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Capital Markets Partnership, a D.C. nonprofit coalition of financial and business leaders, will announce Tuesday at the **New York Stock Exchange** a new portfolio of investment mechanisms for green buildings.

The group, led by **U.S. Green Building Council** co-founder Mike Italiano, has pulled together the sustainable investment initiative, which will include a new briefing paper and survey that show that green buildings and materials are more profitable, less risky and a preferred route for investors. The partnership

will also announce new tax credits and investment opportunities in green building and construction.

The event today follows on new green building underwriting standards that CMP developed with investment bankers, governments, major real estate finance organizations and nonprofits through the American National Standards Institute process. After a public review, members of the financial community unanimously approved those underwriting standards in September 2008.

This represents a final chapter in CMP's efforts to combine the fledgling green building movement with the age-old practice of project financing, posing to Wall Street a new way of funding green development, which the nonprofit argues deserves bigger loans at lower interest rates than traditional "brown" buildings.



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