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Silver Lane Advises on the Acquisition of \$6.4 Billion WealthTrust

New York, NY, April 13, 2017 — Silver Lane Advisors LLC (“Silver Lane”), a premier investment bank that specializes in the financial services industry, is pleased to have served as financial advisor to HighTower Holding, LLC (“HighTower”) and Matthias Kuhlmeier, its Executive Vice President, on HighTower’s pending acquisition of WealthTrust Advisors LLC (“WealthTrust”). WealthTrust, which advises on \$6.4 billion of client assets nationwide, is a portfolio company of Lee Equity Partners, LLC, a New York-based private equity firm that partners with successful management teams to build companies with strong growth potential.

“This was an incredibly complex transaction, and we are fortunate to have worked with many talented professionals on this deal,” said Liz Nesvold, Managing Partner of Silver Lane. Additional advisors to the transaction included Evercore Partners Inc. and Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP as financial advisor and legal counsel to the seller, respectively; Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP as legal counsel to the buyer; and Ernst & Young LLP and KPMG LLP as tax and accounting advisors to the buyer.

Silver Lane’s senior deal team included Liz Nesvold and Jeff Brand. Liz represented WealthTrust in its prior disposition from Morgan Keegan to Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC. For additional news about Silver Lane, [please click here](#).

About Silver Lane Advisors

Silver Lane is a premier investment bank that specializes in the financial services industry. From offices in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, the firm advises financial institutions undergoing transformational events, including M&A, capital raises, recapitalizations, re-equitizations and joint ventures. Clients include investment and wealth management firms, insurance companies, commercial and private banks, fintech platforms and securities firms, among others.

Silver Lane offers the sophistication of a bulge-bracket bank with the specialization of a boutique. The firm is consistently ranked #1 or #2 for the total number of M&A transactions in the asset and wealth management industries. Silver Lane’s senior bankers average more than 20 years of experience and collectively have completed over 280 investment banking engagements over the course of their careers. Please visit us at www.silverlane.com.

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