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Resolute Investment Managers Finalizes Deal With National Investment Services

Partnership Will Expand Newest Affiliate Company's Reach Through Resolute's Distribution and Product Development Resources

IRVING, Texas – January 7, 2020 – Resolute Investment Managers, Inc. ("Resolute"), a diversified, multi-affiliate asset management platform with more than 40 affiliated and independent relationships, announced today the completion of its majority investment in National Investment Services ("NIS"), a leading asset manager specializing in fixed-income strategies. The deal formally closed on December 30, 2019.

Under the terms of the deal, NIS will operate as an autonomous subsidiary of Resolute. The firm will not see any significant changes in its operations and the entire NIS team will remain on staff. Resolute will provide NIS with distribution and product development resources to help the new affiliate achieve additional stages of growth.

"We are thrilled to kick off 2020 by formally welcoming NIS into the Resolute family," Gene Needles, chairman and CEO of Resolute, said. "Since its founding, NIS has been providing investors with meaningful fixed-income investment results and the highest level of service, and we look forward to working together to help them scale and achieve additional growth."

Founded in 1993 with a collaborative service vision, NIS has expanded to three offices in Milwaukee, Chicago and Sarasota. NIS focuses on offering differentiated, taxable fixed-income strategies that seek to provide institutional investors with consistent performance and downside protection. The firm offers investors a wide variety of investment strategies, including traditional and alternative fixed-income options and dynamic fixed-income offerings tailored to meet a client's investment objective or desired level of risk.

"This is an important milestone for our firm and exciting event for our entire team," Bob Brooks, CEO of NIS, said. "We are grateful to the Resolute team for recognizing the factors that have driven our success. Partnering with Resolute will allow us to continue to focus solely on our clients with no changes in our day-to-day operations or personnel. With Resolute's support, we look forward to offering our strategies to a broader group of investors."

The NIS deal is Resolute's fourth affiliate company investment to close in 2019, following the company's investments in RSW Investments, SSI Investment Management and Green Harvest Asset Management earlier in the year. Resolute was advised by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. NIS was advised by Berkshire Global Advisors and Foley & Lardner LLP.

About Resolute Investment Managers

Resolute Investment Managers is a diversified, multi-affiliate asset management platform with affiliated and independent relationships with more than 40 investment managers. Driven by future value creation, Resolute offers a unique platform that delivers strategic benefits through a full suite of distribution, operational and administrative services that may be leveraged by our affiliates. With roots as an unaffiliated sub-advised mutual fund sponsor, the majority of Resolute's partnerships are with asset managers who invest and operate with full autonomy and independence. As of September 30, 2019, Resolute's affiliated companies had \$75.1 billion in assets under management. For more information, visit www.resolutemanagers.com.

About National Investment Services

National Investment Services manages predominantly fixed-income strategies designed with the objective to provide consistent performance and downside protection. NIS has served this mission for more than 25 years by partnering with clients and consultants on their unique objectives using an agile investment process. NIS puts client needs first through employee ownership and a collaborative, teamoriented culture. NIS regained independence as a privately held, employee-owned firm in 2014 after a brief period as part of a publicly traded company. Since reinvesting in the business, NIS has consistently achieved its new asset-growth goals. The firm has offices in Milwaukee, Chicago and Sarasota. As of September 30, 2019, NIS had \$8.6 billion in assets under management. For more information visit nisi.net.

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