

**HighTower Expands with Margaret M. Towle, Ph.D., \$1 Billion Advisor in Seattle and Minneapolis | [Web](#)**

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**CHICAGO, Aug. 18, 2011 /PRNewswire/** -- HighTower, a national financial services company serving high net worth and institutional clients, announces that Margaret M. Towle, Ph.D., an advisor based in Seattle and Minneapolis, joined Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Dr. Towle, formerly an advisor with Greycourt, serves a select number of endowments and wealthy families, providing strategic and tactical asset allocation and investment strategies. She joins HighTower as a Partner and Managing Director and will serve on the firm's Group Investment Services (GIS) Steering Committee. The committee oversees the firm's broad investment capabilities, including traditional and alternative investment offerings, investment consulting and research.

"Dr. Towle is an exceptional addition to the HighTower partnership, delivering 28 years of experience in the financial industry across numerous senior positions," said HighTower Partner and Managing Director Matthias Kuhlmeier, head of HighTower's GIS division. "In addition, she brings with her a client base that includes more than \$1 billion of wealthy family and institutional assets under management. Her dedication to her clients and to delivering exceptional results is a testament to the high-caliber advisors HighTower continues to attract."

During Dr. Towle's tenure at Greycourt, she oversaw research and development across traditional and alternative asset classes. In 2009, Bloomberg Wealth Manager named her one of the Top 50 Women in Wealth. She also served a two-year term as a member of the Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA) board of directors. A former chair of the IMCA Advisory Council and member of IMCA's Investments & Wealth Monitor editorial advisory board, Dr. Towle has a long history of helping form the financial industry's key advisory groups.

"We empower leading advisors with greater access to best-in-class managers, research and custodial choices to better serve sophisticated client needs," said Kevin Geary, Director of Business Development for HighTower on the West Coast. "Advisors across the country and with vastly different backgrounds are recognizing the advantages of the HighTower model. They want to be a part of this innovative firm, where they have a voice in the HighTower partnership's strategic direction."

Prior to joining Greycourt, Dr. Towle served as Chief Investment Officer of Northern Trust Global Advisors. She holds the Certified Private Wealth Advisor® (CPWA) designation and earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington-Seattle. She completed post-graduate work in quantitative methods at the University of Michigan, as well as risk management courses in the executive education program at the University of Chicago's Booth Graduate School of Business.

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