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# EATON PARTNERS ACTS AS EXCLUSIVE PLACEMENT AGENT FOR RIDGEWOOD INFRASTRUCTURE'S INAUGURAL FUND

**ROWAYTON, Conn., February 25, 2020** – Eaton Partners, one of the largest capital placement agents and fund advisory firms and a wholly owned subsidiary of Stifel Financial Corp. (NYSE: SF), is pleased to have acted as exclusive placement agent for Ridgewood Infrastructure.

The Ridgewood Water & Strategic Infrastructure Fund reached its hard cap of \$600 million in capital commitments, exceeding its initial target of \$500 million. The heavily oversubscribed fund received strong support from both leading North American and European institutional investors.

The Fund targets investments in essential water and other strategic infrastructure in the U.S. lower middle market. It has already completed three investments in a 30-year contracted, 142-mile water supply pipeline for the city of San Antonio; a consolidation of regulated water & wastewater utilities; and the acquisition and growth of a regional natural gas utility. Ridgewood Infrastructure anticipates completing a fourth investment prior to quarterend. In aggregate, these investments will represent approximately 45% of Fund capital commitments.

"It was our pleasure to work with Ridgewood Infrastructure on this very successful fundraise," said Jeff Eaton, Partner at Eaton Partners. "This fund is a clear example of Ridgewood's creative, value-adding approach to capital stewardship. Given the underinvestment in U.S. lower middle market and water infrastructure, it's no surprise this strategy resonated in the marketplace."

"Eaton Partners was instrumental in introducing us to thought-leading investors," said Ross Posner of Ridgewood Infrastructure. "We are grateful for their work through the fundraise and for their spirit of partnership."

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#### **About Ridgewood Infrastructure**



Ridgewood Infrastructure invests in essential infrastructure in the U.S. lower middle market. Recent investments include the Vista Ridge Regional Water Supply Project, a long-term contracted 142-mile water pipeline, which will supply the city of San Antonio, Texas with approximately 20 percent of its fresh water; Undine, which owns and operates regulated water and wastewater utilities in several major U.S. markets; and SiEnergy, which is among the largest and fastest growing regulated natural gas local distribution companies in Texas, serving approximately 25,000 customers.

Ridgewood Infrastructure is part of the affiliated Ridgewood companies, which manage \$6 billion in total capital and commitments focused on investments in infrastructure and energy.

For more information, please visit www.ridgewoodinfrastructure.com

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