
**LOOP CAPITAL EXPANDS MARKET PRESENCE WITH NEW OFFICE
AND 7 SEASONED PROFESSIONALS**

CHICAGO, IL (February 7, 2012) — Loop Capital Markets, LLC ("Loop Capital Markets"), an investment banking and brokerage firm, has taken advantage of the current market conditions to add very senior professionals to the firm's global equity, transition management, public finance, and taxable fixed income divisions. Seven professionals have joined Loop Capital Markets year to date 2012, a significant expansion augmented by the opening of a new office in Little Rock, Arkansas.

"We expect 2012 to be a year of substantial growth firm wide," said Jim Reynolds, Jr., Chief Executive Officer of Loop Capital Markets. "We're very excited about starting the year with the addition of some very accomplished professionals who have significant expertise and fresh perspective. The current growth opportunities are unprecedented in the history of our firm. It is my expectation that we will continue to add talented professionals to all of our key business areas throughout the year."

Mark Jicka and Steve Madsen will join Loop Capital Markets' growing taxable fixed income division as Managing Directors to co-head the firm's credit business. "With the addition of Mark and Steve, we expect corporate bond sales and trading to be a significant growth engine for the firm," said Reynolds.

Mark Jicka brings to the position more than two decades of experience in fixed income and credit trading. Most recently, he served as Managing Director/Head of Credit Trading at MF Global. Steve Madsen, previously a Managing Director in Credit Trading at MF Global, brings to his role more than 18 years of experience in fixed income and credit trading. Mr. Jicka and Mr. Madsen will both be based out of the firm's New York office. "Mark and I are thrilled to join Loop Capital Markets and look forward to building a world-class credit business," Madsen said. "We will be looking to hire quality professionals in all facets of credit business; sales, trading, research and banking."

Craig Hutson, CFA, joins the taxable fixed income effort as a Senior Vice President responsible for corporate credit analysis in the firm's Chicago office. Previously, Mr. Hutson worked at Stone & Youngberg LLC as a senior corporate credit analyst.

Loop Capital Markets also has expanded the firm's transition management services platform with the addition of Shauna Lambright as a Managing Director. Prior to joining Loop Capital Markets, Shauna managed her own firm, Lambright Financial Solutions, which was acquired by Knight Capital Americas, where she most recently served as Managing Director and Head of Transition Management. Ms. Lambright brings to her role over 18 years of experience managing business units servicing pension related clientele. "Deepening our expertise and consistently expanding the scope of services we can provide to clients is vital to the growth of our firm," said Kourtney Ratliff, Partner.

Joining Loop Capital Markets' Equity Sales and Trading Division in New York as Senior Vice Presidents are Richard Parker, a 24-year Wall Street veteran and former Head of US Cash Sales and Trading at MF Global,

and Anson Sager, formerly a Senior Vice President at MF Global. “We are extremely pleased to add Rich and Anson to our platform. Their depth of experience and client mix will augment that of our current team,” explains Ratliff.

Pamela Mobley has joined Loop Capital Markets as a Senior Vice President in Public Finance and will be based out of the firm’s new Arkansas office. Prior to joining the firm, Pamela spent the last three years on the financial advisory side of the business building a municipal platform in the Southeastern Region. Pamela has worked as a senior banker responsible for new business development for 11 years at Siebert Brandford Shank and two years at Ramirez & Co.

About Loop Capital

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Headquartered in Chicago, the firm has nearly 200 professionals in 22 offices located in Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Hartford, Houston, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Newark, Oakland, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Antonio, San Francisco, Tampa, Washington DC, and West Palm Beach. Find more information at www.loopcapital.com.

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