

GLUSKIN SHEFF + ASSOCIATES INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER FISCAL 2017 RESULTS

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Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc. (the “Company”) announced today its results for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017.

Financial Highlights:

<i>(unaudited, \$ '000s except for AUM and per share amounts)</i>	3 Months Ended		3 Months Ended		9 Months Ended		9 Months Ended	
	Mar 31, 2017		Mar 31, 2016		Mar 31, 2017		Mar 31, 2016	
Assets Under Management (\$ in millions)	\$	8,873	\$	8,199	\$	8,873	\$	8,199
Revenue:								
Base Management Fees	\$	26,141	\$	25,587	\$	79,494	\$	79,432
Performance Fees		547		34		39,288		33,038
Investment & Other Income		606		598		1,687		2,239
Total Revenue	\$	27,294	\$	26,219	\$	120,469	\$	114,709
Net Income attributable to shareholders	\$	6,001	\$	4,995	\$	37,369	\$	30,986
Amortization of Restricted Share Units (RSUs)		1,967		3,610		7,257		11,642
Other amortization		1,411		1,647		4,497		5,381
RSU portion of current period's Base bonus		(721)		(746)		(2,357)		(2,360)
Special RSUs		-		-		(581)		(863)
Stock option and post-retirement obligation / Founders' retirement obligation provision		131		100		391		306
Performance fees net of related cash bonus		(374)		(27)		(26,921)		(22,850)
Provision for income taxes		2,364		1,951		14,413		13,486
Base EBITDA	\$	10,779	\$	11,530	\$	34,068	\$	35,728
Basic Earnings per Share	\$	0.20	\$	0.17	\$	1.25	\$	1.04
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$	0.19	\$	0.16	\$	1.20	\$	1.00

The Company’s revenues are derived from Base Management Fees, calculated as a percentage of Assets Under Management (“AUM”), Performance Fees, which are earned when the Company exceeds pre-specified rates of return, and Other Income.

During the quarter, AUM increased by \$134 million to \$8.9 billion as at March 31, 2017, approximately 86% of which comprises high net worth individuals, from \$8.7 billion as at December 31, 2016. The increase was due to positive net investment performance of \$214 million, partially offset by net withdrawals of \$80 million. Net withdrawals of \$123 million from high net worth clients were partially offset by net additions of \$43 million from institutional clients. Year-over-year AUM increased by \$674 million due to positive net investment performance of \$879 million, partially offset by net withdrawals of

\$205 million. Net withdrawals of \$262 million from high net worth clients were partially offset by net additions of \$57 million from institutional clients.

Base Management Fees for the three months ended March 31, 2017, increased year-over-year to \$26.1 million from \$25.6 million with an increase in Average AUM for the quarter to \$8.8 billion from \$8.1 billion for the same quarter last year, partially offset by the decrease in the average Base Management Fee Percentage to 1.21% from 1.28% for the same period last year.

Performance Fees for the three months ended March 31, 2017, were \$0.5 million, compared to \$0.03 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Total expenses decreased by \$0.3 million from the year-ago quarter primarily due to lower RSU amortization of \$1.6 million, partially offset by an increase in accrued cash bonuses of \$0.4 million, an increase in severances of \$0.8 million to \$1.1 million from \$0.3 million and an increase in professional fees related to the Founders' arbitration of \$0.3 million to \$0.8 million from \$0.5 million.

Net income was \$6.0 million and represented earnings per share, basic and diluted, of \$0.20 and \$0.19, respectively for the three months ended March 31, 2017. Net income was \$5.0 million and represented earnings per share, basic and diluted, of \$0.17 and \$0.16, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Base EBITDA eliminates the effect of Performance Fees, Performance Fee related expenses, post-retirement obligations, stock option expense and amortization of RSU awards, and deducts the dollar value of the base bonus RSUs to be awarded in respect of the current period and special RSUs awarded in the period. Base EBITDA was \$10.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017, compared with \$11.5 million in the year ago quarter as higher Base Management Fees were more than offset by higher base bonus and operating expenses.

“While we are encouraged about opportunities in certain markets and industries, other areas of the market look expensive and our portfolios are now positioned defensively from a near-term tactical perspective,” commented Thomas MacMillan, President & Chief Executive Officer. “I am also pleased to announce the recent launch of the GS+A Global Special Situations Fund, a concentrated portfolio focused on global equities that represent unique and differentiated investment opportunities.”

Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc. is one of Canada's pre-eminent wealth management firms, serving high net worth private clients, estates, trusts and institutional investors. Founded in 1984, the Company is dedicated to providing clients with strong risk-adjusted returns together with the highest level of personalized client service. The Company's Common Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "GS". For more information about the Company, please visit our website at www.gluskinsheff.com.

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