



THE CHICAGO CORPORATION

*The Chicago Corporation Announces  
Its Acquisition of Highland Ridge Capital  
To Further Enhance Value for Clients*

**Press Release**

**Brooks Crankshaw joins firm as Managing Director and Partner**

**May 8, 2018, Chicago, IL** – The Chicago Corporation, an independent investment bank in Chicago, announced the acquisition of Highland Ridge Capital, expanding the firm’s capabilities.

The Chicago Corporation specializes in merger and acquisition advisory, private placements, valuation and fairness opinions, restructuring and recapitalization, and strategic alternatives analysis. The firm’s expertise supports clients considering growth, changing capital structure, ownership transition, and liquidity.

Prior to the acquisition, Highland Ridge specialized in similar types of transactions in the manufacturing and business services sectors. The firm was led by Brooks Crankshaw, Founder and CEO. Prior to founding Highland Ridge, he served as a Managing Director of JP Morgan Securities. Crankshaw will become a Managing Director of The Chicago Corporation.

Highland Ridge Community Funding, formerly an affiliate of Highland Ridge Capital, will continue to participate in transactions involving New Markets Tax Credits, a federal program administered by a division of the U.S. Treasury Department.

Crankshaw said “The Chicago Corporation is a world-class investment banking organization with broad expertise, long history, and outstanding reputation. The firm’s focus on delivering financial solutions that support clients’ unique strategies is particularly impressive. I am very pleased to be joining the firm. “

Frederic Floberg, Managing Director of The Chicago Corporation, said, “We are pleased Brooks has chosen to join The Chicago Corporation. He brings years of experience, valuable relationships and deal expertise that is incremental to what we already have in place. He will be a key member of the team going forward.”

**About The Chicago Corporation**

The Chicago Corporation provides corporate finance services for private companies with revenues between \$20 and \$300 million. The firm’s eight investment bankers have worked with companies in multiple industries across the US and Europe. An elite team of senior advisors offer diverse industry competencies to transactions in each advisor’s specialization. The firm is committed to providing the highest quality of services to its clients and seeks to add value in every situation.

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