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GRIFFIN INSTITUTIONAL ACCESS® REAL ESTATE FUND ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER DISTRIBUTION

EL SEGUNDO, California (September 18, 2020) – Griffin Capital Company, LLC announced today on behalf of Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund (NASDAQ: GIREX, GCREX, GRIFX, GLREX, GMREX) the third quarter distribution of \$0.329 for Class A, \$0.317 for Class C, \$0.334 for Class I, \$0.327 for Class L, and \$0.323 for Class M, or a 5.22% annualized distribution rate. The distribution will be payable on September 25, 2020 to shareholders of record as of September 17, 2020, with an ex-dividend date of September 18, 2020.

To learn more about Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund, go to:
<https://www.griffincapital.com/griffin-institutional-access-real-estate-fund>

About Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund

Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund (the "Fund," NASDAQ: GIREX, GCREX, GRIFX, GLREX, GMREX), a closed-end, interval fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, is an actively managed portfolio of private real estate funds and public real estate securities, diversified by property type and geography, offering daily pricing and periodic liquidity at net asset value. The Fund will make quarterly offers to repurchase between five percent and 25 percent of its outstanding shares at net asset value. The Fund began reporting on NASDAQ on June 30, 2014 with an initial share price of \$25.00 and reported a share price of \$25.24 for Class A, \$24.31 for Class C, \$25.57 for Class I, \$25.06 for Class L, and \$24.78 for Class M as of September 17, 2020. The Fund is advised by Griffin Capital Advisor, LLC ("GCA"). GCA is registered as an investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. GCA is an indirect majority-owned subsidiary of Griffin Capital Company, LLC. Registration with the SEC



does not constitute an endorsement by the SEC nor does it imply a certain level of skill or training.

About Griffin Capital Company, LLC*

Griffin Capital is a leading alternative investment asset manager headquartered in El Segundo, California with offices in Irvine, California, Phoenix, Arizona, and Greenwich, Connecticut. Founded in 1995, Griffin Capital has owned, managed, sponsored or co-sponsored investment programs encompassing over \$18.1 billion in assets. Griffin Capital's senior executives and employees have co-invested over \$300 million in its sponsored investment verticals. The privately held firm is led by a seasoned team of senior executives each with more than two decades of investment and real estate experience and who collectively have executed transactions valued in excess of \$21 billion.

The firm manages, sponsors or co-sponsors a suite of carefully curated, institutional quality investment solutions distributed by Griffin Capital Securities, LLC to retail investors through a community of partners, including independent and insurance broker-dealers, wirehouses, registered investment advisory firms and the financial advisors who work with these enterprises.

Additional information is available at www.griffincapital.com.

*Source: Griffin Capital Company, LLC as of June 30, 2020.

Important Disclosures

This is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation to purchase any security. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of Griffin Institutional Access® Real Estate Fund (the "Fund"). This and other important information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting www.griffincapital.com. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

Investing involves risk, including loss of principal.

The Fund distribution rate is the amount, expressed as a percentage, a Fund investor would receive in distributions if the most recent Fund distribution stayed consistent going forward. It is calculated by annualizing the Fund's most recent distribution. The percentage represents a single distribution from the Fund and does not represent the total return of the Fund.

The Fund's distribution policy is to make quarterly distributions to shareholders. A portion of the distribution includes a return of capital. Please refer to the Fund's most recent Section 19(a) notice, available at www.griffincapital.com, and the Fund's semi-annual or annual reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") for additional information



regarding the composition of distributions. Shareholders should not assume that the source of a distribution from the Fund is net profit. Although such distributions are not currently taxable, such distributions will have the effect of lowering a shareholder's tax basis in the shares which will result in a higher tax liability when the shares are sold, even if they have not increased in value, or, in fact, have lost value. Distributions are not guaranteed.

Investors in the Fund should understand that the net asset value ("NAV") of the Fund will fluctuate, which may result in a loss of the principal amount invested. The Fund's investments may be negatively affected by the broad investment environment and capital markets in which the Fund invests, including the real estate market, the debt market and/or the equity securities market. The value of the Fund's investments will increase or decrease based on changes in the prices of the investments it holds. This will cause the value of the Fund's shares to increase or decrease. The Fund is "non-diversified" under the Investment Company Act of 1940 since changes in the financial condition or market value of a single issuer may cause a greater fluctuation in the Fund's net asset value than in a "diversified" fund. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of experiencing investment losses. Holdings are subject to change without notice. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program.

The Fund is a closed-end interval fund, the shares have no history of public trading, nor is it intended that the shares will be listed on a public exchange at this time. No secondary market is expected to develop for the Fund's shares. Limited liquidity is provided to shareholders only through the Fund's quarterly repurchase offers for no less than 5% and no more than 25% of the Fund's shares outstanding at net asset value. There is no guarantee that an investor will be able to sell all the shares that the investor desires to sell in the repurchase offer. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Due to these restrictions, an investor should consider an investment in the Fund to be of limited liquidity. The Fund is suitable only for investors who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of the Fund and should be viewed as a long-term investment. Investing in the Fund is speculative and involves a high degree of risk, including the risks associated with leverage and the risk of a substantial loss of investment. There is no guarantee that the investment strategies will work under all market conditions.

The Fund will not invest in real estate directly, but, because the Fund will concentrate its investments in securities of REITs and other real estate industry issuers, its portfolio will be significantly impacted by the performance of the real estate market and may experience more volatility and be exposed to greater risk than a more diversified portfolio. The value of companies engaged in the real estate industry is affected by: (i) changes in general economic and market conditions; (ii) changes in the value of real estate properties; (iii) risks related to local economic conditions, overbuilding and increased competition; (iv) increases in property taxes and operating expenses; (v) changes in zoning laws; (vi) casualty and condemnation



losses; (vii) variations in rental income, neighborhood values or the appeal of property to tenants; (viii) the availability of financing and (ix) changes in interest rates and leverage. By investing in the Fund, a shareholder will not be deemed to be an investor in any underlying fund and will not have the ability to exercise any rights attributable to an investor in any such underlying fund related to their investment. The Fund may invest in securities of other investment companies, including ETFs. The Fund will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any management fees and other expenses paid by investment companies in which it invests, in addition to the management fees (and other expenses) paid by the Fund.

Griffin Capital Securities, LLC, Member FINRA/SIPC, is the exclusive wholesale marketing agent for Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund. ALPS Distributors, Inc. (1290 Broadway, Suite 1000, Denver, CO 80203, Member FINRA) is the distributor of Griffin Institutional Access Real Estate Fund. Griffin Capital and ALPS Distributors, Inc. are not affiliated.

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