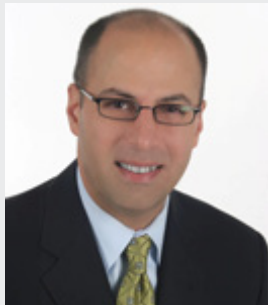


KPMG Corporate Finance LLC Welcomes Jack F. DiFranco as Managing Director and Head of Automotive Investment Banking in Detroit



Jack F. DiFranco
Managing Director and
Head of Automotive Investment Banking

Jack DiFranco will lead KPMGCF's U.S. Automotive Investment Banking efforts

KPMG Corporate Finance LLC (KPMGCF) is pleased to announce the hiring of Jack DiFranco, Managing Director, effective September 30, 2011. Jack will be based in KPMG's Detroit office and will be focused on further developing the Company's automotive and industrial markets investment banking practice.

Jack joins KPMGCF from Grant Thornton, where he served as national managing principal of that entity's Corporate Finance unit, a position he was appointed to in 2007. In 2010, after managing the sale of GT's Supply Chain Services Group to KPMG, he was given national leadership responsibility for the firm's Private Equity Services team.

Prior to Grant Thornton, Jack worked at Stout Risius Ross from 1997 to 2006, serving most recently as a Managing Director in the investment banking group, which he founded. He also established Stout Risius's broker-dealer entity, and served as that group's Chief Compliance Officer. Before joining Stout Risius, Jack worked at First of Michigan Corporation, Varis Corporation, National Bank of Detroit, and Ernst & Young.

Jack earned his MBA degree at the University of Michigan, and his BS degree in finance at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. He has his Series 7, 63 and 24 certifications, and is a licensed residential builder in the State of Michigan.

"Jack's experience in Investment banking and automotive contacts will further develop our industry focus and expertise," said Phil Isom, Head of KPMG Corporate Finance LLC. "Jack will lead our automotive team and will support the growth of our U.S. practice in the automotive, as well as industrial sectors."

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