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## Investment Professionals Optimistic for 2010

*CAPTRUST Executive participates in "Investment Outlook 2010" to discuss economic and financial conditions for the New Year.*

**Raleigh, N.C.** (Jan 12, 2010) – Eric Freedman, Managing Director of Research at CAPTRUST Financial Advisors, joined other local investment professionals for the NC Investment Roundtable Monday, January 11. Hosted by the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, "Investment Outlook 2010" assembled members of the investment management community to initiate a diverse discussion panel that included area asset managers, consultants, financial advisors and their clients.

"The tone the roundtable discussion was generally one of cautious optimism," said Freedman, who has been a member of the CAPTRUST team since 2006 and currently oversees the firm's consulting research group. "I reiterated our view as a firm that the glass is half full with respect to the macro economy. In 2010 we expect economies to adjust and improve, albeit at a gradual and measured pace."

Moderator Greg Brown, Finance Professor at UNC, led the group as they addressed the challenges faced within their organizations based on the latest developments and trends in the financial marketplace. Other areas of debate included inflation, commercial real estate, reversing easy monetary policy, and aggregate debt levels around the world.

"This roundtable was yet another great opportunity to showcase the high level of investment talent that is converging in the Triangle Region," said J. Fielding Miller, CEO and co-founder of CAPTRUST Financial Advisors. "As Wall Street continues to disappoint, some of the brightest minds in the industry have migrated out of the city and found a new home in our back yard. This influx of talent combined with the strength and support of our local universities, creates a trend that we expect to continue for some time. We expect to see a growing number of investment research, asset management, financial advisory and hedge fund businesses relocate or launch from our area in the next decade."

### **About CAPTRUST Financial Advisors**

CAPTRUST Financial Advisors is an independent investment research and advisory firm specializing in providing strategic advisory services to retirement plan fiduciaries, executives, and high net-worth

individuals. Headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., the firm represents \$28 billion in client assets with offices in Alabama, California, Georgia, Mississippi, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington D. C.

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**About the NC Investment Roundtable**

The NC Investment Roundtable was established in 2008 to bring together local investment professionals to debate current market conditions while creating a unique educational and networking association between the investment management community and local endowments, foundations, pensions, high net worth individuals and family offices.

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