

Virtus Partners Announces Investment by Aquiline Capital Partners**Deal Value: Undisclosed****Sandler O'Neill served as financial advisor to Virtus Partners in connection with this transaction.**

HOUSTON, TX and NEW YORK, NY — Virtus Partners, LLC (“Virtus”), a market leader in technology-enabled, fixed-income collateral administrative services, announced today that Aquiline Capital Partners LLC (“Aquiline”), a New York-based private equity firm investing in financial services, has made a significant minority investment in Virtus.

Virtus provides a comprehensive integrated suite of front, middle, and back office fixed-income administrative and analytical services. Its global offering extends across collateral administration services for structured transactions, middle office outsourcing, global loan data, loan agency, accounting, and analytics. Today, the company administers over \$180 billion in fixed-income assets across its platform.

“Partnering with Aquiline will help us execute on our long-term initiatives, including growth of our client base, new product development, and expansion of our platform through strategic acquisitions,” said Kelly Faykus, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Virtus. “We chose Aquiline because their team provides unique industry insight, experience, and relationships we can leverage.”

“We are excited to partner with Kelly and the Virtus leadership team,” said Jeff Greenberg, Chief Executive of Aquiline. “The company serves a growing asset class in collateralized loan obligations and has a reputation for cutting-edge technology and superior customer service. We also see opportunities to leverage Virtus’ expertise for expansion within the fixed income market.”

Joining the Virtus Board of Managers are Aquiline investment professionals Vincenzo La Ruffa and Geoff Kalish and Anthony Abenante, Executive Advisor to Aquiline and former Chief Executive Officer of Instinet Incorporated.

With offices in Houston, Austin, New York, Shanghai, and London, Virtus works with funds and various investment vehicles, including hedge and private equity funds, separate accounts, total return swaps, and collateralized loan obligations. Virtus was founded in May 2005.

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