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FUND FORMATION PARTNER LIOR OHAYON JOINS WILLKIE

New York, NY (June 21, 2017) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that leading fund formation attorney Lior Ohayon has joined the firm as a partner in the Asset Management Group in the New York office.

Mr. Ohayon advises domestic and foreign banks, financial services companies and investment management firms on fund formation, asset management, compensation and regulatory matters across asset classes and investment structures in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Ohayon, who has developed a particular focus on the sponsor side of private funds, is known for his experience representing banks in the creation and operation of private investment funds.

He was named to *Private Funds Management's* 2015 list of the top 30 private funds lawyers under 40 and is recognized in the 2017 edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

“Willkie is a preeminent law firm with a superb investment funds platform, and I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to its success,” said Mr. Ohayon.

“Lior adds depth to our ever-growing private funds practice,” said firm Chairman Steven Gartner. “His specific experience in real assets, as well as creating access funds for large banks, will significantly expand the scope of work we currently provide for fund formation clients.”

Mr. Ohayon was most recently Chair of the Private Funds Group and Co-Chair of the Corporate Practice at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in New York.

Willkie's Asset Management Group provides insight and knowledge into the legal needs of sponsors of public and private funds, bringing a practical, efficient approach to analyzing issues and solving problems. The group was recently recognized with the "Investment Funds Firm Award" at the 2017 *Chambers USA* Awards for excellence.

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