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**RHUMBLINE ADVISERS HIRES ALEXANDER RYER, CFA, FRM, CAIA,
AS DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS**

Firm Welcomes Back Veteran Investment Pro

BOSTON, May 25, 2016 – RhumbLine Advisers, an institutional asset management firm specializing in index-based strategies, today announced it has added to its portfolio management team by hiring Alexander D. Ryer as Director of Investments. Ryer returns to RhumbLine after more than 10 years apart, having previously spent time at industry giants such as Blackrock and Northern Trust.

In his new role, Mr. Ryer will increase the firm's capacity within its Portfolio Management group and enhance the investment team's expertise in smart beta, factor modeling, international investing and fixed income. Leveraging his diverse background, Mr. Ryer will also help the firm broaden its range of product offerings, engage with other thought leaders in the investment community and position the firm for future growth. Mr. Ryer will report to Chief Investment Officer, Norman H. Meltz.

"We are thrilled to welcome Alex back to the RhumbLine crew as we celebrate 25 years of business and chart our course forward," said Wayne Owen, the firm's Co-Founder and CEO. "It's exciting when you have a talented investment professional like Alex rejoin the firm after spending several years with BlackRock, Northern Trust Asset Management and SSgA."

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Mr. Ryer comes to RhumbLine from Blackrock, where he was most recently a Senior Quantitative Research Analyst who created quantitative alpha models for all of the firm's fundamental active equity teams and performed research into thematic exposures and factor positioning. Prior to Blackrock, Mr. Ryer spent eight years with Northern Trust Asset Management as a Senior Portfolio Manager in various groups, where he researched and traded securities in areas including equity and fixed income, large and small cap, domestic, international, emerging, fundamental active, quantitative active, smart beta and passive. Before moving to Northern Trust in 2005, Mr. Ryer had spent two years at RhumbLine as a portfolio manager after beginning his investment career with State Street Global Advisors in 2000.

Mr. Ryer will be a member of RhumbLine's Investment Committee, manage a range of portfolios and frequently interact with clients. "One of the unique aspects of our firm is the exceptional access clients have to the senior management team, including our portfolio managers and CEO," said Denise D'Entremont, General Partner and Director of Marketing and Client Service at RhumbLine. "Alex will be able to seamlessly contribute to our investment process and deliver what clients expect of RhumbLine. We believe our clients will benefit greatly from his expertise."

"I am delighted to be a part of such a strong talented team at RhumbLine," said Mr. Ryer. "The firm has great focus on passive products, strong infrastructure, an impressive client list and a terrific work environment. I'm truly thrilled to bring my expertise to this unique organization and look forward to contributing to the continued success of RhumbLine."

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About RhumbLine Advisers

RhumbLine Advisers is Boston-based investment firm founded in 1990 that specializes in managing index-based strategies for institutional investors. As an independent, employee-owned firm, we focus on delivering attentive and personalized service to our clients while providing low-cost, passive investment management. As of 03/31/16, RhumbLine manages more than \$33 billion across its index-based products for over 190 clients in 30 states. For more information about RhumbLine Advisers, visit www.rhumblinesadvisers.com.

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