

Virtus Investment Partners Announces Financial Results for the First Quarter 2017

- EPS of \$1.62; EPS, As Adjusted, of \$1.16

- Total Sales of \$3.3B; Positive Net Flows of \$0.5B; AUM of \$48.0B

HARTFORD, Conn., April 28, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Virtus Investment Partners, Inc. (NASDAQ: VRTS) today reported financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Financial Highlights (Unaudited)

(Dollars in millions, except per share data or as noted)

	<u>Three Months Ended</u>		<u>Change</u>
	<u>3/31/2017</u>	<u>3/31/2016</u>	
<u>U.S. GAAP Financial Measures</u>			
Revenues	\$ 79.8	\$ 80.3	(1%)
Operating expenses	\$ 69.7	\$ 67.5	3%
Operating income	\$ 10.0	\$ 12.8	(21%)
Operating margin	12.6%	15.9%	
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 10.9	\$ 12.4	(11%)
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.45	12%
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	6.773	8.506	(20%)
<u>Non-GAAP Financial Measures (1)</u>			
Revenues, as adjusted	\$ 64.7	\$ 62.4	4%
Operating expenses, as adjusted	\$ 51.2	\$ 47.2	9%
Operating income, as adjusted	\$ 13.5	\$ 15.2	(11%)
Operating margin, as adjusted	20.9%	24.4%	
Net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted	\$ 8.6	\$ 9.5	(10%)
Earnings per share - diluted, as adjusted	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.12	4%
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted, as adjusted ^A	7.447	8.506	(12%)

(1) See the information beginning on page 9 for a reconciliation to their most directly comparable U.S. GAAP important disclosures.

^A Assumes conversion of preferred shares to common shares

Earnings Summary

The company presents U.S. GAAP earnings information and non-GAAP earnings information in this release. Management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures presented most accurately reflect the company's operating results from providing investment management and related services to individuals and institutions and uses these measures to evaluate financial performance. Non-GAAP financial measures have material limitations and should not be viewed in isolation or as a substitute for U.S. GAAP measures. Reconciliations

of the non-GAAP financial measures to the most comparable U.S. GAAP measures can be found beginning on page 9 of this earnings release.

GAAP Results

Operating income decreased sequentially due to increased operating expenses as higher employment costs more than offset lower other operating expenses. First quarter other operating expenses included acquisition and integration costs of \$1.6 million, which consist of professional fees and other expenses. These costs relate to the pending acquisition of RidgeWorth Investments, a multi-manager with \$42.3 billion of total assets under management at March 31, 2017 that include \$35.7 billion of long-term assets and \$6.6 billion of liquidity products. The company currently expects to close the RidgeWorth acquisition by the end of the second quarter.

Earnings per diluted common share of \$1.62 decreased from \$1.87 in the fourth quarter. First quarter earnings per share included \$0.71 of unrealized gains on investments, a (\$0.48) impact from equity issuances, (\$0.45) of specific employment expenses, and (\$0.15) of acquisition and integration costs. Fourth quarter earnings per share included a \$0.65 benefit from the release of a deferred tax asset valuation allowance related to realized capital losses, (\$0.49) of unrealized losses on investments, and (\$0.31) of acquisition and integration costs.

The effective tax rate of 24 percent included the release of a \$2.0 million net valuation allowance related to marketable securities and \$0.3 million of excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation.

Non-GAAP Results

Revenues, as adjusted, increased 1 percent sequentially, as higher average assets were offset by the impact of two fewer days in the quarter, and 4 percent over the prior-year quarter. Operating expenses, as adjusted, increased sequentially due to higher employment expenses, as adjusted, which reflect \$4.9 million of specific expenses, including \$3.4 million of seasonal compensation expenses, primarily payroll taxes, and \$1.5 million of incremental incentive compensation primarily related to efforts associated with the RidgeWorth transaction. Other operating expenses, as adjusted, decreased 7 percent sequentially on lower marketing and product-related costs.

Operating income, as adjusted, and the related margin were \$13.5 million and 20.9 percent, respectively, compared with \$18.2 million and 28.4 percent in the sequential quarter. Excluding the \$4.9 million of specific employment expenses, operating income, as adjusted, and the related margin were \$18.4 million and 28.4 percent, respectively.

Net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted, of \$1.16 per diluted common share included (\$0.41) of specific employment expenses and (\$0.24) related to the higher share count following the January equity issuances in connection with the pending RidgeWorth acquisition.

The effective tax rate, as adjusted, of 39 percent was relatively unchanged from prior periods.

Asset Flows and Assets Under Management

(in billions)

	Three Months Ended		Change	Three Months
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016		Ended
				12/31/2016
Operating income, as adjusted	\$13.5	\$18.2	(24%)	\$18.4

Ending assets under management	\$ 48.0	\$ 45.7	5%	\$ 45.4
Average assets under management	\$ 46.4	\$ 45.7	2%	\$ 45.3
Gross sales	\$ 3.3	\$ 2.8	15%	\$ 2.6
Net flows	\$ 0.5	\$ (2.6)	N/M	\$ (0.4)

N/M - Not Meaningful

Assets under management of \$48.0 billion at March 31, 2017 increased \$2.7 billion, or 6 percent, from December 31, 2016, due to market appreciation and positive net flows, and \$2.4 billion, or 5 percent, from March 31, 2016 on market appreciation.

Total sales of \$3.3 billion increased 24 percent sequentially and 15 percent from the prior-year quarter. The sequential-quarter increase reflects higher sales in open-end funds, separately managed accounts (SMAs), and exchange traded funds (ETFs), while the year-over-year change includes higher sales in SMAs, ETFs, and institutional. The \$0.4 billion sequential-quarter increase in mutual fund sales is primarily attributable to higher sales in the Multi-Sector Short Term Bond Fund, managed by Newfleet Asset Management, and the Small-Cap Sustainable Growth Fund, managed by Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management.¹

Net flows were positive \$0.5 billion, an improvement from (\$0.4) billion in the fourth quarter and (\$2.6) billion in the prior-year quarter reflecting improved net flows in all product categories. Mutual fund net flows in the first quarter were (\$0.1) billion compared with (\$0.7) billion in the fourth quarter and (\$2.6) billion in the prior-year quarter. The sequential-quarter change reflects higher sales and lower redemptions while the year-over-year improvement is due primarily to lower redemptions in emerging markets and domestic equity strategies.

Balance Sheet Highlights (Unaudited)

(in millions)

	As of		Change
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 235.9	\$ 50.4	36%
Seed investments (1)	174.8	280.9	(38%)
Investments - other (2)	30.7	51.2	(40%)
Total - cash and investments	\$ 441.4	\$ 382.5	15%
Deferred taxes, net	\$ 45.7	\$ 49.1	(7%)
Dividends payable	\$ 6.0	\$ 4.2	43%
Debt	\$ —	\$ —	—%
Total equity attributable to stockholders	\$ 552.4	\$ 505.6	9%
Working capital (3)	\$ 224.8	\$ 59.1	280%
Ending common shares outstanding	6.989	8.260	(15%)
Ending preferred shares outstanding, as converted (4)	1.045	—	N/M
Ending common shares outstanding, as adjusted (4)	8.035	8.260	(3%)

(1) Represents the company's investments in sponsored investment products including consolidated sponsors

(CSIPs), net of noncontrolling interests. For the periods ending March 31, 2017, March 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015, CSIPs represent \$155.6 million, \$272.5 million, and \$150.0 million of total assets, \$2.8 million, \$20.2 million of total liabilities, and \$45.0 million, \$40.4 million, and \$37.3 million of redeemable noncontrolling interests, respectively. (2) Represents investments that are not related to the company's seed investments, including sponsored investments in a company-managed CLO, which is a consolidated investment product (CIP). For the periods ended March 31, 2017, March 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015, the CIP consisted of \$373.7 million, \$202.7 million, and \$367.0 million of total assets, \$162.0 million, and \$341.3 million of total liabilities, respectively.

(3) Defined as cash and investments plus accounts receivable, net, less seed capital investments, a company's compensation and benefits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and dividends payable

(4) Assumes conversion of preferred shares to common shares at period end

N/M - Not Meaningful

During the quarter, the company finalized the financing for the pending RidgeWorth acquisition by issuing 1.0 million shares of common stock and 1.2 million shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock for net proceeds of \$221.4 million. The preferred shares, which carry a 7.25 percent dividend, automatically convert into common shares on February 1, 2020, at a price between \$110.00 per share and \$132.00 per share.

In March, the company priced a \$260.0 million seven-year term loan, with a variable rate of interest, that will be drawn at the closing of the RidgeWorth acquisition. In addition to the term loan, the company established a \$100.0 million five-year revolving credit facility.

Conference Call

Virtus Investment Partners management will host an investor conference call on Friday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Eastern to discuss these financial results and related matters. The [webcast](#) of the call can be accessed in the [Investor Relations](#) section of www.virtus.com or by telephone at 877-930-7765 if calling from within the U.S. or 253-336-7413 if calling from outside the U.S. (Conference ID: 12975698). The presentation that will be reviewed as part of the conference call will be available prior to the call in the Investor Relations section of www.virtus.com. A replay of the call will be available through May 5, 2017 by telephone at 855-859-2056 if calling from within the U.S. or 404-537-3406 if calling from outside the U.S. (Conference ID: 12975698).

About Virtus Investment Partners

Virtus Investment Partners (NASDAQ: VRTS) is a distinctive partnership of boutique investment managers singularly committed to the long-term success of individual and institutional investors. Virtus offers access to a variety of investment styles across multiple disciplines to meet a wide array of investor needs, and provides products and services through affiliated managers and select subadvisers, each with a distinct investment style, autonomous investment process, and individual brand. Its affiliates include [Duff & Phelps Investment Management](#), [Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management](#), [Newfleet Asset Management](#), [Rampart Investment Management](#), and [Virtus ETF Solutions](#). Additional information can be found at www.virtus.com.

U.S. GAAP Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Revenues		
Investment management fees	\$ 59,271	\$ 57,600
Distribution and service fees	10,783	12,400
Administration and transfer agent fees	8,981	9,900

Other income and fees	741	1'
Total revenues	79,776	80,2'
Operating Expenses		
Employment expenses	39,641	35,9'
Distribution and other asset-based expenses	15,323	18,1'
Other operating expenses	13,226	10,7'
Other operating expenses of consolidated sponsored investment products	577	1,1'
Other operating expenses of consolidated investment product	65	:
Depreciation and other amortization	664	8'
Amortization expense	233	6'
Total operating expenses	69,729	67,5'
Operating Income	10,047	12,7'
Other Income (Expense)		
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net	297	(65)
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments of consolidated sponsored investment products, net	3,726	2'
Realized and unrealized gain (loss) of consolidated investment product, net	718	2,2'
Other income, net	646	2'
Total other income (expense), net	5,387	2,1'
Interest Income (Expense)		
Interest expense	(243)	(13)
Interest and dividend income	188	2'
Interest and dividend income of investments of consolidated sponsored investment products	1,495	2,9'
Interest income of consolidated investment product	4,161	2,2'
Interest expense of consolidated investment product	(2,857)	(73)
Total interest income, net	2,744	4,5'
Income Before Income Taxes	18,178	19,4'
Income tax expense	4,433	7,5'
Net Income	13,745	11,8'
Noncontrolling interests	(718)	4'
Net Income Attributable to Stockholders	13,027	12,3'
Preferred stockholder dividends	(2,084)	-
Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders	\$ 10,943	\$ 12,3'
Earnings Per Share - Basic	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.4'
Earnings Per Share - Diluted	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.4'
Cash Dividends Declared Per Preferred Share	\$ 1.81	\$ -
Cash Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.4'
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic	6,542	8,3'
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Diluted	6,773	8,5'

N/M - Not Meaningful

Assets Under Management - Product and Asset Class*(in millions)*

	Three Months Ended			
	Mar 31, 2016	Jun 30, 2016	Sep 30, 2016	Dec 31, 2016
By product (period end):				
Open-End Funds (1)	\$ 26,536.0	\$ 24,813.8	\$ 25,266.4	\$ 23,432.8
Closed-End Funds	6,543.6	6,959.6	6,887.3	6,757.4
Exchange Traded Funds	353.6	399.4	460.6	596.8
Separately Managed Accounts (2)	7,021.1	7,407.2	7,924.8	8,473.5
Institutional Accounts (2)	5,196.9	5,589.7	6,000.4	6,105.8
Total	\$ 45,651.2	\$ 45,169.7	\$ 46,539.5	\$ 45,366.3
By product (average) (3)				
Open-End Funds (1)	\$ 27,295.9	\$ 25,537.7	\$ 25,149.9	\$ 24,223.1
Closed-End Funds	6,152.3	6,659.9	6,853.4	6,668.9
Exchange Traded Funds	337.1	371.9	426.0	490.1
Separately Managed Accounts (2)	6,768.4	7,015.0	7,413.6	7,898.6
Institutional Accounts (2)	5,112.4	5,223.9	5,687.6	6,015.0
Total	\$ 45,666.1	\$ 44,808.4	\$ 45,530.5	\$ 45,295.7
By asset class (period end):				
Equity	\$ 27,061.4	\$ 26,206.9	\$ 26,669.5	\$ 25,822.3
Fixed Income	14,994.2	15,450.6	15,756.8	15,523.6
Alternatives (4)	3,091.0	3,056.8	3,691.6	3,548.3
Other (5)	504.6	455.4	421.6	472.1
Total	\$ 45,651.2	\$ 45,169.7	\$ 46,539.5	\$ 45,366.3

Assets Under Management - Average Net Management Fees Earned (6)*(In basis points)*

	Three Months Ended			
	Mar 31, 2016	Jun 30, 2016	Sep 30, 2016	Dec 31, 2016
Open-End Funds (1)	47.3	49.4	50.1	50.5
Closed-End Funds	65.4	65.4	65.9	66.5
Exchange Traded Funds	34.6	36.2	32.4	24.6
Separately Managed Accounts (2)	56.1	55.2	53.2	52.8
Institutional Accounts (2)	36.7	36.2	41.5	37.2
All Products	49.7	51.1	51.8	51.2

(1) Includes assets under management of retail and variable insurance funds

(2) Includes assets under management related to option strategies

(3) Averages are calculated as follows:

- Funds - average daily or weekly balances

- Separately Managed Accounts - prior quarter ending balance or average of month-end balances in quarter

- Institutional Accounts - average of month-end balances in quarter

(4) Consists of real estate securities, master-limited partnerships and other

(5) Consists of option strategies

(6) Represents net investment management fees divided by average assets. Net investment management fees:

management fees, as adjusted, less fees paid to third party service providers for investment management which impacted the fee rate in the three months ended March 31, 2017 for Open-End Funds and All Proc basis points, respectively.

Assets Under Management - Asset Flows by Product

(In millions)

	Three Months Ended		
	3/31/2016	6/30/2016	9/30/2016
Open-End Funds (1)			
Beginning balance	\$ 28,882.1	\$ 26,536.0	\$ 24,813.8
Inflows	2,193.4	1,351.9	1,882.5
Outflows	(4,794.3)	(3,799.8)	(2,139.4)
Net Flows	(2,600.9)	(2,447.9)	(256.9)
Market performance	295.9	887.5	736.5
Other (2)	(41.1)	(161.8)	(27.0)
Ending balance	\$ 26,536.0	\$ 24,813.8	\$ 25,266.4
Closed-End Funds			
Beginning balance	\$ 6,222.3	\$ 6,543.6	\$ 6,959.6
Inflows	—	—	—
Outflows	—	(103.3)	—
Net Flows	—	(103.3)	—
Market performance	421.3	481.7	(63.3)
Other (2)	(100.0)	37.6	(9.0)
Ending balance	\$ 6,543.6	\$ 6,959.6	\$ 6,887.3
Exchange Traded Funds			
Beginning balance	\$ 340.8	\$ 353.6	\$ 399.4
Inflows	62.3	52.8	66.9
Outflows	(33.8)	(20.8)	(19.6)
Net Flows	28.5	32.0	47.3
Market performance	(13.6)	17.4	19.4
Other (2)	(2.1)	(3.6)	(5.5)
Ending balance	\$ 353.6	\$ 399.4	\$ 460.6
Separately Managed Accounts (3)			
Beginning balance	\$ 6,784.4	\$ 7,021.1	\$ 7,407.2
Inflows	399.2	444.2	516.1
Outflows	(364.3)	(314.6)	(182.0)
Net Flows	34.9	129.6	334.1
Market performance	210.8	246.5	189.9
Other (2)	(9.0)	10.0	(6.4)
Ending balance	\$ 7,021.1	\$ 7,407.2	\$ 7,924.8
Institutional Accounts (3)(4)			

Beginning balance	\$ 5,155.7	\$ 5,196.9	\$ 5,589.7
Inflows	186.2	541.2	612.5
Outflows	(276.6)	(305.5)	(252.4)
Net Flows	(90.4)	235.7	360.1
Market performance	148.4	153.6	60.3
Other (2)	(16.8)	3.5	(9.7)
Ending balance	\$ 5,196.9	\$ 5,589.7	\$ 6,000.4

Total

Beginning balance	\$ 47,385.3	\$ 45,651.2	\$ 45,169.7
Inflows	2,841.1	2,390.1	3,078.0
Outflows	(5,469.0)	(4,544.0)	(2,593.4)
Net Flows	(2,627.9)	(2,153.9)	484.6
Market performance	1,062.8	1,786.7	942.8
Other (2)	(169.0)	(114.3)	(57.6)
Ending balance	\$ 45,651.2	\$ 45,169.7	\$ 46,539.5

(1) Includes assets under management of retail and variable insurance funds

(2) Represents open-end and closed-end mutual fund distributions, net of reinvestments, net flows of cash m (dispositions), marketable securities investments/(withdrawals), and the impact on assets from the use of

(3) Includes assets under management related to option strategies

(4) Includes assets under management related to structured products

Non-GAAP Information and Reconciliations

(In thousands except per share data)

The following are reconciliations and related notes of the most comparable U.S. GAAP measure to each non

The non-GAAP financial measures included in this release differ from financial measures determined in acco GAAP as a result of the reclassification of certain income statement items, as well as the exclusion of certain other items that are not reflective of the earnings generated from providing investment management and rela GAAP financial measures have material limitations and should not be viewed in isolation or as a substitute f measures.

Reconciliation of Total Revenues, GAAP to Total Revenues, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	<u>3/31/2017</u>	<u>3/31/2016</u>
Total revenues, GAAP	\$ 79,776	\$ 80,295
Distribution and other asset-based expenses (1)	(15,323)	(18,101)
Consolidated products revenues (2)	286	209
Total revenues, as adjusted	<u>\$ 64,739</u>	<u>\$ 62,403</u>

Reconciliation of Total Operating Expenses, GAAP to Operating Expenses, as Adjusted:

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	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Total operating expenses, GAAP	\$ 69,729	\$ 67,545
Distribution and other asset-based expenses (1)	(15,323)	(18,101)
Consolidated products expenses (2)	(642)	(1,189)
Amortization of intangible assets (3)	(233)	(651)
Restructuring and severance (4)	—	—
Acquisition and integration expenses (6)	(1,629)	—
Other (7)	(669)	(414)
Total operating expenses, as adjusted	<u>\$ 51,233</u>	<u>\$ 47,190</u>

Reconciliation of Operating Income, GAAP to Operating Income, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Operating income, GAAP	\$ 10,047	\$ 12,750
Consolidated products earnings (2)	928	1,398
Amortization of intangible assets (3)	233	651
Restructuring and severance (4)	—	—
Acquisition and integration expenses (6)	1,629	—
Other (7)	669	414
Operating income, as adjusted	<u>\$ 13,506</u>	<u>\$ 15,213</u>
Operating margin, GAAP	12.6%	15.9%
Operating margin, as adjusted	20.9%	24.4%

Reconciliation of Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders, GAAP to Net Income Attributable to Common Stockholders, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Net income attributable to common stockholders, GAAP	\$ 10,943	\$ 12,363
Amortization of intangible assets, net of tax (3)	143	401
Restructuring and severance, net of tax (4)	—	—
Seed capital and CLO investments earnings/(losses), net of tax (5)	(5,679)	(3,497)
Acquisition and integration expenses, net of tax (6)	1,001	—
Other, net of tax (7)	2,209	255
Net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted	<u>\$ 8,617</u>	<u>\$ 9,522</u>
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic	6,542	8,344
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Diluted	6,773	8,506
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Basic, as adjusted ^A	7,217	8,344
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding - Diluted, as adjusted ^A	7,447	8,506
Earnings Per Share - Basic, GAAP	\$ 1.67	\$ 1.48
Earnings Per Share - Diluted, GAAP	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.45

Earnings Per Share - Basic, as adjusted	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.14
Earnings Per Share - Diluted, as adjusted	\$ 1.16	\$ 1.12

^AAssumes conversion of preferred shares to common shares

Reconciliation of Income Before Taxes, GAAP to Income Before Taxes, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Income before taxes, GAAP	\$ 18,178	\$ 19,426
Consolidated products (earnings)/losses(2)	(718)	493
Amortization of intangible assets (3)	233	651
Restructuring and severance (4)	—	—
Seed capital and CLO investments (earnings)/losses (5)	(5,967)	(5,542)
Acquisition and integration expenses (6)	1,629	—
Other (7)	669	414
Income before taxes, as adjusted	<u>\$ 14,024</u>	<u>\$ 15,442</u>

Reconciliation of Income Tax Expense, GAAP to Income Tax Expense, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Income tax expense, GAAP	\$ 4,433	\$ 7,556
Tax impact of:		
Amortization of intangible assets	90	250
Restructuring and severance	—	—
Seed capital and CLO investments earnings/(losses)	(288)	(2,045)
Acquisition and integration expenses	628	—
Other	544	159
Income tax expense, as adjusted	<u>\$ 5,407</u>	<u>\$ 5,920</u>
Effective tax rate, GAAP ^A	24.4%	38.9%
Effective tax rate, as adjusted ^B	38.6%	38.3%

^A Reflects Income tax expense, GAAP, divided by Income before taxes, GAAP

^B Reflects Income tax expense, as adjusted, divided by Income before taxes, as adjusted

Reconciliation of Investment Management Fees, GAAP to Investment Management Fees, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Investment management fees, GAAP	\$ 59,271	\$ 57,644
Consolidated products fees (2)	242	91
Investment management fees, as adjusted	<u>\$ 59,513</u>	<u>\$ 57,735</u>

Reconciliation of Administration and Transfer Agent Fees, GAAP to Administration and Transfer Agent Fees

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Administration and transfer agent fees, GAAP	\$ 8,981	\$ 9,998
Consolidated products fees (2)	34	94
Administration and transfer agent fees, as adjusted	<u>\$ 9,015</u>	<u>\$ 10,092</u>

Reconciliation of Employment Expenses, GAAP to Employment Expenses, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Employment expenses, GAAP	\$ 39,641	\$ 35,977
Employment expenses, as adjusted	<u>\$ 39,641</u>	<u>\$ 35,977</u>

Reconciliation of Other Operating Expenses, GAAP to Other Operating Expenses, as Adjusted:

	Three Months Ended	
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016
Other operating expenses, GAAP	\$ 13,226	\$ 10,765
Acquisition and integration expenses (6)	(1,629)	—
Other (7)	(669)	(414)
Other operating expenses, as adjusted	<u>\$ 10,928</u>	<u>\$ 10,351</u>

Notes to Reconciliations:

1. Distribution and other asset-based expenses - Primarily payments to third-party distribution partners for providing services to investors in our sponsored funds and payments to third-party service providers for investment management-related services. Management believes that making this adjustment aids in comparing the company's operating results with other asset management firms that do not utilize intermediary distribution partners or third-party service providers.
2. Consolidated investment products - Revenues and expenses generated by operating activities of majority owned seed capital related mutual funds and CLOs. Management believes that excluding these operating activities to reflect revenues and expenses of the company prior to the consolidation of these products is consistent with the approach of reflecting its operating results from managing client assets.
3. Amortization of intangible assets - Non-cash amortization expense or impairment expense, if any, attributable to acquisition-related intangible assets. Management believes that making this adjustment aids in comparing the company's operating results with other asset management firms that have not engaged in acquisitions.
4. Restructuring and severance - Certain expenses associated with restructuring the business, including lease abandonment-related expenses, and severance costs associated with staff reductions, that are not reflective of the ongoing earnings generation of the business. Management believes that making this adjustment aids in comparing the company's operating results with prior periods.
5. Seed capital and CLO investments earnings/(losses) - Gains and losses (realized and unrealized), dividends and interest income generated by seed capital and CLO investments. Earnings or losses

generated by investments in seed capital and CLO investments can vary significantly from period to period and do not reflect the company's operating results from providing investment management and related services. Management believes that making this adjustment aids in comparing the company's operating results with prior periods and with other asset management firms that do not have meaningful seed capital and CLO investments.

6. Acquisition and integration expenses - Expenses that are directly related to acquisition and integration activities. Acquisition expenses include transaction closing costs, professional fees and financing fees. Integration expenses include costs incurred that are directly attributable to combining the businesses, including compensation, restructuring and severance charges, professional fees, consulting fees and other expenses. Management believes that making these adjustments aids in comparing the company's operating results with other asset management firms that have not engaged in acquisitions.
7. Other - Certain expenses that are not reflective of the ongoing earnings generation of the business. In addition, it includes income tax expense/(benefit) items, such as adjustments for uncertain tax positions, valuation allowances and other unusual or infrequent items not related to current operating results to reflect a normalized effective rate. Management believes that making these adjustments aids in comparing the company's operating results with prior periods.

Components of Other for the respective periods are shown in the table below:

Other (in thousands)	Three Months Ended		
	3/31/2017	3/31/2016	12/31/2016
System transition expenses	\$ 669	\$ 414	\$ 611
Tax impact of system transition expenses	(258)	(159)	(230)
Discrete tax adjustments	(286)	—	—
Preferred stockholder dividends	2,084	—	—
Total Other	\$ 2,209	\$ 255	\$ 381

Definitions:

Revenues, as adjusted, comprise the fee revenues paid by clients for investment management and related services. Revenues, as adjusted, for purposes of calculating net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted, differ from U.S. GAAP revenues in that they are reduced by distribution and other asset-based expenses that are generally passed through to external parties, and exclude the impact of consolidated sponsored investment products.

Operating expenses, as adjusted, is calculated to reflect expenses from ongoing continuing operations attributable to stockholders. Operating expenses, as adjusted, for purposes of calculating net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted, differ from U.S. GAAP expenses in that they exclude amortization or impairment, if any, of intangible assets, restructuring and severance, the impact of consolidated sponsored investment products, acquisition and integration-related expenses and certain other expenses that do not reflect the ongoing earnings generation of the business.

Operating margin, as adjusted, is a metric used to evaluate efficiency represented by operating income, as adjusted, divided by revenues, as adjusted.

Earnings per share, as adjusted, represent net income attributable to common stockholders, as adjusted, divided by weighted average shares outstanding, on either a basic or diluted basis.

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