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Czech Said To Form Asset-Management Firm

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Loan market veteran **Steve Czech** recently announced that he is spinning out of FrontPoint Partners and has formed Czech Asset Management, L.P., a new firm that will become the general partner of Czech's SJC Onshore Direct Lending Fund and SJC Offshore Capital Finance Fund. The funds are both direct-lending vehicles that provide financing for middle-market borrowers.

Czech also announced that his new firm has lined up a strategic partner that has committed to invest \$250 million of seed capital in the SJC Onshore Direct Lending Fund II, a follow-on fund to the existing funds that is slated to launch during the first half of 2012. – <u>Staff reports</u>