

Ellison Kibler & Associates and Sonoco Host Special "Macro Economic Event"

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Investors to Hear from Sonoco Leadership, BofA/Merrill Lynch Chief Strategist

COLUMBIA, S.C., May 09, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ellison Kibler & Associates/Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, recognized in Research Magazine's "Top-Ranked Advisor Teams In America," and Sonoco (NYSE:SON), one of the largest diversified global packaging companies, are hosting a special "Macro Economic Event" at The Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street, Columbia, S.C., on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the investor luncheon, Sonoco's senior leadership team, led by Harris DeLoach, chairman and chief executive officer, will provide an overview of the Company. Joseph Zidle, chief strategist for Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Global Research, will present a global economic forecast and discuss its impact on investing.

Seating for the event is limited, and RSVPs should be made by calling Robert Forsyth at 803-733-2124 or by emailing him at Robert.forsyth@ml.com.

About Sonoco

Sonoco, founded in 1899, is a \$4.1 billion global manufacturer of consumer and industrial packaging products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 34 countries serving customers in some 85 nations. The Company is a proud member of the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index. For more information on Sonoco, visit our website at www.sonoco.com.

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