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### **MORGAN SAMUELS COMPANY PLACES KEY EXECUTIVES AT WAMU**

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – April 30, 2007 – Morgan Samuels Company, a leading national management consulting firm specializing in executive recruitment, today announced four executive placements at Washington Mutual. WaMu is one of the nation's leading consumer and small business banks.

The company appointed Jhoselin Fernandez as first vice president and senior regional manager, retail banking, Queens. Fernandez had most recently been the consumer market manager, northeast division at Bank of America. Previous to that, Fernandez was the district manager, New Jersey and Pennsylvania region at Fleet Boston Financial Corporation. Fernandez received her BS in Accounting from State University of New York, Old Westbury in Old Westbury, New York.

Also appointed was Eileen Aragon as first vice president and senior regional manager, retail banking, Fresno. Aragon had most recently been the vice president and regional service manager at WestAmerica Bank. Previous to that, Aragon was the assistant vice president and customer service manager at WestAmerica Bank.

Brandon North was named as first vice president and senior regional manager, retail banking, Tampa. North had most recently been the consumer market executive at Bank of America. Previous to that, North was the innovation design executive at Bank of America. North received his BS in Finance and BA in Spanish from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

WaMu also appointed Michael C. Fratantoni as senior manager, economic strategist. Fratantoni had most recently been the senior director, single family research and economics, research department at Mortgage Bankers Association. Previous to that, Fratantoni was the director, economic and policy research, regulatory policy department at Fannie Mae. Fratantoni received his PhD in Economics from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, his MS in Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and his BA in Economics from College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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