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**FPV & Co. and Galíndez CPA Group merge to strengthen Russell Bedford presence in Puerto Rico**

*Fusion of two of Puerto Rico's most highly regarded CPA firms creates FPV & Galíndez, CPA, PSC - a new practice with broader capabilities and an expanded range of specialised services.*

**/24-7PressRelease/** - LONDON, UK, June 15, 2008 - The new professional services firm FPV & Galíndez, CPA, PSC has been launched as a result of a merger of FPV & Co., a member of Russell Bedford International since 2004, and Galíndez CPA Group.

The merger brings together four exceptional accounting and tax professionals: Rafael P rez Villarini, CPA and Marcos Claudio, CPA from FPV & Co. and Julio Galíndez, CPA and Carmen Lliteras, CPA from Galíndez CPA Group.

The new Russell Bedford member firm has a total staff of 34 professionals, of whom 13 are certified public accountants. The combined client portfolio comprises over 150 clients in the areas of audit and accounting, taxes and consulting.

The team from Galíndez CPA Group specializes in providing accounting and consulting services to the health and insurance industries. FPV's main client sectors include construction, real estate developers, auto dealerships, government bodies and non-profit organizations.

"This fusion will allow us to broaden our capabilities as we expand our range of specialized services, which we firmly believe will be of great benefit to our clients," commented partner Julio Galíndez.

The new firm is committed to following the corporate philosophy all four principals have always had in common: to provide an unsurpassed level of client-oriented service.

The mission of FPV & Galíndez is summarized by its slogan: Trust Worthy. "Our slogan represents our commitment and professionalism," said Rafael P rez Villarini. "We chose the word 'Trust' because our personal and professional relationships rely on the mutual confidence that exists between the firm and its clients ... and 'Worthy' because our relations with our clients and associates hold great value for us, and we want to deserve and maintain that trust."

The new firm is registered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as a professional service corporation of certified public accountants, License no. 202.

As was the case with its predecessor firms, FPV & Galíndez is part of the quality review program sponsored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Puerto Rico State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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