Photo Release -- LPL Financial Names Matthew Audette as New Chief Financial Officer

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BOSTON, June 01, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- LPL Financial LLC, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer*, a custodian for registered investment advisors (RIAs), and a wholly owned subsidiary of LPL Financial Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq:LPLA), today announced that it has named Matthew Audette as its new chief financial officer. Audette will report directly to LPL Chairman and CEO Mark Casady and will be based in the firm's San Diego office. He fills the role previously held by current LPL President Dan Arnold and will join the firm effective Sept. 28, 2015.

A photo accompanying this announcement is available at http://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/bacb0156-7ce0-4740-b12a-eeece686b84c

Audette comes to LPL Financial from E*TRADE Financial Corporation, where he most recently served as executive vice president and chief financial officer. In his new role, Audette will lead LPL in its efforts to provide even greater financial value and return for LPL's clients, shareholders and employees.

"Matt is an expert in capital allocation and is a leader in creating organizational efficiency, which will be invaluable as LPL enhances its client experience and continues its growth trajectory," said Casady. "In addition, he brings outstanding shareholder relations skills to the firm, which will help us to effectively share the LPL value proposition." Casady added, "Acting CFO Tom Lux will work alongside Matt to ensure a smooth transition. We thank Tom for stepping into the role of acting CFO and wish him well in his upcoming retirement."

With approximately 18 years of industry experience, Audette joined E*TRADE in 2000, following its acquisition of Telebank, an online bank, where he served as controller in the Capital Markets department. During his 16 years with E*TRADE, Audette was instrumental in the formation of the firm's Finance department and was a principal player in the growth of the franchise —overseeing a variety of corporate transactions and capital activities. In recent years, he helped orchestrate the firm's recovery —leading the company in its efforts to execute on a financial and capital plan. His track record has garnered the commitment of shareholders, the respect of the industry, and praise from his peers and the media alike. He began his career with KPMG in Washington, D.C., in its financial services practice.

"I am looking forward to joining LPL and working alongside such a strong leadership team," said Audette. "It is an ideal fit for me as I strongly believe in LPL's independent model as well as its values and mission of providing objective financial advice. In addition, the firm's entrepreneurial outlook and strong track record of growing market share and attracting new business provides an ideal opportunity for me to play a key role within a great organization."

*Based on total revenues, Financial Planning magazine, June 1996-2014

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