



MIDDLEMARCH PARTNERS AND VESTA PARTNERS ANNOUNCE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP

NEW YORK and WINTER PARK, Florida – November 22, 2016 – Middlemarch Partners LLC and Vesta Partners Inc. announced today a strategic partnership to jointly serve the corporate finance advisory services needs of emerging growth and lower-middle market companies in the Financial Institutions and Financial Technology sectors using the capital raising platform developed by Middlemarch Partners, based in New York.

Middlemarch Partners has entered into a strategic partnership with Vesta Partners in order to gain added expertise in the depository institutions and banking software markets, where Vesta Partners' founder Ted Burns has extensive experience. Mr. Burns worked for over a decade in the fields of bank mergers & acquisitions and capital raising with Golembe Associates, Fox-Pitt Kelton, and PricewaterhouseCoopers. He later served as Chief Financial Officer of NASDAQ-listed Phoenix International, a developer and outsourced service provider of banking software for retail banks in the U.S. and internationally. "We believe Ted Burns will be a highly accretive partner to Middlemarch and help us serve fast-growing financial services and technology companies," stated Sasha Grutman, co-founder of Middlemarch Partners.

About Middlemarch Partners

Middlemarch Partners is a New York-based merchant banking firm providing the capital raising and acquisition advisory services of an investment bank and the investment capabilities of a private equity investor. Middlemarch focuses on the financial services industry and has deep domain expertise in the specialty finance, financial technology, transaction processing, and business services sectors. Its Partners have concentrated on these sectors for their entire careers in roles as investment bankers, private equity investors, and operating executives. The firm advises and invests across all stages of company growth, establishing long-term relationships that endure beyond the initial transaction. Contact Sasha Grutman at sgrutman@middlemarchllc.com.

About Vesta Partners

Vesta Partners is a Winter Park, Florida-based investment banking and strategic advisory firm that serves the hospitality, real estate, financial services and financial technology sectors. Securities transactions are conducted through StillPoint Capital LLC, a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA and SIPC. Contact Ted Burns at tburns@vesta-partners.com.