UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

TOM CUMMINS, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, Plaintiff, vs. VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS INC., GEORGE R. AYLWARD, MICHAEL A. ANGERTHAL, FRANCIS G. WALTMAN and MARK S. FLYNN, Defendants.	No. 15 Civ. _____ JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff Tom Cummins ("Plaintiff"), by and through his undersigned counsel, brings this action individually and on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded stock in Virtus Investment Partners Inc. (NASDAQ: VRTS) ("Virtus" or the "Company") between May 28, 2013 and December 22, 2014 (the "Class Period"), and were damaged thereby.

2. Virtus is a financial services company with an office in New York, New York that provides investment products and solutions primarily through its subsidiary investment managers. Virtus offers a wide range of open- and closed-end mutual funds, managed accounts and variable insurance products to retail and institutional investors.

3. On December 31, 2008, Virtus was launched as an independent public company in a spin-off of its predecessor's asset management business. In 2008, due to the global financial crisis, Virtus's asset management business had suffered a loss of $17 billion in assets under

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24. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78t(a) and Rule 10b(5) promulgated thereunder by the SEC, 17 C.F.R. § 240.10b-5.

25. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, and 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

26. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Section 27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa, and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a), (b), and (c) because Defendants transact business in this District.

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27. Plaintiff Tom Cummins resides in Kentucky. He purchased shares of Virtus stock during the Class Period, as described in the certification attached to this Class Action Complaint, and suffered damages as a result of Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws described herein.

28. Defendant Virtus is incorporated under the laws of the Delaware, and transacts business in this district, in part, through an office at 1540 Broadway, New York, New York. Virtus's stock trades publicly on the NASDAQ stock exchange under the symbol "VRTS." Virtus also solely owns and controls Virtus Investment Advisors Inc. ("VIA"), its subsidiary, which is an SEC-registered investment adviser with several of the same officers and directors. VIA is the investment adviser for Virtus Opportunities Trust ("VOT"), the SEC-registered investment company which issued registration statements and other public filings for the funds.

29. Defendant George R. Aylward is and at relevant times was the President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Virtus. He was also the President, Chairman and Director and