



Mark Chertok Joins FTI Consulting as Head of Its Financial Outsourcing Group

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NEW YORK, Nov. 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- FTI Consulting, Inc. (NYSE: FCN), a global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations protect and enhance their enterprise value, today announced that its real estate practice, The Schonbraun McCann Group (SMG), has appointed Mark Chertok (52) as a senior managing director leading its financial outsourcing group, providing outsourced finance and accounting services to clients in the real estate and financial services industries.

Mr. Chertok brings more than 30 years of experience within the domestic and international real estate and financial services industries to SMG and is widely regarded for his expertise in outsourcing, crisis management, workouts, real estate finance, initial public offerings, mergers and acquisitions and due diligence.

"The services provided by our Financial Outsourcing professionals play an integral role in guiding our clients in today's challenging economy, and we are honored that Mr. Chertok has come onboard to lead this very important group," said SMG senior managing director and group leader Bruce S. Schonbraun. "These are unprecedented times for many companies, specifically in the real estate and financial services industry, and Mr. Chertok's extensive contributions as both an interim and permanent CFO for numerous real estate companies will further strengthen FTI's expertise stabilizing companies in transition."

Most recently, Mr. Chertok was an independent financial consultant working with such companies as Petra Capital, Ruben Companies, Ladder Capital Finance (start-up), and MUUS Asset Management. Prior to this, he served as chief financial officer for the El-Ad Group in New York, as well as the CFO for NorthStar Realty Finance, where he also led its successful \$195-million IPO in 2004.

Mr. Chertok is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He earned a BS in accounting from New York University.

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About The Schonbraun McCann Group

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