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**EXOTIX CAPITAL'S NICHOLAS LANCASTER ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF
THE 9TH ANNUAL EMERGING LEADERS AWARDS**

New York, 27th June 2018 - *The M&A Advisor* has announced the winners of the Emerging Leaders Awards.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this event to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

Nicholas Lancaster, Associate Director in the Investment Banking team at Exotix Capital, has been chosen for his accomplishments and expertise from a pool of nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders.

“The Annual M&A Advisor Emerging Leaders Awards was born as the 40 Under 40 Awards in the United States in 2010 to recognize and celebrate the achievements of young M&A, Financing and Turnaround professionals who had reached a significant level of success and made a notable contribution to their industry and community. With the expansion of the Emerging Leaders program to the United Kingdom, and Europe in 2016, the 2018 US award winners join a truly global network of outstanding young professionals,” said David Fergusson, President and Co-CEO of The M&A Advisor.

On Tuesday, September 18th, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan to introduce the Emerging Leaders Award Winners to the business community and celebrate their achievements. The Awards Gala is a feature of the 2018 Emerging Leaders Summit – an exclusive event pairing current and past Emerging Leaders winners together with their peers and industry stalwarts.

To view the complete list of this year Emerging Leaders Award Winners [CLICK HERE](#).

At Exotix, Nicholas works on advising, structuring and placing sub-Saharan African renewable and low carbon projects to local and international investors, demanding an intimate knowledge of finance, geopolitics, political economy, and local cultures and traditions.

Before graduating from Lehigh University in 2011 with a dual-BA in International Relations and Economics, Nicholas worked at the United Nations, interned in the US Congress, studied at Georgetown University's Fund for American Studies, and founded an environmental NGO still operating in rural Ghana, called Sustainable Empowerment through Agricultural Development. SEAD works to leverage vocational schools to distribute sustainable, higher yielding farming techniques.

“We at Exotix have long recognised Nicholas as an invaluable asset for bringing global attention and investment to some of the most necessary projects in some extremely difficult geographies, and so we're delighted with his endorsement from M&A Advisor,” said Andrew Moorfield, Head of Natural Resources and co-Head of Investment Banking at Exotix in London. “This is an exciting time to be involved in meaningful projects across sub-Saharan African, and I have no doubt that Nicholas will continue to be an increasingly significant catalyst for further investment activity.”

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