



HIGHTOWER WELCOMES LRG WEALTH ADVISORS IN NEW YORK

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CHICAGO —June 6, 2016 — HighTower’s New York office continues to grow with the addition of LRG Wealth Advisors. Managing Director LaRue Gibson will lead the team, which oversees approximately \$300 million in assets and transitioned to HighTower from Merrill Lynch.

“HighTower delivers resources and support to drive growth for elite financial advisors like LaRue and his team,” said **Michael Parker, Chief Development Officer at HighTower**. “Our model supports advisors coming from a variety of environments and stages in their business lifecycles, and each new team strengthens the collective wisdom of our community.”

LRG Wealth Advisors guides clients through a planning-based wealth advisory process to identify and achieve their financial goals, as well as manage their investment portfolios in a risk-appropriate fashion. The practice serves individuals, closely-held businesses and not-for-profit institutions.

“HighTower delivers invaluable resources and support to entrepreneurial advisors who are committed to building their businesses and deeply invested in serving their clients,” said **Mr. Gibson**. “The strength of the HighTower platform and community provides the ideal environment for our next phase of growth.”

Prior to joining HighTower, Mr. Gibson spent nearly 30 years with Merrill Lynch, where he began his financial services career in a sales role and advanced to Senior Vice President, Investments. Other members of the LRG Wealth Advisors team include: Kevin Jackson, Senior Relationship Manager; Naintara Ramoo-Goodgame, Relationship Manager; LeAnn Yee, Senior Analyst; Kemnjika Jamil Ohayia, Analyst; and Amanda N. Green, Senior Client Associate.

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About HighTower

HighTower is a national firm built by and for elite financial advisors. HighTower advisors commit to the fiduciary standard: a binding promise to put our clients’ interests first. Powered by a proprietary technology and investment platform, HighTower embraces bold change to create a culture of collaboration and growth and to meet the evolving needs of sophisticated investors. For more information, see www.hightoweradvisors.com and www.byadvisorsforadvisors.com.

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