

PRESS RELEASE

LM Capital Group Selected by State Universities Retirement System of Illinois for Asset Management of \$50 Million

San Diego, December 17, 2010: LM Capital Group, LLC, a leading San Diego-based fixed income investment manager for institutional clients, announces the recent mandate award from State Universities Retirement System of Illinois (SURS). LM Capital Group will manage \$50 million in SURS assets under the Opportunistic Core fixed income strategy.

As of June 30, 2010, SURS assets totaled \$12.0 billion, with retirement, survivor, disability, and death benefits being provided to over 212,000 members world-wide. SURS serves 68 employers in Illinois including public universities, community colleges and other affiliated state agencies.

About the Opportunistic Core Fixed Income Product: LM Capital Group's Opportunistic Core (Core Plus) fixed-income portfolios are comprised of Treasuries, agencies, investment-grade corporate issues and mortgage-backed securities. In addition, LM Capital Group opportunistically invests in the following three sectors: US Dollar denominated emerging market debt (0 - 20%), US high yield (0 - 10%) and non-US Dollar denominated bonds (0 - 10%), with the total allocation to plus sectors never exceeding 30%.

LM Capital Group's philosophy is centered on the belief that money is a commodity whose price, or interest rate, is governed by the laws of supply and demand, and that global economic, political, and social factors significantly influence this equation.

About LM Capital Group, LLC: LM Capital Group, LLC was founded in 1989 by Luis Maizel and John Chalker to provide fixed income investment services to the institutional investor. By utilizing a long term macro-economic, fundamental investment approach to assemble fixed-income portfolios, LM Capital Group has been successful in providing clients with the most attractive investment opportunities available. The firm is a 65 percent employee owned minority business (Hispanic), employed by public agencies, corporations and foundations nationwide. LM Capital Group manages \$4.6 billion in four fixed income strategies: Short Term, Intermediate, Active Core, and Opportunistic Core (Core Plus). For more information on LM Capital Group, please contact Richard Deary, Director – Business Development, at 619.814.1401, or visit the LM Capital Group website at www.lmcapital.com.