

## Virtus Investment Partners Joins The Equity Collective

*New collaboration focused on developing diverse leaders for the finance industry*

**HARTFORD, CT, November 23, 2021** – [Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VRTS), which operates a multi-boutique asset management business, today joined 23 other wealth and asset management firms to support The Equity Collective, a diversity focused collaboration dedicated to educating, empowering, and developing the next generation of diverse leaders in the finance industry.

The Equity Collective, a two-year sponsorship commitment organized by Morgan Stanley, will fund three nationwide programs:

- The Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s [CareerLaunch](#) program, a job- and career-readiness program with the ability to reach 4.6 million youths ages 13 to 18 years old;
- The virtual recruiting platform [HIVE Diversity](#), which focuses on internship and entry-level placement opportunities, as well as building earlier and more equitable pipelines through virtual programming to expose all candidates to careers that exist within the industry; and
- A new financial literacy program for college athletes sponsored by [Team IMPACT](#), which matches college athletes with children facing serious and chronic illnesses.

Through The Equity Collective partnership, Virtus and the other participating companies will collaborate with local efforts of each of the three organizations.

Morgan Stanley, which was the founding sponsor of The Equity Collective, conducted research among diverse groups of high-net-worth investors and entrepreneurs that identified opportunities for the financial services industry to address racial inequality.

“We believe it is important to support the development and empowerment of the next generation of diverse leaders for the finance industry through The Equity Collective,” said Barry M. Mandinach, executive vice president and head of distribution at Virtus. “The three programs align with our commitment to promote and encourage diversity in the overall workforce and provide opportunities for individuals from underrepresented groups.”

## About Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.

[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. The company provides investment management products and services through its affiliated managers and select subadvisers, each with a distinct investment style, autonomous investment process, and individual brand. Virtus Investment Partners offers access to a variety of investment styles across multiple disciplines to meet a wide array of investor needs. Its affiliates include [Ceredex Value Advisors](#), [Duff & Phelps Investment Management](#), [Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management](#), [Newfleet Asset Management](#), [NFJ Investment Group](#), [Seix Investment Advisors](#), [Silvant Capital Management](#), [Sustainable Growth Advisers](#), [Virtus ETF Solutions](#), and [Westchester Capital Management](#).

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