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**Ratel Investments Featured Speaker in Pensco Trust Educational Webinar  
How to Use Self Directed IRAs to Invest in Commercial Real Estate**

**Tiburon, Calif. – January 8, 2009** - Ratel Investments, a real estate investment firm, today announced it was selected by Pensco Trust Company, a leading special asset custodian for self-directed IRAs, as a featured speaker on its educational webinar, “Hands-Free Income Producing Investing with IRAs and Smart Strategies for 2009” which was held on January 7, 2009. Other featured speakers included Eric Scaff and Rocco Cortese of Presidio Exchange Advisors. An archived copy of the webinar (slides and recorded audio) can be access at <http://www.penscotrust.com/education/webandaudioconferences.asp>.

In his remarks, Ron Sann, the Founder of Ratel Investments address educational topics including the impact of commercial real estate on an investment portfolio, options for investing in commercial real estate using self-directed IRA funds and some of the commonly asked questions by individual investors when considering the use of self-directed IRA funds when making commercial real estate investments. “We are pleased to be working with Pensco as well as other leading self-directed IRA custodians to provide investors with educational information regarding options for diversifying their retirement accounts.”

**About Ratel Investments ([www.ratelinvestments.com](http://www.ratelinvestments.com))**

Ratel Investments, LP is a real estate investment firm that works with experienced joint venture partners to acquire income producing commercial real estate assets on behalf of high net worth individuals, families and trusts. Ratel provides investors with the benefits of real estate ownership, including tax preferred cash flow, long-term capital appreciation and financial diversification without the burden of direct property management responsibility. Ratel's real estate portfolio encompasses an equity investment in 26 properties which includes approximately 2,500 apartment units with a combined market value of over \$400million.

**About Pensco Trust ([www.penscotrust.com](http://www.penscotrust.com))**

For more than 18 years, PENSCO, with offices in New Hampshire, New Jersey, Florida, Texas and California, and with more than \$2.1 billion in assets under administration, has helped investors take control of their retirement portfolios. For more information, visit [www.penscotrust.com](http://www.penscotrust.com) .