

AYLWARD GEORGE R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
AYLWARD GEORGE R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/22/2018

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Director, CEO and President

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, 100 PEARL STREET
(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2018 | | A | 9,062 (1) \$ 0 | 172,796.52 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/22/2018 | | F | 2,100 (3) \$ 122 | 170,696.52 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 70.062 | I | By 401k |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| AYLWARD GEORGE R C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103 | X | | Director, CEO and President | |

Signatures

/s/Mark S. Flynn, Attorney-in-Fact 02/26/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares comprise an award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") granted to the reporting person on February 22, 2017, pursuant to the Company's Omnibus Incentive and Equity Plan, subject to a performance condition which has been satisfied. Subject to acceleration in certain circumstances, the RSUs vest in equal installments on the first and second anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) This number includes (i) 1,442.104 shares acquired in connection with the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan; (ii) 4,531 shares from the vesting of RSUs on February 22, 2018; (iii) 4,531 RSUs scheduled to vest on February 22, 2019; (iv) 14,686 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2019; and (v) 10,275 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2020. RSUs will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.
- (3) Exempt disposition to the Issuer under Rule 16b-3(e) to satisfy tax withholding obligations arising out of the vesting of an RSU award.

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