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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Sobel & Co. Names New Leaders

*Livingston, NJ. January 1, 2017.* Sobel & Co. proudly announces that Elizabeth (Liz) Harper, CPA has become a Member of the Firm and Christopher Young, Ph.D., CVA, MAFF has been named as a Principal of the Firm commencing January 1, 2017. “These two highly seasoned and deeply respected professionals bring years of experience and unique perspectives to their new roles,” noted Managing Member Alan Sobel in making the announcement to the firm, “...and Sobel & Co. and our clients are the direct beneficiaries of their skills, talent and dedication.”

Liz joined Sobel & Co. in the fall of 2009 to assume the role of Quality Control Senior Manager and in 2014 she was promoted to Director with responsibility for reviewing all of the financial statements and service organization control (SOC) reports issued by the firm along with client correspondence in accordance with the established authoritative standards. In 2016, Liz was given the additional role as Director of the Employee Benefit Plans Audit Group and has now been elected as a Member of the Firm. Liz draws on insights gained based on her previous experiences at a "Big Four" firm and a local CPA firm as well as working in the private sector across a range of industries to add value for the firm and its clients.

“Throughout my career I have enjoyed working on a wide range of clients from entrepreneurial family-owned businesses to global opportunities that included companies like Philips Lighting, BMW, Symrise and Ricoh Corporation. As a result, I can apply the experience I have gained through exposure to many different situations to add value for the clients we serve at Sobel & Co. today and those we expect to serve nationally and internationally in the coming years.”

A graduate of Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Accounting, Liz is a Member of the New Jersey CPA (NJCPA) Society and serves as chair of their Accounting & Auditing Standards Interest Group. The Society named Liz a “Woman of Note” in 2016. She is a Member of the Financial Women Association (FWA) and Committee Co-Chair for their NJ Mentoring Program with Seton Hall University and recruits at her alma mater Montclair State University as well as The College of New Jersey.

Christopher Young, Principal of the Firm beginning January 1, 2017, joined Sobel & Co. in September 2012 with more than 18 years of experience in corporate finance, strategy, and economic analysis. Prior to joining the firm, Chris held many positions including Managing Director – Investment Banking at Berkery, Noyes & Co., Global-Director – Strategy, Financial Institutions Group at Dow Jones, and CFO and Vice President of Operations (Wealth Management Division) at Thomas Reuters.

“I have had a robust career spanning many aspects of the financial sector. It is my role leading our Valuation, Strategy and Litigation Support practice where I have been able to successfully integrate all of the skills and experiences I have gained over the years to really distinguish Sobel & Co. in our market.

I am energized by the dynamics of our practice group and the constantly shifting opportunities that evolve from such a fluid work environment. The firm’s focus on work-life balance enables me to enjoy my family and my community activities, including my involvement at Rutgers University, School of Business, where I focus on business ethics and strategy, while still delivering the highest levels of quality client service.”

Christopher serves our clients with a wide range of services and strategic solutions. These services include but are not limited to business valuations for the purpose of M&A, tax, matrimonial, and litigation purposes. Chris also provides performance benchmarking, market analysis and strategic advisory services to our clients. He also works closely with trial attorneys to calculate and assess commercial damages and provides expert testimony, as needed.

#### About Sobel & Co.

Sobel & Co., originally established in Newark, New Jersey, has been successfully serving middle market, entrepreneurial and family owned businesses since its inception in 1956. Today the firm operates from a single office in Livingston, NJ with over 110 professionals throughout the firm working in a client centric and nurturing culture that supports its reputation for delivering services and solutions across a range of industries. The firm was built on core values that speak to the staff’s commitment to each other, to clients and to the community. Under the guidance of Alan Sobel, Managing Member, the firm has continued to grow and flourish, enjoying its status as a leading regional firm in the community.

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