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Mike Ovshak Attends Prestigious Chairman's Retreat

New Brighton, Minnesota (February 16, 2011)—Mike Ovshak, CFP® and President of FPS Financial, Inc., in New Brighton, MN, gathered with a group of elite financial advisors and industry leaders invited to participate in Commonwealth Financial Network's Chairman's Retreat, January 30 through February 1, 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Chairman's Retreat is Commonwealth's highest level of recognition, representing just 2 percent of the firm's advisor network, and is an intensive learning and networking experience designed to support the industry's elite in providing continued leadership and education to investors. Commonwealth, FPS Financial's independent broker/dealer, was ranked "Highest in Independent Advisor Satisfaction Among Financial Investment Firms" by J.D. Power and Associates in the 2010 Financial Advisor Satisfaction Study.*

The 2011 Chairman's Retreat presented perspectives and strategies for managing today's unique challenges and achieving a greater sense of control, quality, and satisfaction in the lives of the advisors and their clients.

"Ovshak and his team at FPS Financial are proven leaders in any environment," said Joe Deitch, Chairman of Commonwealth. "But we know these are extraordinary times, and by attending this exclusive event, Ovshak has received tangible tools and resources to strengthen the core of his firm so that he can continue to provide the highest level of service and value to his clients."

Ovshak had the exclusive opportunity to study with financial industry experts, including C. Bruce Johnstone, managing director, senior marketing investment strategist, and 41-year veteran at Fidelity Investments; Richard Clarke, former head of U.S. counterterrorism and one of the world's foremost experts on national security; and Shawn Achor, a nationally recognized expert in the field of positive psychology, and recipient of more than a dozen distinguished teaching awards at Harvard University.

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"Having the opportunity to spend time with some of the premier business leaders in the country has a direct impact on how we work with our clients and employees. These learning opportunities allow our firm to stay on the cutting edge of practice management initiatives," said Ovshak.

About FPS Financial, Inc.

Founded in Year, FPS Financial is an independent, locally owned firm located in New Brighton, MN, supporting investors in numerous areas of financial services and investment solutions. Securities and advisory services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network. For more information, please visit www.fpsfinancial.net. Securities and Advisory Services offered through Commonwealth Financial Network[®], Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser

About Commonwealth Financial Network[®]

Founded in 1979, Commonwealth Financial Network, member FINRA/SIPC, and a registered investment adviser, is the largest, privately owned independent broker/dealer in the U.S., with headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts, and San Diego, California. J.D. Power and Associates ranked Commonwealth, “Highest in Independent Advisor Satisfaction among Financial Investment Firms” in its 2010 Financial Advisor Satisfaction Study*. The firm supports more than 1,200 independent registered representatives nationwide and makes available a comprehensive array of financial products and services. For more information, please visit www.commonwealth.com.

*Commonwealth Financial Network received the highest numerical score in the independent advisor segment in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Financial Advisor Satisfaction StudySM. Study based on 2,863 total responses and measures overall financial advisor satisfaction among advisors registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) investment firms. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of financial advisors surveyed in February–June and July–August, 2010. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

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