

# News Release

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## Willis Announces the Expansion of the Willis Canada Advisory Board

**Toronto, March 13, 2006** – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, announced today the appointment of three new members to the Canadian Advisory Board of Willis Canada Inc.

The Advisory Board is comprised of a group of senior Canadian business leaders and executives, uniquely positioned to provide advice and business networking contributions to assist Willis Canada to fulfill its potential as the pre-eminent global risk advisory and insurance brokerage firm.

Joining as senior members and advisors are Robert Hogan, D. Udo Nixdorf, and Bernard R. Wilson. The Board is poised for an exciting 2006, with its role to help guide the Canadian organization to become an exceptional professional services firm, and the number one broker and risk advisor in Canada.

In selecting these three appointments, Willis has culled from the top echelon of the Insurance and Finance sectors.

Hogan, LL.M. (Tax); LL.B., is a partner in the Montreal office of Stikeman Elliott, LLP and a member of the Tax Group. He specializes in corporate reorganizations, mergers and acquisitions, investment funds, cross-border financing and derivative products, partnerships, trusts, joint ventures and international taxation. With over 20 years of industry experience, his knowledge extends into both information technology and content creation, having served as a director of Discreet Logic, Inc., and Director and CEO of Malofilm Inc. He is recognized by LEXPERT, the Canadian legal directory, as a leading practitioner in the corporate tax and personal tax planning sectors. Hogan is a member of the Quebec Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Canadian Tax Foundation, and the *Association de planification fiscale et financière*. He is the author of several articles and has spoken at several conferences on income tax matters.

Nixdorf is an insurance expert with over 40 years experience with Chubb Insurance Co. of Canada (CICC), where he has held positions as Director, Senior Vice President and Manager of the Chubb Specialty Insurance business unit. Nixdorf continues to serve as an outside Director on Chubb Insurance Canada Board. Over the course of his career he has overseen the creation of an Insurance Engineering/Audit unit for Canada; participated in the development of the Canadian business strategy leading to the creation of CICC in 1981; refined the business strategy for Western Canada leading to the return to the B.C. market; assumed control of

fledgling lines of insurance including Directors & Officers Liability, Fiduciary Liability, Crime and KR/Extortion under the banner of Executive Protection Insurance; expanded both specialty insurance products and business focus, culminating in CICC's largest and most profitable commercial business unit; and managed the Commercial Lines Underwriting Unit. Nixdorf serves as a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), is the founding director of the Centre for Director and Board Development, and is a member of a variety of insurance related organizations including SFPE, PLUS, RIMS, CRIMS.

Wilson, FCA, ICD.D., formerly Vice Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers, where his career spanned 40 years, is a senior financial professional advisor in corporate finance and investment banking, international trade and commerce. He has extensive experience in major financial restructurings. Wilson has served in numerous leadership roles including: Chairman, Canadian Chamber of Commerce – Canada; Chairman, Canadian Council for International Business; Chairman of International Chamber of Commerce – Canada; and Member of the Canada/US Trade Committee. His business expertise includes a wide variety of corporate finance fields including acquisitions, mergers and divestitures; corporate restructuring and turnaround; accounting and auditing advisor; international trade; alternative dispute resolution as negotiator, mediator or arbitrator of large, complex commercial issues and disputes. Wilson currently serves as Chairman of the Institute of Corporate Directors; Chairman of Langstaff Equities Inc., Chairman of Ontario Business Advisory Council; Governor of Portage; Founder and Chairman, Meritus Network; Founder and Chairman of ICD Fellowship Awards Program.

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