



## Verus attracts veteran talent from Wilshire Associates

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**SEATTLE, WA – September 6, 2017** – Verus announces the hiring of Eileen Neill, CFA, as managing director and senior consultant. Ms. Neill joins Verus after more than twenty years with Wilshire Associates. She brings deep and broad experience providing strategic advice to large sophisticated investors on the successful development and implementation of their investment programs. At the time of her departure from Wilshire, she advised on more than \$320 billion in assets. Ms. Neill’s past clients include some of the largest plan sponsors in the country, including the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, Iowa PERS, Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System, the Norton Simon Museum, among many others.

Asked about her decision to move to Verus, Ms. Neill stated, “Verus is a growing firm known for its client-centric and collegial culture, which mirrors my own client service philosophy. I am excited at the prospect of partnering with the Verus team and helping clients navigate today’s complex markets.”

According to CEO Jeffrey MacLean, “The fact that we continue to attract the highest caliber of investment professionals such as Eileen Neill is further evidence of the strength of our organization. More than any time in our 30-plus year history, we are in the best position to serve our clients. We will continue to invest heavily in people, technology, and data services to help us provide creative, high quality investment solutions that truly differentiate us within the industry.”

Ms. Neill obtained her bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Arizona, and a master’s degree in business administration from Chapman University. She is a CFA charter holder, a member of the CFA Society of Los Angeles, and a well-known speaker at industry conferences on investment topics such as emerging manager programs, credit strategies, currency management, investment strategy implementation, performance-based fees, portable alpha, and many others.

Ms. Neill will join Verus’ Los Angeles office on September 11th.

### About Verus

Verus is an independent, employee-owned provider of non-discretionary consulting and discretionary management services to a wide variety of institutional investors, representing approximately \$340 billion in assets\*, including endowments and foundations, corporate defined benefit and defined



contribution plans, public pension plans, and multi-employer trusts. Verus, renamed from Wurts & Associates in April 2015, was initially founded by William Wurts in 1986. Mr. Wurts sold the majority of his equity to employees in 2006 and the remainder in 2013. Verus' investment beliefs are framed by five key principles: The first is that enterprise objectives and risk tolerance should guide all decisions. The second is that asset allocation and risk exposures drive portfolio results. Third, economic factors and valuation drive long-term asset class returns. Fourth, risk and diversification must be viewed through multiple lenses. Lastly, fees and costs must be minimized... and justified.

*\*Includes Verus' total assets under advisement, net of divestment of Strategic Partnership business; preliminary as of June 30, 2017.*

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