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## **LADENBURG THALMANN COMPLETES KMS FINANCIAL SERVICES ACQUISITION**

**Transaction Strengthens Ladenburg's Presence in the Pacific Northwest; Adds over \$14 Billion in Client Assets, Approximately 325 Independent Financial Advisors and \$84 Million in Revenue**

**Miami, FL – October 16, 2014** – Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE MKT: LTS, LTS PrA) (“Ladenburg”), a publicly-traded diversified financial services company, announced today it has completed its previously announced acquisition of KMS Financial Services, Inc. (“KMS”), a leading Seattle-based independent broker-dealer and investment advisor with a strong presence in the Pacific Northwest.

Founded in 1971, KMS has approximately 325 independent financial advisors with over \$14 billion in client assets and revenues of approximately \$84 million for the 12 months ended June 30, 2014. Mark Hamby, KMS's Chairman and CEO, Eric Westberg, its President and COO, and the rest of the KMS management team will continue to operate KMS as a stand-alone business based in its current headquarters in Seattle, Washington.

“As part of Ladenburg, KMS' best-in-class advisors will have access to our industry-leading platform of services, while at the same time maintaining their unique identity and culture that has made them so successful over the last 40 years,” said Richard Lampen, Ladenburg's President and CEO.

“We are excited to be part of Ladenburg,” said Mark Hamby, Chairman and CEO of KMS. “Ladenburg's record of helping firms like ours grow and remain competitive is second to none in our industry. Our employees and advisors can expect access to new tools and resources to grow both personally as well as professionally.”

### **About Ladenburg Thalmann**

Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE MKT: LTS, LTS PrA) is a publicly-traded diversified financial services company based in Miami, Florida. Ladenburg's subsidiaries include industry-leading independent broker-dealer firms Securities America, Inc., Triad Advisors, Inc., Investacorp, Inc. and KMS Financial Services, Inc. as well as Premier Trust, Inc., Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management, Highland Capital Brokerage, Inc., a leading independent life insurance brokerage company, and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., an investment bank which has been a member of the New York Stock Exchange for 135 years. The company is committed to investing in the growth of its subsidiaries while respecting and maintaining their individual business identities, cultures and leadership. For more information, please visit [www.ladenburg.com](http://www.ladenburg.com)



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