

## **New York Chapter of Global M&A Association Announces 2023 Advisory Board Leadership and a New Veterans in Middle Market Committee**

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ACG New York, the largest chapter of the Association of Corporate Growth (acg.org) - a global network of Middle Market M&A professionals - announced **Robert Landis**, Partner at Riverside, as Advisory Board Chairperson, along with new appointees to the Advisory Board **M. Blake Otté**, Managing Director, Investment Banking at Raymond James; **Meahgan O'Grady Martin**, Director at Palladium Equity Partners; and **Kathleen Colborn**, Director at Resourcive. **Bryan Cummings**, Managing Director at Canaccord Genuity, has been reappointed President of the Advisory Board.

Additionally, ACG New York is pleased to announce the formation of a new committee, the Veterans in Middle Market Committee. This group will be focused on creating jobs and dealmaking opportunities for military veterans in middle market M&A. The committee will be chaired by Dr. Michael Lorence, Managing Director of Generational Equity.

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"I am honored to continue serving the members of ACG New York in collaboration with our experienced Board of Advisors," said **Bryan Cummings**, Managing Director in the US Financial Sponsors Group at Canaccord Genuity. "I am excited to have Bob Landis as Chairperson of ACG New York. Bob is a bona fide legend in the global middle market M&A ecosystem and for over 25 years has contributed his time, talents, and leadership to the New York chapter and ACG at large."

"I'm pleased to welcome an impressive group of board members to the fold as well," Bryan continued. "M. Blake, Meahgan, and Kathy are consummate professionals who have invested years of service and meaningfully contributed to the mission of ACG New York – to foster long term relationships among the deal community. These connections enable our members to outperform their peers in sourcing, closing, and servicing more deals, better deals, and larger deals across the private and public capital space and across products, from M&A advisory to leveraged finance, debt and public equity."

"Our success at putting on the sort of highly curated events with senior executives that ACG New York is known for boils down to the staff and volunteers that run the group day to day and week to week," Bryan noted, "And I'd like to take a moment to recognize them here. **Vikash Magdani**, CEO of ACG Northeast, leads a knockout staff in New York that includes **Casey Coleman** (Membership), **Alyssa Giannuario** (Event Operations), **Andrew Yale** (Business Development) and **Sandro Pardo** (Marketing). Likewise, I am thankful for the advice and counsel of our board leadership team, including **Abilash Jaikumar**, Managing Director & Founder of TresVista, as Executive Vice President and Secretary, **Palash Pandya**, Co-Deputy Chair, Corporate Practice Group at Akerman LLP."

The following individuals chair the nine other committees of the board.

**Christian Remmel**, Director, Aterian Partners and **Daniel Gajewski**, Sponsor Coverage at Lazard co-chair the Private Equity / Investment Banking Committee, which hosts exclusive events focused on building relationships within the investor and M&A communities.

**Sasha Bernier** of Cheltenham Enterprises and **Marcia Nelson**, Managing Director at Freedom Capital Markets, co-chair the family office committee, which brings together senior family office members to network and explore the unique issues and opportunities facing the family office community.

**Meahgan O'Grady Martin**, Director at Palladium Equity Partners, chairs the Women of Leadership committee, which is focused on the role of women in the M&A community and puts on an annual full day conference as well as a series of invite only soirees.

**Michael Friedberg**, Principal at Arrowhead Investment Management, chairs the Forward Committee, focused on promoting tight bonds among young professionals in middle market M&A.

**Elise Chowdhury**, Managing Principal at Optimum Advisors, Chairs the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, which seeks ways to serve and promote under-represented communities in middle market M&A.

**Evan Zwerman**, First Vice President at Israel Discount Bank, chairs the Lender Committee, which organizes panels throughout the year and the highly regarded Lenders Casino Night during Middle Market Week in November each year.

**Ryan Mullin**, Global Strategy & Business Development at Rheem Manufacturing chairs the Strategic Acquirers Committee which focuses on bringing together Chief Development Officers and other senior industry M&A executives to share experiences and best practices while developing deal relationships with other member buyers and sellers.

**Mark Heil** of Pacific Premier Trust and **Frank Marcucci**, National Director - Business Development, Corporate Valuation Advisors, Inc. co-chair the Membership and Ambassador Committee, which curates and connects the high-quality membership of the chapter.

**Kathleen Colborn**, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Resourcive, chairs the Operating Partner Committee, focused on bringing together senior practitioners in the community of professionals focused on portfolio company value creation.

**For a full list of ACG NY Advisory Board Members and details on all Committees and members, please visit: <https://www.acg.org/nyc/about/leadership>; and for a selection of upcoming events, see <https://www.acg.org/nyc/events>.**