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**December 4, 2009****GVA Kidder Mathews Adds Top Ranked Broker to S.F. Office**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (December 4, 2009) – San Francisco commercial real estate expert and 37-year veteran, Jeff Congdon, has joined GVA Kidder Mathews as an executive vice president in the firm's downtown San Francisco office focusing on institutional real estate investments.

During Congdon's career he has completed more than \$15 billion in transactions and has been recognized numerous times as a top producer with Cushman & Wakefield. Congdon spent 33 years with Cushman where he was consistently ranked number 1 in the Bay Area and served as the executive director of the firm's capital markets group for the last 15 years. Immediately prior to joining GVA Kidder Mathews, Jeff was executive vice president of Helmsley Spear West and Swig Equities West, where he led the firm's West Coast activities.

Congdon has been active in the Urban Land Institute for almost 30 years as a member of several different product councils and committees, and he is a member of the San Francisco Chapter of Lambda Alpha International, an international real estate organization

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