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## Columbia Management.

### Columbia Management Names New Head of Global Consultant Relations

Robert “Toby” Cromwell has joined Columbia Management as head of global consultant relations, responsible for managing a team of professionals that is dedicated to enhancing the firm’s relationships with institutional investment consultants. He will work with John Meihoff and Mike Beckerman, the other members of Columbia Management’s consultant relations team.

A 22-year veteran of the financial services industry, Cromwell will work closely with Columbia Management’s senior executives and sales professionals to raise awareness of the sophisticated equity, fixed-income and short-term liquidity strategies Columbia Management offers institutional investors. As of December 31, 2007, Columbia Management and its affiliates managed approximately \$230.3 billion for institutional clients, including corporate pension plans; Taft-Hartley plans; public funds; insurance companies; and foundations and endowments.

“Toby has a proven track record of developing relationships with institutional investment consultants, and I know he will successfully communicate our institutional experience, capabilities and products to these important gate-keepers,” said Columbia Management President Michael A. Jones, to whom Cromwell reports.

Cromwell joins Columbia Management from Ashfield Capital Partners LLC, a San Francisco-based money manager, where he oversaw institutional marketing, sales, and consultant relations. Prior to that role, Cromwell was a member of the consultant relations team at Robeco Investment Management in New York. He also was also responsible for the institutional marketing, sales, and client-service efforts for Transamerica Investment Management, LLC in Los Angeles.

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Columbia Management and its affiliates comprise the wealth and investment management division of Bank of America Corporation. As of December 31, 2007, Columbia Management and its affiliates managed assets of \$643.5 billion. Columbia Management and its affiliates’ managed assets includes assets under the discretionary management of Columbia Management Advisors, LLC (\$370.2 billion); Columbia Wanger Asset Management, L.P. (\$36.8 billion); U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management (\$225.2 billion); Premier Banking & Investments (\$22.9 billion), and United States Trust Company, National Association, including its subsidiary, USTAdvisers, Inc. (\$112.3 billion). Please note that, when the assets for these entities are aggregated, the total assets will be greater than the Columbia Management and its affiliates’ assets as a result of sub advisory relationships between the various entities.

Columbia Management Group, LLC (“Columbia Management”) is the primary investment manager of Bank of America Corporation. Columbia Management entities furnish investment management services and products to institutional and individual investors.

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