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**Zero Alpha Group Announces New President**



**(West Des Moines, IA) February 26, 2008** - Mark Stadlander, Chief Executive Officer of Foster Group, has recently been appointed President of Zero Alpha Group [ZAG]. Foster Group is a founding member of ZAG, an international consortium of nine independent investment advisors, which manage in excess of \$8 billion. Members of Zero Alpha Group are committed to providing objective, long-term private wealth management solutions to investors, focusing on asset allocation and a structured, quantitative approach to investing. Firms in the Zero Alpha Group network share a common philosophy about investing and client service - a commitment to passive, tax-managed investment strategies while providing an independent financial planning solution for investors. These same firms all share an equal commitment to the highest standard of fiduciary responsibility and have successfully undergone a rigorous certification process through CEFEX. This was done to assure that client assets are receiving the highest standard of care.

Founded in 1989, today Foster Group is comprised of a team of twenty four individuals, including seven partners. Foster Group manages in excess of \$950 million, serving approximately 700 clients in 38 states. They provide comprehensive wealth management services to financially established individuals, trusts, retirement plans, non-profit organizations, and fiduciaries. Their clients are typically concerned with growing assets, preserving capital, and minimizing the risks that abound in today's marketplace. Foster Group is a Registered Investment Advisor, serving each client in a fiduciary capacity.

In addition to his new role as President of ZAG, Mark is in charge of the day-to-day operations of Foster Group offices and oversees activity within client portfolios. A Certified Financial Planner™ certificant, Mark is a member of the Financial Planning Association and periodically speaks for the Iowa Medical Society on topics regarding investment strategies. His expertise regarding financial issues has been quoted in local and national media and publications, and he has also been named in *Worth Magazine* as one of the top 250 financial advisors in the United States. Mark and his wife Cyndy have three daughters and a son. They enjoy many outdoor activities on their farm in the country.