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Salem Partners Wealth Management Hires David Dodson as Director, Wealth Management

Salem Partners, a leading Los Angeles-based investment bank and wealth management firm, has appointed David Dodson as a director of its wealth management group. Salem Partners Wealth Management provides customized investment solutions in a multi-family office environment.

Previously a Vice President of Essential Advisers, Inc., Mr. Dodson has been a wealth management professional for ten years during which time he has advised families with a diverse set of interests, backgrounds and financial assets. For Salem, Mr. Dodson will lead the firm's wealth management practice together with head of operations Goli Kamangar and Salem Partners founders Stephen Prough and John Dyett. Mr. Dodson will oversee the firm's investment and asset allocation team.

"We are delighted to welcome someone as experienced as David to our wealth management practice. David's focus on client service as well as his energy and enthusiasm for the business makes him a perfect fit for the Salem Partners culture," said Stephen Prough, co-founder of Salem Partners.

"David is the ideal leader for our wealth management team. His experience in all aspects of serving the business and financial interests of families will ensure that our clients continue to receive the best possible advice and attention regarding their financial lives," said John Dyett, also a co-founder of the firm.

"I am excited to be a part of the Salem Partners' Wealth Management team. The sophistication and energy the firm brings to servicing its clients is infectious. I look forward to applying my expertise and adding value in every way I can to benefit our clientele," said Mr. Dodson.

Mr. Dodson joins Salem after serving as Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Essential Advisers, Inc., a wealth management firm in Denver serving ultra affluent investors. While at Essential, Mr. Dodson was responsible for the design, implementation and management of Essential's client portfolios, deploying a wealth of investment and analytical skills for the benefit of clients. Additionally, Mr. Dodson designed and managed Essential's disciplined Large Cap Growth stock portfolio and played an integral role in serving clients. Before joining Essential Advisers, David was Director of Investment Planning for a billion dollar investment management firm in Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. Dodson holds a Master of Science in Finance degree from the University of Denver and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Kansas, is a Chartered Financial Analyst Charterholder, a Certified Financial Planner® Certificant and a member of the Denver Society of Securities Analysts.

Founded in 1997, Salem Partners (www.salempartners.com) is a leading Los Angeles-based investment bank and wealth management firm. The firm's investment banking practice represents independent and major media and entertainment conglomerates and growing companies in the technology and life sciences industries. Recent transactions completed by Salem Partners include the \$160 million sale of the film and television library of Crown Media Holdings, Inc. to RHI Entertainment and the \$13.6 million private placement of Series A preferred stock for Quinnova Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Salem Partners Wealth Management provides integrated wealth management services for highly affluent individuals, families and foundations.