

Fulcrum Global Partners Adds Alternative Exchange Department

New York, New York — April 5, 2004 (PR Newswire). Fulcrum Global Partners LLC ("Fulcrum") announced a significant expansion to its trading desk today with the addition of a complete OTC:BB/Pinksheet trading desk or alternative exchange department.

The Fulcrum alternative exchange department — a six-member team — will be headed by **Peter Battaglia** (Manager of Broker Dealer Sales - Alternative Exchange Department) and **Steven Kessler** (Manager of Trading - Alternative Exchange Department).

Peter Battaglia (*Manager of Broker Dealer Sales - Alternative Exchange Department*)

With over 25 years experience on Wall Street, Peter most recently was an Executive Vice President and the Head of Broker/Dealer Sales Trading at BrokerageAmerica, LLC. Previously, he was a Vice President and the Head of Broker/Dealer Sales Trading at NDB Capital Markets, a division of Deutsche Bank (formerly Sherwood Securities) for seven years. Prior to that, Peter was an Assistant Vice President of Correspondent Sales and Broker/Dealer Liaison at Troster Singer (a division of Spear Leeds and Kellogg). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Security Traders Association of New York and serves on the Membership and Arrangements Committees. He is also a member of the National Security Traders Association, where he serves on the Arrangements Committee, and a member of the Institutional Equities Traders Association of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.

Steven Kessler (*Manager of Trading - Alternative Exchange Department*)

With 38 years experience as Manager and Trader in NASDAQ and Bulletin Board and Pink Sheets equity departments at major broker/dealers including Sherwood Securities, Schwab Capital Markets and Knight Securities, Mr. Kessler graduated from Queens College with a degree in Economics.

"The creation of Fulcrum's Alternative Exchange Department is in direct response to our clients' needs," said Michael Petrycki, CEO of Fulcrum Global Partners LLC. "With Peter and Steven's considerable experience and the strength of our franchise, we are confident that the new Alternative Exchange Department will enable our clients to capitalize on this rapidly changing and dynamic environment."

During its first three years, Fulcrum has grown to over 26 senior analysts, 35 sales professionals, and 31 traders in seven locations throughout the United States.

Fulcrum Global Partners LLC is a full-service securities brokerage firm, established in May 2001, focusing on the research and trade execution needs of a broad array of equity money managers. The firm does not engage in the public offering of securities or traditional investment banking activities. Fulcrum provides execution and block and electronic trading capabilities through a team of seasoned professional traders.