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## **Crouch Joins Mid Oaks Investments as Managing Director**

**BUFFALO GROVE, Ill. (April 2007)** – Mid Oaks Investments LLC is pleased to welcome David L. Crouch as a new managing director. In this role, Crouch will assist Mid Oaks’ efforts to invest in private operating businesses and will focus on identifying and analyzing new investment opportunities. Crouch will also work with Mid Oaks’ existing portfolio of investments.

Crouch brings valuable financial and investment knowledge to his role with Mid Oaks. Prior to joining Mid Oaks, Crouch worked in the corporate and investment banking group of BMO Capital Markets, a full-service, North American financial services provider. At BMO, he was responsible for originating loans to private equity funds and working closely with the equity funds’ portfolio companies. Before joining BMO, Crouch was with Bank of America in Middle Market Corporate banking. He began his professional career as a product engineer at Chrysler Corporation where he was involved with the design of the LH Platform which included the Dodge Intrepid and Chrysler LHS and today is the Chrysler 300C and 300M.

“David’s diverse background and intimate knowledge of the financial world will be of great benefit to Mid Oaks as we expand our portfolio,” said Wayne Kocourek, chairman and CEO of Mid Oaks.

Crouch received a Master of Business Administration degree in finance and strategic management from Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business and a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame. He is a member of the Chicago ACG, Indiana and Notre Dame’s Alumni Clubs, and a member of the Union League Club of Chicago.

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**About Mid Oaks Investments LLC**

Based in Buffalo Grove, Ill., Mid Oaks is a private investment firm with over 20 years of experience in investing its principals' capital in private equity investment opportunities in operating businesses. The firm's objective is to invest in profitable, growing, niche manufacturing companies. Mid Oaks' investment philosophy is to create long-term, fundamental value in the businesses they acquire. Mid Oaks invests its own funds alongside business-owning managers who share Mid Oaks' investment philosophy, eliminating the pressures of third-party influencers. The result of this unique partnership is time and flexibility to execute business strategies and increase operating incomes. Mid Oaks' professional management staff also brings years of diverse experience in manufacturing operations to the companies they acquire. For more information on Mid Oaks, visit [www.midoaks.com](http://www.midoaks.com) or call (847) 215-3475.

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