

## Antin Infrastructure Partners opens office in New York

Antin Infrastructure Partners, a leading independent private equity firm with almost \$9 billion in funds under management, announces the launch of its New York office. Led by Senior Partner Kevin Genieser, Antin's office is currently staffed by 11 professionals.

Beyond Kevin Genieser, Antin's New York team comprises seasoned Antin professionals who transferred from Europe, including Guillaume Friedel (Partner), Hamza Fassi-Fehri (Investment Director), David Vence (Investment Director), Ryan Thom (Investment Director) and Michael Forrester (Associate). Antin has hired three American nationals, namely James Graham as Tax Investment Director, James Mathews as Associate and Timothy J. O'Brien as Associate. Antin continues to recruit talent and expects to have 15-20 professionals based out of New York by the end of 2020.

Antin made its first North American investment when it acquired FirstLight Fiber from Oak Hill Capital Partners in July 2018. FirstLight is a major fiber-optic network provider operating in six northeastern U.S. states (New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and Pennsylvania) and has grown significantly under Antin's ownership. Antin was attracted to FirstLight having seen similarities with its investment in Eurofiber, based in the Netherlands and Belgium. Antin's strategy for North American investments mirrors its successful approach in Europe to date.

Alain Rauscher, CEO and Managing Partner, explained, *"We have long-considered this expansion and now is the right time. New York is the epicenter of North American finance and we wanted to have a local presence on the ground. This will ensure we're seeing the best investment opportunities and speaks to our confidence in Kevin and the team."*

Kevin Genieser, Senior Partner heading up the New York office, commented, *"We foresee a significant runway to leverage our European experience and network in certain situations here in North America, within the transportation, telecommunication, energy and social infrastructure sectors. My message is that we are very much open for business and look forward to developing our franchise over here"*.

Kevin Genieser joined Antin in 2017 following a 20-year career at Morgan Stanley where he was a Managing Director and the Group Head of Power & Utilities EMEA in the Investment Banking Department. Under Kevin's leadership, the group was ranked first in European M&A in 2016. Kevin is an American national and holds a degree from Harvard College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

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### **About Antin Infrastructure Partners**

Antin Infrastructure Partners is a leading independent private equity firm focused on infrastructure investments. Based in New York, Paris and London with fourteen partners and a total of over 90 professionals, Antin manages four funds that invest in infrastructure and target controlling stakes for investments in the transportation, telecommunication, energy and environment and social infrastructure sectors. The firm has raised almost \$9 billion from 120 blue-chip institutional investors and has made investments in 23 companies to date. For more information, please visit [www.antin-ip.com](http://www.antin-ip.com).

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