

TAP ADVISORS

MICHAEL LEITNER JOINS TAP'S BOARD OF ADVISORS

NEW YORK – December 8, 2021 – TAP Advisors, (“TAP”), a New York-based investment banking boutique, today announced that Michael Leitner has joined the firm’s Board of Advisors as a Senior Advisor. Mr. Leitner will provide strategic advice to TAP’s senior management team and clients.

Michael Leitner is the former co-head of Blackrock's Direct Lending and Special Situations investment practice where he was responsible for co-leading the platform, originating, and executing global investment opportunities, maintaining relationships with key deal sources, corporates, and intermediaries across the US and Europe. Mr. Leitner also co-led the firm’s investment strategies in the technology, communication services, and media sectors, leading over \$4 billion of debt and equity special situations and middle-market lending investments. Prior to its acquisition by Blackrock in 2018, Mr. Leitner was a Managing Partner at Tennenbaum Capital Partners (TCP), a member of its Management Committee, and a past Chairman of the Investment Committee for all fund vehicles and strategies. TCP had more than \$9 billion in committed capital when it was acquired by Blackrock.

During his tenure at TCP/BlackRock, Mr. Leitner had built the firm into a well-established and followed thought leader in the broader communication services and infrastructure industry, leading growth and turnaround investments in the satellite, wireline, wireless, cable, data center, managed services, and cloud-computing sectors. Investments spanned corporate buyouts, structured equity, and performing and distressed debt investments, with select investments including WIND Mobile, Wild Blue Communications, Protostar, Satmex, GlobeCom, Avanti, Tillman Infrastructure, INAP, Terremark, Gogo, Clearwire, Primacom, Integra Telecom, and Deltacom.

Before joining TCP in 2005, Mr. Leitner served as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for WilTel Communications, President and Chief Executive Officer for GlobeNet Communications, Vice President of Corporate Development and head of Global Data Center and Colocation Services for 360networks, Senior Director of Corporate Development for Microsoft Corporation, and Vice President in the Mergers and Acquisitions group at Merrill Lynch. Mr. Leitner currently serves as a director on the boards of INAP, Tillman Infrastructure Group, Tomia Global and Endurance Acquisition Corp.

“I have known Michael for over 20 years and we are delighted to welcome him to our Board of Advisors. His vast knowledge and network, financial acumen and deal-making skills within the TMT space complement our TMT and Digital Infrastructure coverage perfectly” said Karim F. Tabet, Founding Partner of TAP Advisors.

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"TAP and its senior team are industry leaders in supporting the communications services and infrastructure space, helping facilitate the global buildout, development and establishment of next-generation terrestrial and wireless networks. I look forward to partnering with the TAP team as the next decade of investment and industry evolution takes shape," said Mr. Leitner.

Mr. Leitner received a B.A. in Economics from the University of California at Los Angeles and an M.B.A from the University of Michigan. Mr. Leitner is also an active member of YPO (Young Presidents' Organization), and a licensed EMT in New York State.

About TAP Advisors

TAP Advisors is a client-focused, independent financial services advisory firm providing strategic advice and unbiased, impartial solutions to clients across a broad range of industries globally. Founded in 2009, TAP Advisors offers a full range of merger and acquisition advisory services, private financing solutions, and cross-border and international expertise to public and private companies worldwide. The Firm's senior banking team has advised on some of the largest and most complex transactions over the last three decades across a variety of regions, products and industries, with announced M&A transactions exceeding \$400 billion and over \$85 billion in completed financings around the world.

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