

## VERUS EXPANDS TO THE MIDWEST WITH THE ADDITION OF TWO SENIOR CONSULTANTS IN CHICAGO

## Tim McEnery and Samantha Grant Establish Verus Presence

SEATTLE, WA – April 11, 2022 – Verus, a leading investment consulting and OCIO provider, today announced that it has expanded their professional staff to champion its growing Midwest client base with the addition of Tim McEnery, CFA, managing director and senior consultant and Samantha Grant, CFA, CAIA, senior consultant, who will establish a Chicago presence for the firm. The added Midwest resources follows the firm's expansion in May 2020 to Pittsburgh, PA where it now has a team of five professionals.

"All of us at Verus are excited to have Tim and Samantha join us as valued colleagues," stated Jeffrey MacLean, CEO, Verus. "They both make outstanding additions to our consulting team. Tim will serve as the head of the office and, working closely with Samantha, will help us to more effectively serve our growing Midwest clientele. This decision to invest in Chicago, coupled with our decision to expand our footprint in Pittsburgh, solidifies our strategic plans to have a national footprint to serve clients in all regions of the country."

Prior to joining Verus, McEnery spent 15 years with Aon where he served as the primary consultant on several of the firm's discretionary (OCIO) and non-discretionary client relationships. He worked with a wide range of institutional investors with portfolios that ranged in size from \$100 million to \$95 billion in assets and included public retirement systems, corporate pension funds and non-profit institutions including endowments, foundations and faith-based organizations. In addition to his work with clients, McEnery served as a member of Aon's Non-Profit Leadership Team, Public Fund Interest Group, and led a team of senior investment consultants in Chicago and Philadelphia.

"I am excited to be joining such a well-respected and talented team that values excellence and provides exceptional advice and support to clients," said McEnery. "Having an office in Chicago will play an important part in Verus' continued growth, enabling an expanded reach to clients and access to new pools of investment talent."

Grant joined Verus from Marquette Associates where she led several client relationships and served as a member of the firm's investment committee as well as its traditional investment manager search, impact, and defined contribution committees. Previously, she led the firm's U.S.-focused capital markets research and U.S. equity manager due diligence. In these roles, she served as a trusted advisor to both internal and external clients. Samantha earned both her Bachelor of Science in business administration and Master's in Business Administration from Florida A&M and is a member of the board of the Southside YMCA in Chicago.



"In an increasingly complex and competitive environment, I am elated to partner with Tim as Verus solidifies its expansion eastward. A Chicago presence will allow us to build on Verus' goals of providing well-researched and customized solutions to institutional clients. I am looking forward to working with the entire Verus team to expand its client base in the Midwest," Grant noted.

"We are delighted that after an exhaustive search for consultants who reflect our firm's values and standards, we now are welcoming two such talented investment professionals to the firm. We have no doubt they quickly and seamlessly will be integrated into our team of exceptional investment consultants serving clients nationwide," Shelly Heier, Verus president, said.

"Tim is a trusted advisor whose dedication to client service is well known and reflected in his outstanding work for a wide range of institutional investors. We expect that his zest for growing business will assist us in further developing our Midwest client roster. Along with her successful track record in generating new business, Samantha brings with her exceptional experience across portfolio management, investment consulting and manager due diligence for institutional clients. Both are stellar additions to our team," she concluded.

## About Verus

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