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## Hills & Company Joins Dentons Global Advisors ASG

Addition of leading advisory firm further expands capabilities for clients

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**December 1, 2021 (Washington, D.C.)** – Dentons Global Advisors - Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG), leaders in global strategic advisory, announced today that the international consultancy Hills & Company, founded and led by distinguished former U.S. Trade Representative and Cabinet Secretary Carla A. Hills, will be joining the firm effective January 1. Ambassadors Hills and Thomas R. Pickering join as Senior Counselors, and Atman M. Trivedi as Senior Vice President and co-lead of ASG's South Asia practice.

Hills & Company was established in 1993 to help clients expand and invest worldwide. Its principals have exceptional public and private sector experience in global business, trade, economics, politics, and diplomacy.

"I am delighted to welcome Carla Hills, Tom Pickering, and Hills & Company colleagues to the firm," said Madeleine K. Albright, the 64th U.S. Secretary of State and Chair of Dentons Global Advisors ASG. "Carla and Tom are among the United States' very most respected public servants, and it will be a privilege to work with them again. They have built a world-class business that advises the world's leading companies, and their outstanding expertise, judgment, and reputation are a tremendous benefit to our clients and team going forward."

"It is very exciting, for all of us at Hills & Company, to be joining the Dentons Global Advisors ASG family," said Ambassador Carla Hills. "Our clients and team will benefit from the breadth and depth of capabilities following our combination. We look forward to working with colleagues old and new in this next chapter for our team."

In joining Dentons Global Advisors ASG, Hills & Company becomes part of an elite multidisciplinary advisory firm that provides integrated strategic counsel for clients facing complex opportunities and challenges spanning commercial, reputational, financial, regulatory, and governance dimensions.

"We are thrilled to work with these incredibly accomplished individuals, whose judgment and experience at senior levels of government and the private sector offer great value in navigating the landscape of issues and opportunities that corporate leaders face today," said Edward J. Reilly, CEO of Dentons Global Advisors. "The Hills & Company team is a terrific addition to our rapidly expanding firm."

Ambassador <u>Carla Hills</u> served as United States Trade Representative from 1989 to 1993. She negotiated and concluded the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and also led the U.S. negotiations on the Uruguay Round of the World Trade Organization and numerous bilateral trade agreements. Previously, she served as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (becoming the third woman to hold a Cabinet position). Before entering

government, Ambassador Hills co-founded and was partner in what is now Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. She has served on a number of corporate boards, is Honorary Chair of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Honorary Chair of the Inter-American Dialogue, Trustee to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Chair Emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, and honorary member of the Peterson Institute for International Economics' Board of Directors.

Ambassador Thomas Pickering served as U.S. Ambassador and Representative to the United Nations under President George H.W. Bush and was Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs under President Bill Clinton. He holds the personal rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service. During his distinguished diplomatic career, he served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Russia, India, Israel, El Salvador, Nigeria, and Jordan, among other postings. After leaving government, he was the Senior Vice President for International Relations at the Boeing Company, where he was responsible for Boeing's relationships with foreign governments and the company's transition to a global organization.

Atman Trivedi, who will co-lead the South Asia practice, brings more than 20 years of experience across diplomacy, business, law, and politics, with expertise in India, in particular, and China, Southeast Asia, and the Korean Peninsula. He served as Senior Director for Policy, Global Markets, at the U.S. Commerce Department and as Chief of Staff in the Department of State's Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, both under President Barack Obama. Mr. Trivedi was also a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he advised Chairman John Kerry on the Indo-Pacific region. Prior to his government service, he worked as an international lawyer at WilmerHale, where he counseled organizations on trade policy, sanctions, export controls, CFIUS, and anti-bribery matters.

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