

Stronghold Advisors, a JPB Enterprises Company, Appoints Melissaratos to Board of Advisors



Columbia, MD – April 17, 2009 – Stronghold Advisors, a middle-market advisory firm in the Mid-Atlantic region, announced today that it has added government and business leader Aris Melissaratos to its Advisory Board. Melissaratos joins nine other executives with broad experience in a range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, government contracting, technology, healthcare, life sciences, construction & engineering, retail and business services.

“I am delighted to have Mr. Melissaratos, an accomplished business and government leader with broad experience and a strong track record, on our Advisory Board. We welcome his substantial expertise to provide advice and support to our company in driving growth and innovation,” says J.P. Bolduc, partner and chairman of Stronghold Advisors, and CEO of JPB Enterprises.

The Board of Advisors helps the company gain additional expertise and experience from individuals possessing knowledge of business and government outside the company. The advisory board interacts with Stronghold’s management, lending its expertise in many areas, including future business development opportunities, key industry trends, strategic partnerships, and dealings with the investment/financing community.

Melissaratos currently serves as senior advisor to the president of Johns Hopkins University with responsibilities for technology transfer, corporate partnerships, and enterprise development. In addition to several private business ventures, he served with Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich as secretary of the state’s Department of Business and Economic Development. Previously, he was Westinghouse’s chief technology officer and vice president for science and technology, responsible for running Westinghouse’s research and development

functions. He also served as the chief operations officer for the company's Defense Electronics Group. He currently serves as a director of Spherix, Inc. and Avatech Solutions, Inc., both publically-held companies.

Stronghold's other advisors include Steven L. Tiedemann, Esq. (Chair), LTG (Ret.) Joe Ballard, Steven Adler, Joseph Cicero, Rick Uhlig, Mike March, Isaac Kaufman, Richard Purcell, and Jim Flyzik.

JPB Enterprises is a family of companies that includes Stronghold Advisors (<http://www.stronghold-advisors.com>), a leading middle-market advisory firm in the Mid-Atlantic region. It provides M&A and strategic growth advisory services to family-owned and closely-held businesses. Other JPBE affiliates include JPB Accounting Services, The HR Team, and several real estate and private equity investment funds.

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