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Virtus Introduces the Virtus Newfleet Short Duration Core Plus Bond ETF

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SDCP leverages Newfleet's expertise in multi-sector fixed income investing

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.** (NASDAQ: VRTS) has expanded its exchange-traded funds offerings with the introduction of **Virtus Newfleet Short Duration Core Plus Bond ETF** (NYSE: SDCP), the fourth Virtus ETF Solutions strategy managed by **Newfleet Asset Management**.

The Virtus Newfleet Short Duration Core Plus Bond ETF utilizes Newfleet's disciplined, time-tested investment process and rigorous risk management approach to invest in opportunities across undervalued areas of the fixed income markets. SDCP seeks current income consistent with preservation of capital, while limiting fluctuations in net asset value due to changes in interest rates by investing primarily in investment grade, short-duration debt securities from multiple bond sectors.

"We believe that this actively managed short duration ETF, managed through our relative value lens, can provide a high level of total return and be a good fit in a well-diversified fixed income portfolio," said Newfleet President and Chief Investment Officer David L. Albrycht, CFA, who manages SDCP with Benjamin Caron, CFA, senior managing director and portfolio manager, and Lisa Baribault, director and portfolio manager. "Our active multi-sector investment approach has been in place for more than three decades and we are excited to expand our multi-sector strategy footprint in an ETF structure."

Virtus' multi-manager ETF platform, **Virtus ETF Solutions**, offers three other actively managed fixed income ETFs from Newfleet: Virtus Newfleet Multi-Sector Bond ETF (NYSE: NFLT), Virtus Newfleet ABS/MBS ETF (NYSE: VABS), and Virtus Newfleet Dynamic Credit ETF (NYSE: BLHY).

"Newfleet has been redefining core fixed income portfolios for more than a decade," said William Smalley, executive managing director of Virtus ETF Solutions. "SDCP is a building block which combines Newfleet's relative value approach with the efficiencies of the ETF wrapper, allowing investors to build responsive and adaptive portfolios for today's fixed income markets."

About Newfleet Asset Management

Newfleet Asset Management, which managed \$14.0 billion as of September 30, 2023, provides comprehensive

fixed income portfolio management, including multi-sector, enhanced core, and core strategies, in addition to dedicated sector strategies such as emerging markets debt, bank loans and high yield. Newfleet leverages the knowledge and skill of a team of investment professionals with expertise in every sector of the bond market, including evolving, specialized, and out-of-favor sectors. The team employs active sector rotation and disciplined risk management to portfolio construction.

About Virtus ETF Solutions

Virtus ETF Solutions is a multi-manager ETF sponsor that offers actively managed and index-based investment capabilities across multiple asset classes, seeking to deliver a family of complementary ETFs that provide investors access to differentiated investment capabilities from select subadvisers.

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. We provide investment management products and services from our **affiliated managers**, each with a distinct investment style and autonomous investment process, as well as select subadvisers. Investment solutions are available across multiple disciplines and product types to meet a wide array of investor needs. Additional information about our firm, investment partners, and strategies is available at virtus.com.

Risk Considerations

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF): The value of an ETF may be more volatile than the underlying portfolio of securities it is designed to track. The costs to the portfolio of owning shares of an ETF may exceed the cost of investing directly in the underlying securities. **Credit & Interest:** Debt instruments are subject to various risks, including credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. **Foreign Investing:** Investing in foreign securities subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility; currency fluctuations; less liquidity; less publicly available information about the foreign investment; and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. **ABS/MBS:** Changes in interest rates can cause both extension and prepayment risks for asset- and mortgage-backed securities. These securities are also subject to risks associated with the non-repayment of underlying collateral, including losses to the portfolio. **High Yield Fixed Income Securities:** There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high yield securities than investment grade securities. **Market Price/NAV:** At the time of purchase and/or sale, an investor's shares may have a market price that is above or below the fund's NAV, which may increase the investor's risk of loss. **Market Volatility:** The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended.

Prospectus: For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

Please consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about the fund. Contact

us at 1-800-243-4361 or visit www.virtus.com for a copy of the fund's prospectus. Read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.

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