Mariner Wealth Advisors Announces New Chief Equity Strategist

Ken Powell Adds New Dimension in Portfolio Management to Firm

OVERLAND PARK, KAN. (Sept. 27, 2007) – Mariner Wealth Advisors announces that Kenneth A. Powell, CFA, has joined the firm as chief equity strategist. He will be responsible for managing the firm's core equity portfolios.

Powell, formerly the senior vice president of CFW Capital Management, brings extensive portfolio management experience to the firm. He began his investment career with Mid-States Corporate Federal Credit Union in 1989. In 1991, Ken joined Boatmen's Trust Company in Kansas City. At Boatmen's and its successor, Bank of America, he served as a vice president and portfolio manager, responsible for the portfolios of high net worth individuals, trusts, and foundations.

"Ken's record of performance at CFW Capital Management speaks volumes of what he will bring to the firm, and we are thrilled that he has decided to join the Mariner family," said Mariner Chief Executive Officer Marty Bicknell.

Powell holds a bachelor of science degree in finance from Southern Illinois University. He has also obtained the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, which is the most rigorous and globally accepted professional standard in the investment industry.

Mariner Wealth Advisors is a division of the Mariner Family, a Kansas City-based investment and wealth management company. Mariner offers diverse, customized financial expertise, including wealth management; estate, tax and benefit planning; insurance; and charitable giving solutions to high net worth individuals, business owners and executives, corporations, and foundations.

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