

**PERELLA WEINBERG PARTNERS ANNOUNCES
ACQUISITION OF XERION CAPITAL PARTNERS**

**Xerion Founder Daniel J. Arbess Joins
Perella Weinberg Partners As Partner**

New York and London, October 1, 2007 – Perella Weinberg Partners today announced that it has acquired Xerion Capital Partners (“Xerion”), a New York-based investment manager that focuses on distressed credit and special situations investments. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed. Daniel J. Arbess, Xerion’s founder and Managing Principal, will join the Firm as a Partner. The entire Xerion investment and business teams will join the Firm as well. As part of this transaction Perella Weinberg Partners initially plans to invest \$100 million in strategies managed by Arbess.

William Kourakos, one of the Firm’s founding partners said, “This acquisition gives Perella Weinberg Partners a highly regarded team with a strong record of accomplishment investing in distressed and special situations just as the credit markets are presenting very dynamic opportunities. We think Dan is a terrific investor and see a bright future ahead for this team’s core strategies.”

“We are very pleased to welcome Dan and his team to Perella Weinberg Partners,” said Terry Meguid, also a founding partner of the Firm. “This acquisition represents a cornerstone in establishing a broader presence for the Firm in the credit markets.”

Daniel Arbess said, “The Xerion team sees excellent synergies in joining Perella Weinberg Partners, which has established a best-in-class investment management platform based on the strong reputation of the Firm’s founding partners. I believe this combination is strategic for Xerion, immediately accretive for our investors and professional team and will propel us farther and more efficiently than other alternatives. This transaction will bring Xerion and its clients to the next level at a time of increased opportunities for our strategies.”

About Daniel J. Arbess

Daniel Arbess is the founding partner and the chief investment officer of Xerion Capital Partners. Mr. Arbess has been engaged in complex corporate reorganizations and special situations for most of his 20-year professional career, having been continuously engaged in the U.S. leveraged and distressed credit markets since 1998. Prior to forming Xerion Partners in late 2002, he headed the restructuring and distressed effort at a New York CDO manager. Mr. Arbess began his professional career in 1987 as an associate at White & Case, an international law firm. He became a partner of White & Case in 1992 and was named the firm's Head of Global Privatization the same year. He has served on numerous official and ad hoc stakeholder committees over the years. Mr. Arbess received law degrees at Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto) and the Harvard Law School.

About Xerion Capital Partners

Xerion pursues event-driven opportunities, targeting distressed and otherwise out-of-favor or overlooked special situations, with the goal of providing minimally-correlated returns in varied market conditions. Xerion investment strategies aim to leverage a global worldview developed by Daniel J. Arbess over his 20 years' experience in transitional and special situations, domestic and international. Xerion has historically invested in issuer capital structures wherever it finds the best fundamental value. Xerion was launched in January 2003, initially focusing on U.S. distressed credit opportunities. The Xerion Investment Team focuses on fundamental investment strategies and process.

About Perella Weinberg Partners

Launched in June 2006, Perella Weinberg Partners is an independent, privately owned financial services firm that provides corporate advisory and asset management services to clients around the world. Today, in its Austin, London, and New York offices, the firm comprises 30 partners and approximately 150 employees recruited from a wide variety of leading financial institutions. Perella Weinberg Partners has raised over \$1 billion from a global group of investors to establish the operations of the firm and to fund its asset management initiatives. For further information, please visit www.pwpartners.com.

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