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The Huntington Investment Company Announces Central Ohio Expansion

Company to open two new offices with nearly a dozen new financial advisors

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Huntington Investment Company has announced an expansion in Central Ohio that includes the opening of two new office locations and hiring several veteran financial advisors from both regional and wire house firms. The effort is a continuation of The Huntington Investment Company's planned expansion strategy announced in 2009.

"Huntington is committed to expanding our investment team and the services they offer to our customers," said Daniel B. Benhase, Huntington senior executive vice president and director of Huntington's Private Financial Group. "We are creating an environment where investment professionals can succeed in delivering a broad base of products to ensure our customers are receiving excellent investment advice."

Leading the expansion effort is Stan Evans, director of Huntington Wealth Advisors, who is confident that the growing team will be well positioned to continue Huntington's investment success. "We've been speaking with hundreds of top-notch advisors from throughout our markets and are looking forward to continuing to bring outstanding talent on board," he said.

The new office in Dublin, Ohio, at 6755 Avery-Muirfield Drive, is expected to be complete by April 1, 2010. Financial counselors Sherry Maynard, John Stewart and Sheri Wojcik are among the new team members who will be supporting clients at the Dublin office. Additionally, a New Albany office, located at 220 Market Street, is slated to open in early April.

To assure its expanding customer base will receive high quality advice, The Huntington Investment Company will continue to seek experienced and successful representatives to join the Huntington team. For questions regarding employment opportunities, please contact Stan Evans at 614-480-3316.

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subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, we provide full-service commercial and consumer banking services, mortgage banking services, equipment leasing, investment management, trust services, brokerage services, customized insurance service program, and other financial products and services. Our over 600 banking offices are located in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of over 1,300 ATMs. The Auto Finance and Dealer Services group offers automobile loans to consumers and commercial loans to automobile dealers within our six-state banking franchise area. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Private Financial Group offices in Florida and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. International banking services are available through the headquarters office in Columbus and a limited purpose office located in the Cayman Islands and another in Hong Kong.

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