cowen's strong client relationships, deep industry knowledge in its focus sectors, and seasoned team have all contributed to the firm being a recognized leader. I am looking forward to expanding Cowen's product capabilities in this new area and leveraging the platform for continued growth and profitability," said Roden.

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