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Zurich and Walnut Advisory Group offer new insurance program for owners of habitational properties

Schaumburg, Ill., January 11, 2011 – Zurich, one of the largest writers of program insurance in the U.S., today announced Walnut Advisory Group (WAG) has signed on as a Zurich program administrator to sell non-catastrophe property and general liability insurance to owners of apartment buildings and garden-style co-ops and condos.

WAG, a managing general agency, will provide the following core product offerings and endorsement through retail agents:

- Property
- General liability
- Property enhancement endorsement

“For more than four decades, Zurich has worked with dynamic program administrators who have experience underwriting insurance for niche businesses,” said Craig Fundum, president of Programs & Direct Markets for Zurich North America Commercial. “Walnut Advisory Group exemplifies a PA who combines its underwriting knowledge and market intelligence gained from surveying its customers and performing inspections and building valuations to grow profitably, even in a tough market cycle.”

This new program is available in all U.S. states except Alaska, Florida, and Hawaii.

In addition to the new habitational properties program, WAG also sells a professional liability insurance program backed by Zurich, which had its financial

strength rating recently upgraded to A+, Superior, with a stable outlook by A.M. Best Company¹.

For more information about WAG's Habitational Program, go to <http://www.walnutadvisory.com>. For more information about programs offered by Zurich, go to <http://www.ZProgramsMatch.com>.

About Zurich

Zurich in North America is a part of Zurich Financial Services Group (Zurich), an insurance-based financial services provider with a global network of subsidiaries and offices in North America and Europe as well as in Asia Pacific, Latin America and other markets. Founded in 1872, the Group is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland and employs approximately 60,000 people serving customers in more than 170 countries, including more than 9,500 employees in North America.

Zurich entered the U.S. market in 1912. According to Highline Data LLC (NAIC 2008), Zurich in North America (www.zurichna.com) is the second-largest writer of commercial general liability insurance and the fourth-largest commercial property-casualty insurance company, serving the global corporate, large corporate, middle market, specialties and programs sectors. Zurich's risk engineering services in the United States are provided by Zurich Services Corporation.

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¹ Rating as of Jan. 11, 2011. Insurance coverages are underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company. Insurance product obligations are the sole responsibility of each underwriting insurance company. For complete information on the ratings of the underwriting companies of Zurich in North America, go to <http://www3.ambest.com/frames/frameserver.asp?site=press&tab=1&altsrc=14&altnum=&refnum=65494654775146576652>.