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## MARK VOCCOLA JOINS ARDIAN AS CO-HEAD OF US INFRASTRUCTURE

Energy industry investment professional reinforces Ardian Infrastructure American bench strength

**New York, March 27, 2018**: Ardian, a world-leading private investment house, today announces that Mark Voccola will join Ardian New York office in August 2018 as Managing Director of Ardian Infrastructure.

As an industry veteran, Mark has extensive energy sector experience. He will co-lead Ardian's US infrastructure activities alongside Stefano Mion, Managing Director and Co-Head of Ardian US Infrastructure, and he will be part of Ardian Infrastructure global team now composed of 30 investment professionals.

Mark Voccola will play a leading role shaping Ardian Infrastructure's vision and strategy in the American continent. When he begins his role in August, he will be responsible for evaluating potential investment opportunities and working alongside Ardian's industrial long-term partners to identify high-quality American essential infrastructure assets.

Previously, Mark was a Partner in Ares EIF within the Ares Private Equity Group where he was responsible for appraising investment opportunities and monitoring portfolio companies. Prior to joining Ares in 2015, he was a Partner at Energy Investors Funds (EIF).

"Mark's exceptional credentials and deep energy expertise position him well to lead Ardian Infrastructure's expansion into the American mid-market alongside Stefano Mion, co-head of Ardian US Infrastructure", said Mathias Burghardt, Member of the Executive Committee of Ardian and Global Head of Ardian Infrastructure. "His appointment underscores our commitment to the American region, and he will play a critical role in growing our US infrastructure team in the New York office. We welcome him to the team."

Ardian, already one of the leading European infrastructure manager, has made significant inroads in North America. Mark's appointment follows Ardian recent announcement that it partnered with Transatlantic Holdings (TPH) to create a renewables platform, <u>Skyline Renewables</u> and acquire Whirlwind, a 60MW windfarm in Texas. Ardian also previously announced its acquisition of <u>LBC Tank Terminals</u>, a global operator of bulk liquid storage facilities with a significant US presence.

## **ABOUT ARDIAN**

Ardian is a world-leading private investment house with assets of US\$67bn managed or advised in Europe, North America and Asia. The company is majority-owned by its employees. It keeps entrepreneurship at its heart and focuses on delivering excellent investment performance to its global investor base.

Through its commitment to shared outcomes for all stakeholders, Ardian's activities fuel individual, corporate and economic growth around the world.

Holding close its core values of excellence, loyalty and entrepreneurship, Ardian maintains a truly global network, with more than 490 employees working from thirteen offices across Europe (Frankfurt, Jersey, London, Luxembourg, Madrid, Milan, Paris and Zurich), North America (New York, San Francisco) and Asia (Beijing, Singapore, Tokyo). It manages funds on behalf of around 700 clients through five pillars of investment expertise: Funds of Funds, Direct Funds, Infrastructure, Real Estate and Private Debt.

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