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## The Strategic Group Hires Michael Fields as Chief Operating Officer

Atlanta, G.A., April 1, 2017 - The Strategic Group, a boutique investment firm that focuses primarily on investment strategies that also provide tax benefits as a source of returns, today announced Mike Fields will join the Firm as Chief Operating Officer.

"Mike Fields joining our firm will further our goal of establishing The Strategic Group as a trusted investment management firm for our clients and advisors," said James Freeman, Co-Managing Partner of the Strategic Group. "We are excited to welcome Mike to the Strategic family. He brings extensive experience in alternative investments, structuring, and investor relations."

Mr. Fields will focus on implementing the strategic vision of the Firm, and will work to further integrate the investment management, operational, and investor relations teams of The Strategic Group. Mr. Fields brings over 20 years of private equity experience to the firm.

Prior to joining The Strategic Group Mr. Fields was a founder of Hatteras Funds in Raleigh, North Carolina where he most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer. Hatteras Funds was a boutique alternative investment firm which offered investments in hedge funds and private equity funds. Previously, Mr. Fields also was employed by Captrust Financial and Morgan Stanley.

"I am excited to join The Strategic Group. The firm is uniquely positioned in the private equity industry to bring a strong investment management offering combined with tax mitigation strategies for investors," said Mr. Fields. "The approach speaks to how The Strategic Group focuses on our client's full financial position. Our value add does not stop at the investment but continues to each client's specific tax situation, and how we can help them."

The addition of Mike Fields follows a series of strategic decisions the Firm has made over the past two years of expanding the Firm's footprint in tax-advantage investing. The Firm recently brought on Stephen Rothschild as a Partner to expand the Firm's Federal and State Tax Credit offerings for clients.

## **About The Strategic Group**

The Strategic Group is a boutique investment firm that focuses primarily on investment strategies that also provide tax benefits as a source of returns. We work closely with high net worth investors, family offices and their trusted advisors, as well as corporations, and banks. We have four primary lines of business that include:

- Opportunity Zones: Target investments in real estate and other private equity opportunities in designated "Opportunity Zones" that can mitigate the taxation of capital gains and all future appreciation may grow tax free
- Conservation: Consults and structures "green, sustainable, and socially responsible" conservation
  investments with the potential to mitigate tax liabilities while generating other private equity
  returns
- 1031 Qualified Intermediary: Consults and serves as a qualified intermediary for 1031 tax-free exchanges, including strategies resulting from partnerships, lease buy-backs, and other complex structures
- Federal & State Tax Credits: Consults, invests, and brokers transferable Federal and State tax credits such as film, low-income housing, historic rehabilitation, renewable energy, and various state and federal programs that mitigate tax liabilities

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