#### ALM First Expands Mortgage Pipeline Hedging Team, Welcomes Former Fannie Mae Manager

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**Dallas, Texas** – ALM First, a strategic partner for more than 300 financial institutions nationwide, is expanding its mortgage pipeline hedging team. Anthony Olson, previously a relationship manager with Fannie Mae, joined the firm as Director, Mortgage Pipeline Hedging, this week.

Anthony Olson

Description automatically generated with low confidencePrior to serving on Fannie’s National Client Delivery Team and Capital Markets Pricing and Sales Desk, Olson was a research analyst for Booz Allen Hamilton. He holds a master’s degree from Georgetown University in Finance and Real Estate along with a bachelor’s degree in economics from University of Michigan.

Olson will use his in-depth knowledge of mortgage pipeline hedging best practices to assist lenders as they seek to optimize execution and maximize profitability as they sell to the GSEs. “I’m excited about the opportunity to work with credit unions and other mortgage originators,” says Olson. “Maintaining your profit margin is critical in today’s dynamic environment, which is why ALM First chose to expand our team’s resources and expertise now to benefit our clients.”

As mortgage lenders seek to grab income from every possible source, more financial institutions are hedging their pipelines with ALM First. Credit unions, community banks and other mortgage lenders can potentially benefit from reduced costs, increased income and more clarity with the firm’s advanced analytics and reporting system along with the capital markets expertise ALM First has as a $55B asset manager.

“For more than a quarter-century, ALM First has been putting our clients’ best interests first,” said Emily Hollis, CFA and CEO of ALM First. “Expanding our mortgage pipeline hedging expertise will help the institutions we serve perform at a higher level today and in the future.”

Beyond Mortgage Pipeline Hedging, ALM First’s team of experienced professionals provides a host of strategic services and balance sheet management solutions including the Loan Transaction Network, Merger & Acquisition Advisory, Investment Advisory, Strategic Net Worth Analysis and more.

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