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## Mid Oaks hires Associate

Mid Oaks Investments LLC is pleased to announce that Chris Willis has joined the Firm as an Associate. Chris will assist Mid Oaks in its pursuit of investing in private operating businesses and will focus on analyzing new investment opportunities and the Firm's existing portfolio of investments.

Prior to joining Mid Oaks, Chris worked in the investment banking divisions of Cleary Gull Inc. and Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc., where he focused on merger and acquisition advisory and debt and equity financing services for public and private companies in the manufacturing, distribution and healthcare industries.

Chris began his professional career at Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P. where he worked in the Assurance and Advisory Services practice and focused on merger and acquisition due diligence and financial statement audits for public and private companies in the manufacturing, financial services, retail and energy industries.

Chris graduated cum laude with a B.B.A. in Accounting and Finance from the University of Northern Iowa and is currently pursuing his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business. Chris is a certified public accountant.

Mid Oaks has been investing the capital of its principals in private businesses for over 20 years. The Firm's objective is to invest in profitable growing niche manufacturing companies.