



**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS EXPANDS PRIVATE PLACEMENTS BUSINESS –
ANNOUNCES HIRING OF MELISSA WASSER FROM GOLDMAN SACHS AS
DIRECTOR & HEAD OF PRIVATE CAPITAL MARKETS**

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20, 2017-- Financial Technology Partners (“FT Partners”), the only investment bank focused exclusively on FinTech, announced today that Melissa Wasser joined the Firm as a Director & Head of Private Capital Markets. Ms. Wasser, who will be based out of FT Partners’ office in New York City, spent the past decade at Goldman Sachs where she most recently served as a senior banker in the Global Private Placements Group helping to facilitate the sourcing of private capital across FinTech / Tech in Goldman Sachs’ Investment Banking Division globally. Melissa will help spearhead FT Partners’ ongoing mission to connect the Firms’ clients with world-class investors, including growth equity, venture capital, strategic investors, debt and alternative lenders, family offices, pension funds, mutual funds, hedge funds and sovereign wealth funds globally.

“FT Partners has successfully raised many billions of dollars of primary capital and secondary liquidity for hundreds of clients over the last 15 years. We’ve become the undisputed leader in successfully raising private capital in the FinTech space”, said Steve McLaughlin, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of FT Partners. “In an effort to double-down on this success, we are excited to bring Melissa to our team. This will provide our clients with an even more intense focus on targeting both strategic and financial capital as well as further strengthening our increasingly diverse and global network of investor relationships.”

“I’ve been continuously impressed with FT Partners’ consistent execution on countless large scale capital raises for some of the best companies across FinTech. I’m excited to help the Firm continue to scale and broaden these efforts”, said Melissa Wasser, Director & Head of Private Capital Markets. “Access to private capital is a strategic weapon for leading FinTech players – and being able to confidentially execute complex capital raises quickly, efficiently and with the right partners is often the key differentiator to success. FT Partners is making a huge difference for its clients in this regard.”

About FT Partners

Based in Silicon Valley, Financial Technology Partners (“FT Partners”) is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing top-tier strategic and financial advisory services to FinTech CEOs, founders and investors. The Firm offers CEOs and investors a wide array of strategic advisory services in mission-critical transactions including Private Capital, M&A, IPO Advisory, Debt Advisory, LBOs and Recapitalizations.

FT Partners' CEO, Founder and Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin, was formerly a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s FinTech Group and Financial Institutions Group in San Francisco before leaving the firm to form FT Partners in late 2001. With offices in San Francisco, New York and London, FT Partners is comprised of a team of experienced investment bankers formerly with the financial technology, M&A and investment banking groups

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of Goldman Sachs, Citi, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley. With clients in the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong / China, United Kingdom, Portugal, Germany, Argentina, Brazil, India and Australia, FT Partners continues to be called upon by clients to expand its footprint and scale on a global basis.

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