

The Davis Companies

Davis Completes Fundraising for Inaugural Fund

Boston, Massachusetts (May 12, 2010) - The Davis Companies has completed fundraising for its inaugural discretionary co-mingled investment vehicle, Davis Investment Ventures Value Opportunity Fund I, with \$229mm of total commitments from institutional and high net worth investors. The offering initially targeted \$200mm and was oversubscribed, despite a very challenging fundraising environment. Additionally, Davis has lined up approximately \$100mm in co-investment capital, which will allow the Fund to undertake larger transactions while maintaining its diversification goals.

“Commercial real estate as an asset class has re-priced. For the first time in years we are seeing what we believe are solid investment opportunities. As we have done for 35 years now, we are looking to acquire assets at below intrinsic value and to utilize our operating company expertise in order to add value. We are deeply appreciative of our investors’ willingness to put their confidence in us, thereby enabling us to take advantage of this market opportunity on their behalf,” said Jonathan Davis, founder and CEO of The Davis Companies. “Investors who see opportunity in challenging times and have the fortitude to act on it, while others are still in ‘wait and see’ mode, have historically been rewarded,” according to Mr. Davis.

The fund aims to continue the firm’s long history of value and opportunistic investing, looking for debt and equity investments in the U.S. with a focus on Northeast markets where the firm can leverage its substantial operating platform. Davis currently owns and manages approximately 4.5 million square feet of real estate in this region with a 98% occupancy rate, and has acquired an additional \$200 million face value of real estate debt, equity and securities within the last 18 months. The fund is fully discretionary and has slightly less than 3.5 years remaining in its investment period.

The Fund is structured to allow joint ventures with outside capital sources seeking to partner with operating companies, as well as with other operators seeking capital or additional operating expertise. With leverage on its existing commitments, Davis has the potential to invest in \$1 billion of real estate.

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The Davis Companies is a one of New England's largest privately held owners, developers and managers of commercial real estate. In operation since 1976, the company has acquired or developed approximately \$2 billion worth of office, multi family, industrial, retail, medical office and bioscience facilities; it currently manages a portfolio of approximately 6 million square feet of property and commercial real estate loans.