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**The M&A Advisor Releases Winners of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leaders Awards  
*Awards to be Presented on October 20 in New York City***

**NEW YORK, August 23, 2021** – After an unprecedented year of dealmaking during a global pandemic and period of challenge and financial uncertainty, The M&A Advisor today announced 76 recipients of the (2021) 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leaders Awards honoring the achievements of outstanding young professionals who have reached a significant level of success in mergers and acquisitions, turnaround and financing while still under the age of 40. The Awards will be presented during a Gala dinner celebration during the [2021 Future of Dealmaking Summit](#) in New York City on Wednesday, October 20.

Launched in 2010 as the "40 Under 40 Awards", The M&A Advisor's Emerging Leaders Awards is renowned globally for recognizing great achievements and leadership among mergers and acquisitions, financing, and turnaround professionals. The M&A Advisor created the program to honor the significant contributions of accomplished, future leaders in a robust industry of dealmakers, promote mentorship and professional development of these individuals, and celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to progress in the industry.

"As an organization, we have always believed that our awards programs stand as an oasis for inspiration and celebration of achievement. Over the past 18 months, we have witnessed notable contributions from these emerging leaders in the face of tremendous economic turmoil and uncertainty. Truly, the Emerging Leader Awardees we are honoring this year are the best and the brightest. They are the future of the M&A, finance, and turnaround industry," said Roger Aguinaldo, Founder and CEO of The M&A Advisor.

**Winners of the 12th Annual Emerging Leaders Awards (alphabetical order by last name):**

First Name	Last Name	Title	Company	Professional Type
Jacob	Adrian	Associate	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	Legal Advisor
Muqtadar	Ahmed	Principal	EY	Service Professional
Olamide	Ajibesin	Managing Director, Leader of Transaction Advisory Services	Anchin, Block and Anchin	Dealmaker
Adeola	Akinrinade	Director	EisnerAmper	Dealmaker
Heather	Arbogast	Partner	McGuireWoods LLP	Legal Advisor
Candace	Arthur	Partner, Restructuring Department	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Legal Advisor
Juan	Bonifacino	Managing Director	Stifel	Dealmaker
Adam	Brissette	Director	Capstone Partners	Dealmaker
Jacqueline Helmrick	Carlson	Shareholder	Vedder Price	Legal Advisor
Melissa	Chan	Director	Stifel	Dealmaker
Louise	Chang	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Sabrina	Chaudhury	Vice President	Kayne Partners	Dealmaker
Barry	Chen	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional

Sherry	Chen	Digital Marketing Manager	Churchill Asset Management LLC	Marketing
Rachel	Chesley	Senior Managing Director	FTI Consulting	Marketing
Miller	Cornelson	Manager - East Coast, Account Management	S&P Global Market Intelligence	Marketing
Mariel	Cruz	Partner, Mergers & Acquisitions	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Legal Advisor
Manav	Dange	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Garrett	DeNinno	Managing Director	Raymond James	Dealmaker
Sarah	Doherty	Vice President of Research	Capstone Partners	Marketing
Marco	Eadie	Managing Director	O'Keefe	Dealmaker
Nicolas	Francis	Associate - Corporate & Securities	Cooley LLP	Legal Advisor
John	Fuller	Member	Bass, Berry & Sims PLC	Legal Advisor
Aaron	Gavant	Restructuring Partner	Mayer Brown LLP	Legal Advisor
Gerard	Gil	Managing Director	Ankura Consulting Group LLC	Service Professional
Crista	Gilmore	Director	Capstone Partners	Dealmaker
Ken	Goebel	Senior Manager	West Monroe Partners	Service Professional
Liz	Gonzalez	Director, Strategic Communications	Paladin	Marketing
Matthew	Goren	Partner, Restructuring Department	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Legal Advisor
Heath	Gray	Senior Managing Director	FTI Consulting	Service Professional
Tim	Haaf	Senior Manager	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Daniel	Hamburg	Manager - East Coast, Account Management	S&P Global Market Intelligence	Marketing
Peter	Heinz	Senior Managing Director	FTI Consulting	Service Professional
George	Houhanisin	Partner	McDermott Will & Emery	Legal Advisor
Patrick	Hughes	Managing Director - Head of Corporate Development	Grant Thornton LLP	Dealmaker
Salman	Husain	Senior Vice President	Monument Capital Partners	Dealmaker
Molly	Jobe	Senior Manager	CohnReznick LLP	Service Professional
Pawan	Kapoor	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Chris	Karambelas	Managing Director of Client Service	ToneyKorf Partners, LLC	Service Professional
Amy	Kasden	Principal, Mergers & Acquisitions Tax Services	RSM US LLP	Service Professional
Paul	Koeniger	Vice President of Business Development	Capstone Partners	Marketing
Alexander	Lamm	Associate	SSG Capital Advisors LLC	Dealmaker
Kirsten	Lentz	Senior Manager Mergers & Acquisitions Chicago	West Monroe	Service Professional
Clare	Lewis	Partner	McGuireWoods LLP	Dealmaker
Tanmay	Limaye	Vice President, Corporate Strategy and M&A, Head of PaaS business	KORE Wireless Inc.	Service Professional
Lucy	Lu	Vice President	BDA Partners	Dealmaker
Laura	Maddison	Managing Director	Raymond James	Dealmaker
Jeanine	Marino	Principal	UHY LLP	Service Professional
Jenna	McBain	Partner, Private Equity	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Legal Advisor
John	McNamara	Managing Director	Stifel	Dealmaker
Neil	Menzies	Managing Director	L.E.K. Consulting	Service Professional
Christopher	Mihok	Director	Keefe, Bruyette & Wood, A Stifel Company	Dealmaker

Krystal	Mikkilineni	Attorney at Law	Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor & Fairgrave, P.C.	Legal Advisor
Evan	Miller	Director	Bayard, P.A.	Legal Advisor
Jennifer	Miller	Director	Katz, Sapper & Miller	Service Professional
Jenaé	Moxie	Associate	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	Legal Advisor
Chen	Na	Managing Director	Stifel	Dealmaker
Vynessa	Nemunaitis	Partner, Banking & Finance	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Legal Advisor
Joshua	Norton	Shareholder	Koley Jessen	Legal Advisor
Daniel	Nussen	Counsel	White & Case LLP	Legal Advisor
Ian	O'Neal	Managing Director	Raymond James	Dealmaker
Patrick	O'Neil	Associate	ButcherJoseph & Co.	Dealmaker
Shelby	Parnes	Shareholder	Vedder Price	Legal Advisor
Natasha	Plooster	Chief Operating Officer	Bridgepoint Investment Banking	Dealmaker
Karima	Porter	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Thomas	Powell	Senior Managing Director	FTI Consulting	Service Professional
Agnieszka	Rafalska	Counsel, Private Equity	Apollo Global Management	Legal Advisor
Raghav	Ranjan	Principal	Deloitte Consulting	Service Professional
Michael	Rodgers	Managing Director	Access Holdings	Dealmaker
Joseph	Rosati	Associate	Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP	Legal Advisor
Zachary	Rose	Director	Portage Point Partners	Service Professional
Stephen	Rupnarain	M&A Tax Services Leader, RSM Canada	RSM Canada	Service Professional
Christian	Sorensen	Senior Director	SierraConstellation Partners LLC	Service Professional
Marisa	Sotomayor	Partner, Corporate Department	Paul Hastings LLP	Legal Advisor
Jake	Sussman	VP, Corporate Private Credit	Arena Investors, LP	Dealmaker
Ilya	Trakhtenberg	Managing Director	L.E.K. Consulting	Service Professional
Brooke	Vinson	Partner	Bradley Arant Boult Cummings	Legal Advisor

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leaders Awards recipients stood out to the selection panel from hundreds of nominations submitted by industry peers and colleagues for their noteworthy business accomplishments and service to the community. Evaluation of the nominees and selection of the winners was completed by prominent members and experts in the M&A, finance, and turnaround community.

"Based on their exemplary achievements to date, especially during these challenging times, we believe these 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leader Award recipients will continue to have a significant and positive effect on the future of our industry. With the support of the business, philanthropic and academic communities, we've created a connected leadership community that will empower these successful young professionals. We're confident this recognition will be among the many professional achievements they earn throughout their careers," added Mr. Aguinaldo.

The M&A Advisor will host a live, in-person Awards Gala on Thursday, October 20, 2021, to celebrate the achievements of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leaders Award recipients. The Gala will cap off a day of insights, guidance from industry stalwarts, and valuable discussions at the [2021 Future of Dealmaking Summit](#); the entire content program, including the Gala, will be held at the historical and prominent New York Athletic Club in midtown Manhattan, New York. Members of the industry are invited to attend, network with fellow M&A industry leaders, and celebrate the accomplishments of these future M&A industry leaders.

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