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## **WealthTrust LLC Acquires DeGreen Wealth Management**

*Acquisition continues WealthTrust's growth strategy of acquiring top-tier wealth management firms serving high net worth individuals and families*

**Nashville, TN -- November 14, 2006** -- WealthTrust LLC announced today that the company has acquired DeGreen Wealth Management, a leading provider of wealth management strategies for high net worth individuals, with more than \$560 million of assets under management and offices in Scottsdale and Chandler, AZ. The acquisition advances WealthTrust's growth strategy and extends their national footprint into the southwest market. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Under the agreement, the office will be re-branded as WealthTrust-Arizona. Other than the retirement of Keith DeGreen, all executive management and employees remain intact.

"DeGreen has done a tremendous job of building a stellar reputation by serving high net worth individuals with innovative financial solutions that build and maintain wealth," says M. Rush "Rusty" Benton, chief executive officer of WealthTrust LLC. "The management team, including Jeff Krueg, Paul Ahern, and Ben Wilson, add to WealthTrust's national talent pool while continuing to serve the rapidly growing Southwest market."

WealthTrust provides its affiliates with value add support in the areas of client service, sales and marketing, compliance, operations, technology, and corporate development. With this transaction, WealthTrust will hold ownership in 10 affiliated firms across the United States, employing 125 people and collectively managing more than \$6.4 billion in assets.

According to WealthTrust-Arizona CEO Jeff Krueg, "This new partnership enhances our ability to service our clients and provides us with a comprehensive financial platform for our clients to realize greater value for their wealth management needs. WealthTrust's technology, support structure and service delivery model fits well with our own model and tradition of customer service. We remain focused on the integration of estate planning and financial management needs of high-net worth individuals and families."

WealthTrust's headquarters are located in Nashville, TN. The Company affiliates presently include: WealthTrust Advisors (Charlotte, NC; Paducah, KY); WealthTrust - DunckerStreett (St. Louis, MO); WealthTrust FBB (Bethesda, MD); WealthTrust - Kanawha Capital (Richmond, VA); WealthTrust - Arizona (Scottsdale, AZ); Delta Asset Management (Memphis, TN); Greenwood Capital

Associates (Greenwood, SC); Harvey Investment Company (Louisville, KY); Optimum Investment Advisors (Chicago, IL; San Francisco, CA); and Wilbanks, Smith & Thomas Asset Management (Norfolk, VA);

### **WealthTrust LLC**

WealthTrust LLC (“WealthTrust”) is a Nashville, TN based strategic financial partner for U.S based investment counseling firms which provide comprehensive wealth management services to select families, individuals and public and private entities. WealthTrust currently has an ownership interest in ten affiliated firms which collectively manage approximately \$6.4 billion in assets. WealthTrust strengthens its affiliates by providing support and specialists in the areas of compliance, back office support, technology, operations, and client services, augmenting investment advisors’ ability to focus on client related objectives. For more information, go to [www.wealthtrust.com](http://www.wealthtrust.com), or call 615-297-6884