



CION Investments Announces New Hires

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NEW YORK, NY (May 3, 2017) – CION Investments (“CION”) announced that Robert Nicholson and Andre Hatibi have joined as Senior Vice President’s.

Rob has 20 years of financial services experience. Rob was most recently with Commerce Group, a boutique financial services consulting firm focused on advising Private Equity, Sovereign Investors, Broker-Dealers, RIAs, Hedge Funds, Family Offices, Pension and Insurance Companies on capital markets initiatives. Prior to Commerce Group Rob was Senior Vice President with Cole Capital where he ultimately headed the RIA and Institutional divisions. Prior to Cole Capital, Rob held wholesaling roles at Hines and Wells Real Estate. He earned a MBA from Columbia Business School; a MBA from London Business School and a B.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Rob currently holds FINRA Series 7, 63, and 65 licenses.

“Rob comes to CION with an impeccable reputation in the sponsor and intermediary channel for conceptualizing, developing and building distribution,” said Douglas Crossman, Head of Distribution for CION Securities. “As we expand our product offerings and continue expansion of our distribution capabilities, Rob’s vast experience and depth of knowledge across the intermediary channel will help us execute on various deliverables and channel opportunities,” added Mark Gatto, co-CEO of CION Investments.

In addition, Andre Hatibi has joined CION with nearly 20 years of financial services experience. Andre was most recently Senior Vice President at S2K Financial leading a diverse set of initiatives to assist in the formation, development and launch of a start up distribution company focused on alternative investments. Prior to S2K Andre was Senior Vice President at Realty Capital Securities where he held various sales management positions with increasing responsibilities culminating in being named National Sales Manager of the Regional/Warehouse channel where he lead all business development and distribution efforts to on-board and advance relationships with a select group of broker dealers. Prior to that, Andre held wholesaling positions at The Hartford and American Skandia/Prudential Annuities. He currently holds FINRA Series 7, 63, and 24 licenses.

“Andre has a unique and diverse skill set in launching and managing a start up distribution franchise as well as leading a seasoned team of distribution professionals across the intermediary channel,” remarked Michael A. Reisner. “We are excited to have individuals of Rob and Andre’s caliber join CION to increase our presence with existing intermediary clients as well as developing new relationships,” continued Michael A. Reisner.



CION Investments Announces Addition of Geoffrey A. Manna as Managing Director

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NEW YORK, NY (May 3, 2017) - CION Investments ("CION") is pleased to announce that Geoffrey A. Manna has joined the firm as a Managing Director. Among his various responsibilities will be to lead the firm's direct investment activities in the Southeast U.S. Mr. Manna will be responsible for originating, structuring and managing investment opportunities across the capital structure.

Geoff joins CION with over 25 years of experience financing and advising sponsored and non-sponsored middle-market companies across a wide variety of industries. Previously, Geoff held senior banking positions with firms including Credit Suisse First Boston, Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown, Bankers Trust Company, Royal Bank of Scotland and BNP Paribas, where he focused on originating, underwriting, structuring and managing debt and equity transactions for large-cap and middle-market companies. Geoff began his career as a CPA in the audit and transaction services groups of KPMG.

Mr. Manna said, "I'm excited to join the CION team and look forward to expanding the group's direct investment activities in the Southeast U.S. I am equally thrilled to be working alongside CION's Chief Investment Officer Gregg Bresner, whom I worked with at Bankers Trust Company."

"We are very pleased to have Geoff join CION," said Michael A. Reisner, co-CEO of CION Investments. "The Southeast U.S. continues to distinguish itself as a leading financial hub for investment funds and advisers, high net-worth investors and high growth companies. We are excited to be expanding our direct investment coverage platform to south Florida and believe Geoff will be instrumental in helping CION Investments continue to grow and distinguish itself as a direct lender."

About CION Investments

CION Investments is a leading manager of alternative investment solutions that focuses on alternative credit strategies for individual investors. The firm currently manages CION Investment Corp., a leading non-traded BDC with approximately \$1.5 billion in assets under management and sponsors, through CION Ares Management, LLC, CION Ares Diversified Credit Fund ("CADC"). Its affiliated broker-dealer, CION Securities, LLC (member FINRA/SIPC), distributes its offerings. CION Investments is headquartered in New York.

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