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## NEWS RELEASE

### **CALLAN ASSOCIATES HIRES CONSULTING VETERAN RYAN BALL TO HELP GROW CHICAGO BUSINESS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9, 2009 – Callan Associates today announced that R. Ryan Ball has joined the company’s Fund Sponsor Consulting office in Chicago as vice president and consultant. Ball, a former consultant at Stratford Advisory Group, Inc., is an important addition to the Chicago consulting team where he will immediately begin working with clients and assist in growing Callan’s business in the region. Ball, 36, joined Callan in mid-March and reports to Kevin Dolsen.

“Ryan is a talented person with a wide array of skills, including building successful client relationships as an investment consultant and having in-depth knowledge in fixed income and alternative investment manager research,” said Kevin Dolsen, senior vice president and manager of Callan’s Fund Sponsor Consulting office in Chicago. “We are thrilled to have him as part of our team.”

Prior to joining Callan, Ball worked as a managing director for Stratford’s parent company, Clark & Wamberg, LLC, to head up the development of a hedge fund-of-funds strategy targeting select institutional investors. The previous seven years, he was a consultant at Stratford Advisory Group responsible for developing and managing consulting relationships for institutional investors, including endowments, foundations, healthcare organizations and corporate funds.

“I am extremely happy to join a firm of Callan’s standing and to have the opportunity to work with a group of highly skilled investment professionals,” said Ryan Ball. “These attributes coupled with the firm’s deep resources and solid reputation captured my interest, and position Callan well for future growth.”

Ball began his career at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as an analyst before accepting a position at Lincoln Capital Management as a portfolio analyst.

Ball is a CFA Charterholder. He earned his BBA in Finance from The University of Iowa and his MBA in Finance from DePaul University.

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