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GERALD B. SMITH INDUCTED AT THE 38TH ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD BY THE TEXAS BUSINESS HALL OF FAME

Dallas, Texas – Smith Graham & Co. Investment Advisors, L.P. is proud to announce that Gerald B. Smith, Chairman & CEO, SGIA, was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame on October 28th, 2021. Mr. Smith, along with the other inductees, has had a transformational impact on our economy and on communities around our state, nation, and world. This year's inductees are:

Mark Cuban, Owner, Chairman & CEO of Dallas Mavericks, AXS TV | Dallas, Texas
John Paul DeJoria, Co-Founder & Chairman of the Board, John Paul Mitchell Systems; Chairman Emeritus, The Patrón Spirits Company | Austin, Texas
John C. Goff, Co-Founder, Crescent Real Estate, Goff Capital, Inc. | Fort Worth, Texas
Morton H. Meyerson, Chair, Morton H. Meyerson Family Foundation, 2M Companies | Dallas, Texas
Gerald B. Smith, Chairman & CEO, Smith Graham & Co. | Houston, Texas
Randall L. Stephenson, Executive Chairman, AT&T Inc. | Dallas, Texas

Each year the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation honors new inductees for their business and personal accomplishments in Texas. The dinner supports TBHF's Future Legends Scholar & Veteran Award Program, which provides funding and support to promising early-career entrepreneurs across the state. This year, 36 early-career scholar and veteran entrepreneurs are being recognized and will receive a \$15,000 cash prize. Since its inception in 1982, The Texas Business Hall of Fame has awarded over \$5.9 million in funding to more than 775 scholar and veteran entrepreneurs.

Gerald B. Smith is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Smith Graham & Co. Investment Advisors, L.P. ("SGIA"), a high-quality, competitive investment management firm headquartered in Houston with a full-service office in New York, New York. Founded in 1990, SGIA has served diversified, institutional clients, including public funds, corporations, endowments and Taft-Hartley plans and currently manages over \$5 billion in fixed income and equity institutional assets. SGIA is one of the nation's largest minority-owned investment management firms and one of the largest investment management firms based in Houston.

Smith dedicates time to many corporate boards and civic and community organizations. He is a board member of the New York Life Insurance Company, Eaton, PLC and ONEOK. Smith also serves on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Greater Houston Partnership and is

the current chairman of the Texas Southern University Foundation board. After 20 years of committed service, effective December 31, 2020, he retired as a board member of the Charles Schwab Family of Funds.

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About The Texas Business Hall of Fame

The Texas Business Hall of Fame's mission is to celebrate and champion the business leaders of Texas — both present and future. We recognize transformative trailblazers who exemplify Texas leadership and innovation. These leaders are honored at our annual Induction Dinner.

TBHF was founded in 1982 by a small group of Texas businessmen and women to focus awareness on the positive achievements and contributions made by outstanding business leaders across the state. Nominations for the Hall of Fame are made by the general public, Hall of Fame members, and Hall of Fame Directors. Inductees are selected by living Hall of Fame members and are chosen for their distinguished accomplishments in business and their contributions to their community.

For more information on the Texas Business Hall of Fame, its inductees or its award program, please visit www.texasbusiness.org.

About Smith Graham & Co. Investment Advisors, L.P.

Smith Graham & Co. Investment Advisors, L.P. ("SGIA") is a \$6 billion institutional investment management specialist headquartered in Houston with a full-service office in New York. Founded in 1990 with a team hailing from diverse backgrounds, our goal is to continuously deliver solutions that meet the needs and expectations of our clients.

We apply our conservative and repeatable investment processes to various asset classes, including U.S. fixed income and equities. Our highly qualified teams have a history of preserving capital during down market cycles and benefiting from positive market trends, all while maintaining open and responsive communications with clients, which include some of the world's largest institutional investors.

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