



Northwood Stephens Private Counsel Once Again Rated #1 Independent Family Office in Canada

Toronto, January 9, 2008 – Northwood Stephens Private Counsel Inc. has been ranked as the #1 independent Family Office in Canada in *Euromoney* magazine's 2008 annual global private banking survey. Northwood was also ranked number #1 in 2007.

“We believe the family office model is the best model for delivering comprehensive wealth management to affluent families,” said Northwood President and CEO, Tom McCullough. “And we are delighted to be recognized as the best in the country in our field.”

This year's *Euromoney* survey was based on responses from 398 private banks and wealth management institutions from around the world, representing \$7.6 trillion of assets under management. Participants in each country nominated their peers whom they felt were leaders in their respective fields.

Northwood also ranked prominently among independent firms in Canada in the following categories:

- #1 for providing family office services
- #1 for providing inheritance and succession planning
- #2 for providing private equity investment
- #2 for providing equity portfolio management services

“Our clients value the integration of estate, tax and philanthropic planning along with access to, and oversight of, the best investment managers in the world,” added Scott Hayman, Northwood's Executive Vice-President and Head of Client Services. “Recognition in the *Euromoney* survey affirms our strategy of providing our clients with coordination and management of all aspects of their financial lives.”

Northwood Stephens Private Counsel is an independent, multi-family office, providing comprehensive Net Worth Management™ to successful families, entrepreneurs and senior executives. For more information on Northwood, please visit www.northwoodstephens.com.

Euromoney is an authority on trends and developments in international banking and capital markets. For over 35 years, *Euromoney* has been providing a round-up of the key developments in private banking, debt and equity investments, fund management and alternative investments, as well as country- and region-specific information to readers from around the world. This was the second year the survey ranked independent providers in the family office field.

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