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FIS Group Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunity and Investment Success

20 years of service to institutional investors, entrepreneurial managers, and the community

PHILADELPHIA, PA, August 17, 2016 – FIS Group, a manager of U.S. and global developed, emerging and frontier markets equity portfolio strategies, is celebrating its 20th anniversary of working alongside institutional investors across the nation, helping entrepreneurial asset management firms advance, and serving the Philadelphia community.

“When I founded FIS Group 20 years ago, I saw an opportunity to make an impact for investors, managers, and my community,” said Tina Byles Williams, CEO and CIO of FIS Group. “Our longevity and success can be attributed to our being innovative and forward thinking and believing that diverse, entrepreneurial firms are just as highly skilled and qualified and have the ability to achieve alpha,” she added.

FIS Group now manages over \$4 billion and is one of the leading “manager of managers” with expertise in identifying and constructing funds comprised of emerging and principally minority and/or women owned investment firms that have a high probability of performance success. To date, FIS Group has brought over 160 investment firms into its portfolios, 60% of which are women and minority-owned.

FIS Group has a well-established record of helping entrepreneurial asset management firms grow. Since its inception, FIS Group has provided the first external dollar of institutional funding for more than 25% of the entrepreneurial firms it has worked with. In addition to funding opportunities, the FIS Group Ecosystem provides access to working capital and discounted access to critical infrastructure resources: accounting, legal, compliance, back office and auditing services, as well as marketing support and trading platforms.



FIS Group has achieved notable recognition in the national and financial media. For their unique and valuable perspectives and expertise in the emerging manager and asset management space, Tina Byles Williams and other FIS Group executives have been quoted by *Pensions & Investments*, *Institutional Investor*, *Bloomberg TV*, *Financial Times*, and have achieved other significant media placements and thought leadership.

Tina Byles Williams and FIS Group have also been the recipient of several prominent industry awards including, *Savoy Magazine's* '2016 Top 200 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America,' *Black Enterprise Magazine's* '75 Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street,' the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund Award of Excellence, and the National Association of Securities Professionals' Maynard Jackson Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Prior to founding FIS Group, Tina Byles Williams served as Chief Investment Officer for the Philadelphia Gas Works Funds from 1988 to 1991, establishing one of the earliest programs focused on emerging minority-owned investment firms. She also served as the first Chief Investment Officer for the Philadelphia Board of Pensions from 1991 to 1994.

FIS Group has grown to over 24 associates, with offices in Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco.

About FIS Group

FIS Group is an investment management firm that provides customized manager of managers investment solutions for institutional investors. For 20 years, we have delivered risk-adjusted returns by conquering the complexity of identifying high skill, high active share entrepreneurial managers that have gone largely undiscovered by the institutional investor community. Unique among our peers, FIS Group enhances risk-adjusted returns by using macro strategy insights to allocate capital among the managers and/or through a global macro tactical completion strategy. Our culture is a fusion of relentless curiosity and a scientific, disciplined process.

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