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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ROBERT J. RUTH FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE STRATEGIES, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the provisions of Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation, hereby agrees to the following:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be **ROBERT J. RUTH FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE STRATEGIES, INC.**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND POWERS

Section 1. The Corporation is formed for the purpose of engaging in any lawful activity or business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 2. The Corporation may exercise all powers, rights and privileges conferred on corporations pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

This instrument prepared by:
David G. Mulock
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One Progress Plaza, Suite 2300
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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ARTICLE IV - PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF CORPORATION

The principal office of the Corporation shall be 1905 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.,
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703.

ARTICLE V - MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The mailing address of the Corporation shall be 1905 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.,
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703.

ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

Section 1. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation
shall be One Progress Plaza, Suite 2300, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

Section 2. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation located at
said address shall be DAVID G. MULOCK.

ARTICLE VII - CAPITAL STOCK

The authorized capital stock of the Corporation shall be 100 shares of common stock
having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a
Board of Directors, the members of which shall be hereinafter referred to as Directors.

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Section 2. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of one (1) Director whose name and address is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
ROBERT J. RUTH	1905 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. St. Petersburg, Florida 33703

Section 3. The number of Directors shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall not be less than one (1).

Section 4. Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for the corporation at a meeting of the Board of Directors following the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation may be exercised by the Board of Directors or the shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Section 3. Any Bylaws adopted by the Board of Directors or the shareholders may be altered, amended or repealed by the other group; provided, however, that any Bylaws adopted by the shareholders may provide that it shall be altered, amended or repealed only by the shareholders.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The power to amend these Articles of Incorporation may be exercised by the Board of Directors, without action of the shareholders, for matters specified by law that do not affect the substantive rights of the shareholders of the Corporation.

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Section 2. The power to amend these Articles of Incorporation may be exercised by the Board of Directors, with action of the shareholders, as follows:

A. The Board of Directors shall recommend the proposed amendment to the shareholders, unless the Board of Directors determines that because of a conflict of interest or other special circumstances it should make no recommendation and communicates the basis for its determination to the shareholders with the amendment.

B. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the shareholders and shall be adopted and approved by the shareholders in accordance with the following:

1. The proposed amendment shall be adopted at a meeting of the shareholders, where proper notice thereof has been sent to each shareholder, whether or not entitled to vote, which states that the purpose or one of the purposes of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment and is accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendment, and where, at such meeting, such proposed amendment receives the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote thereon (or such greater or lesser number as is required or permitted by law); or

2. The proposed amendment shall be adopted in an action taken by the shareholders without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote, if the action is evidenced by one or more written consents describing the action taken, dated and signed by approving shareholders having the requisite number of votes to adopt the proposed amendment and delivered to the Corporation in accordance with applicable law.

Section 3. The power to amend these Articles of Incorporation may be exercised by the Shareholders, without an act of the Board of Directors, if there are 35 or fewer

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shareholders and the proposed amendment is approved by the shareholders in accordance with one of the procedures specified in paragraph B.1 or 2 of Section 2 above.

Section 4. If no shares have been issued, the power to amend these Articles of Incorporation may be exercised as provided by law by the Board of Directors or the incorporators.

ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
DAVID G. MULOCK	Barnett Tower, 23rd Floor, 200 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

ARTICLE XII - ELECTIONS REGARDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 607.0901 of the Florida Statutes, unless certain conditions are satisfied or unless these Articles of Incorporation contain a provision expressly electing not to be governed by Section 607.0901, an affiliated transaction shall only be approved by an affirmative vote of the holders of two thirds (2/3) of the voting shares other than the shares beneficially owned by the interested shareholder. For purposes of this Corporation, Section 607.0901 of the Florida Statutes shall not apply.

Section 2. Pursuant to Section 607.0902 of the Florida Statutes, unless otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this Corporation before a control-share acquisition has occurred, in the event control shares acquired in a control-share acquisition are accorded full voting rights and the acquiring person has acquired control

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shares with a majority or more of all voting power, all shareholders of an issuing public corporation shall have dissenters' rights to receive the fair value of their shares as provided by law. For purposes of this Corporation, Section 607.0902 of the Florida Statutes shall not apply.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for purposes of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 7th day of March, 1996.



DAVID G. MULOCK, Incorporator

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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501 of the Florida Statutes, the following corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits this statement for the purpose of designating the registered office/registered agent in the state of Florida and evidencing the registered agent's acceptance of that position.

- 1. The name of the Corporation is: **ROBERT J. RUTH FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE STRATEGIES, INC.**
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is: **DAVID G. MULOCK
One Progress Plaza, Suite 2300
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701**

SIGNATURE: David G. Mulock
DAVID G. MULOCK

TITLE: Incorporator

DATE: March 7, 1996

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE: David G. Mulock
DAVID G. MULOCK

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