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Savant Capital Management Team Members Earn CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Certification

ROCKFORD, III. (April 25, 2019) – <u>Savant Capital Management</u>, a nationally-recognized, fee-only wealth management firm headquartered in Rockford, announced today that Financial Planner <u>Sobhi Baghdadi</u> and Senior Investment Research Analyst <u>Eamon Verdone</u> earned the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER[™] professional certification.

The CFP[®] certification process, administered by the CFP Board, identifies to the public that those individuals who have been authorized to use the CFP[®] certification marks in the U.S. have met rigorous professional standards and have agreed to adhere to the principles of integrity, objectivity, competence, fairness, confidentiality, professionalism, and diligence when working with clients.

Baghdadi joined Savant in 2017, is a member of the firm's Planning Team, and helps prepare and deliver financial planning strategies to clients. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance from The American University of Beirut, Lebanon, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Rockford University.

Verdone joined Savant in 2014, is a member of the firm's Investment Research Team, and is responsible for the due diligence of asset classes, fund managers, and individual funds and provides high-quality support for complex individual client needs. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Northern Illinois University. Verdone also is a Chartered Financial Analyst[®] and a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst.

About Savant Capital Management

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