



**LADENBURG THALMANN EXPANDS HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT BANKING TEAM**  
**Edwin Gordon Joins Firm as Head of Healthcare Investment Banking; Amy Cooper Joins as Vice President**

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**MIAMI, FL, July 28, 2008** -- Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (AMEX: LTS) today announced that it has expanded its team of professionals at Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. (“Ladenburg”) with the appointment of Edwin H. Gordon as a Managing Director and the Head of Healthcare Investment Banking and Amy Cooper as a Vice President, effective immediately. Both executives will be based in Ladenburg’s New York office.

Mr. Gordon joins Ladenburg from Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. (“Merriman”), where he served as a Managing Director and co-head of the Life Sciences Investment Banking department. While at Merriman, Mr. Gordon was responsible for managing public offerings and Private Investment in Public Equity (“PIPE”) transactions and developing a strategy to market Merriman research to the venture capital community. Prior to joining Merriman, Mr. Gordon served as Managing Director and head of Punk, Ziegel & Company's healthcare practice. Earlier in his career, Mr. Gordon was a Managing Director in the Investment Banking Department at SG Cowen Securities Corporation and the Senior Healthcare Services Analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co. He holds a B.A. in economics and an M.B.A. in finance and economics from the University of Pittsburgh.

Miss Cooper also joins Ladenburg from Merriman, where she served as a Vice President in the Investment Banking Group, focusing primarily on the healthcare, biotechnology, and medical devices sectors. Prior to Merriman, Miss Cooper was an Associate and Vice President at Punk, Ziegel & Company.

“We are very pleased to welcome Ed and Amy to Ladenburg,” stated Richard Lampen, President and Chief Executive Officer of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. “Both individuals’ expertise in healthcare investment banking make them the ideal additions to the Ladenburg team as we expand our efforts in this important sector.”

James Cassel, Vice Chairman and Head of Investment Banking of Ladenburg, added, “Ed and Amy have proven track records of success and we expect them to make significant contributions to the firm as we enhance our ability to serve our growing client base. We look forward to working with them.”

**About Ladenburg**

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services, included in the Russell 2000(R) and Russell 3000(R) indices, is engaged in retail and institutional securities brokerage, investment banking, research and asset management services through its subsidiary, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. Founded in 1876 and a New York Stock Exchange member since 1879, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. is a full service investment banking and brokerage firm providing services principally for middle market and emerging growth companies and high net worth individuals. Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services is based in Miami, Florida. Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. is based in New York City, with regional offices in Miami and Boca Raton, Florida; Melville, New York; Lincolnshire, Illinois; Los Angeles, California; Princeton, New Jersey; Houston, Texas; and Columbus, Ohio. Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services also owns Investacorp, Inc., a leading independent broker-dealer headquartered in Miami Lakes, Florida that has been serving the independent registered representative community since 1978. For more information, please visit [www.ladenburg.com](http://www.ladenburg.com).

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