



Accume Partners Names Head of Enterprise Risk Management

New York, NY, December 13, 2011 - Accume Partners, a leading provider of risk and internal audit services to banks and financial institutions, today announced further strengthening of its executive team with the appointment of Eric Holmquist as Managing Director and head of Enterprise Risk Management.

With over 30 years working in the financial services industry, his knowledge and experience spans multiple areas of bank operations including branch operations, treasury, investments, IT, risk management, securitization and accounting. He has developed risk management, MIS and information security programs and is skilled in creating operational efficiency and risk alignment.

As head of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM), he will have responsibility for leading and developing ERM services and professionals across the firm. "Eric is a great addition to our team as he brings a tremendous amount of governance, risk strategy, management, compliance and best practices experience," said Mark Lindig, CEO at Accume Partners. "We are looking forward to extending our enterprise risk management practice under Eric's guidance and leveraging his deep bank operations knowledge to further enrich our risk management services."

"I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Accume team given their strong industry reputation, deep experience and extensive resources," said Holmquist. "Enterprise risk management has never been more critical to sound corporate governance and Accume is well positioned to assist the financial services market in leveraging this critical governance and management capability."

Prior to joining Accume, Holmquist was President of Holmquist Advisory, LLC, a consulting practice focused on enterprise risk management within the financial services industry. The practice focused on risk governance and alignment, risk assessment and reporting, as well as risk management practices for compliance, information security, information technology, business continuity planning and third parties. Previously, he also served as VP, Director of Operational Risk Management for Advanta Bank Corp. where he was responsible for the development and oversight of all aspects of the bank's operational risk management program.

Holmquist has long been recognized as a thought leader in the areas of risk management, technology and information systems, change management, information security and regulatory compliance and is a frequent speaker and author on these topics. He has authored *Right-Sizing ORM – Scaling Operational Risk Management for The Small To Mid-sized Market*, and is a contributing author to *Operational Risk 2.0* and *The Advanced Measurement Approach to Operational Risk*. He has also written over 50 published articles. Holmquist graduated Summa Cum Laude from Villanova University with a degree in leadership studies.

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