

HilltopSecurities Welcomes Michael Bartolotta to Lead Public Finance South Texas Region and Debt Capital Markets Banking

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DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Hilltop Securities Inc. (HilltopSecurities) announced today that Michael Bartolotta will be re-joining the firm's Houston office as senior managing director, where he will lead the South Texas region for HilltopSecurities' Public Finance division and oversee Debt Capital Markets Banking firm wide.

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Michael Bartolotta (Photo: Business Wire)

Bartolotta is an industry veteran with deep experience in municipal advisory and municipal structured finance. He was vice chairman of public finance at HilltopSecurities' legacy firm, First Southwest Company, where he served for nearly 20 years before joining Citigroup in 2015. At Citigroup, Bartolotta served in several capacities as managing director, including head of municipal banking solutions and head of the company's public finance regions.

"Now more than ever, Public Finance clients need advice from experienced professionals and Mike has been a leader in the municipal and project finance sectors for 34 years," said Brad Wings, HilltopSecurities president and CEO. "As we continue to grow our leadership role in Texas and expand our high-yield banking and advisory business, Mike is uniquely qualified to lead this effort."

In addition to his previous role as vice chairman at First Southwest Company, Bartolotta is a former member of the PlainsCapital Bank board of directors. He is also a past chairman of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's municipal division.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities, experiences and relationships that I developed while at Citigroup and I have the deepest respect for their professionals and abilities. My move to HilltopSecurities allows me to be closer to my family and re-join an industry leader with which I have a long history," Bartolotta said. "I look forward to helping build on HilltopSecurities' long history of success and I am excited to be back."

"We're very excited to be working together again," said HilltopSecurities Vice Chairman and Head of Public Finance David Medanich. "I have known Mike for many years—both as a business partner and a competitor—and his energy, knowledge, and expertise will be an asset to our firm. His leadership will help continue to strengthen our presence as an industry leader in large-issuer municipal banking."

"I've known Mike for over 20 years and I look forward to working with him to grow our High Yield Municipal Finance franchise," said HilltopSecurities Vice Chairman and Head of Structured Finance Michael Marz. "Our structured finance and debt capital markets efforts are highly interrelated and I am pleased to be working with Mike to help our issuing clients find solutions to their financial needs."

Bartolotta has held various community involvement-related positions in Houston, volunteering his time and expertise to MD Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann Health Systems, and Save Our ER's board of directors. He earned a bachelor's degree in Actuarial Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

About HilltopSecurities

Hilltop Securities Inc. delivers forthright advice and tailored solutions for municipal issuers, institutions, broker-dealers, and individuals. The full-service municipal investment bank and registered investment adviser is headquartered in Dallas, Texas, with offices across the United States. Areas of focus include public finance; municipal and taxable fixed income underwriting, sales, and trading; retail brokerage services; securities clearing; structured finance; and securities lending. A wholly owned subsidiary of Hilltop Holdings Inc. (NYSE: HTH), HilltopSecurities' affiliates include Hilltop Securities Independent Network Inc., PlainsCapital Bank, PrimeLending, and National Lloyds Corporation. Learn more at www.HilltopSecurities.com. Member: NYSE/FINRA/SIPC.

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