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MATTHEW L. LANDAU JOINS WESTPORT CAPITAL PARTNERS LLC

Westport, CT, April 10, 2006 – Westport Capital Partners LLC, a real estate investment firm specializing in the opportunistic real estate arena, announced today that Matthew Landau will join the firm's Westport office as partner, effective May 1, focusing on structured debt. Westport Capital Partners provides domestic and international investment opportunities to institutional and private clients.

“I'm excited to be putting together a first rate team as the firm ramps up for our first full year,” said Westport Capital founder, Russel S. Bernard. “I have known Matt for years and he brings an in-depth knowledge of this asset class and a thorough understanding of current trends. His expertise will help us offer significant advantages for our investors as we proceed to put the firm's investment strategy in place.”

Mr. Landau, 45, is a 20-year veteran of real estate, and was most recently Managing Director, at IXIS, the French investment bank. His positions prior to that included Managing Director at Bear Sterns, Director at Deutsche Bank, Director and Real Estate Department Head at HSBC and Vice President at Citibank. He is Chairman of the Real Estate Lenders Association and received his MA degree in Real Estate Finance and Investment from New York University.

About Westport Capital

Westport Capital Partners LLC provides domestic and international investment opportunities to institutional and private clients and was recently launched by Russel S. Bernard. Headquartered in Westport, CT, the firm also has offices in Los Angeles.

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