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LEERINK Partners Hires Ryan Stewart to Lead the Healthcare Technology Investment Banking Franchise

Boston, MA – August 5, 2015 — LEERINK Partners, a leading healthcare investment bank, announced that it has hired Ryan Stewart as a Managing Director to build and lead the Healthcare Technology Investment Banking franchise. He is based in their New York office and his employment is effective as of August 3rd, 2015. Mr. Stewart brings more than 20 years of industry experience and expertise, having worked in the healthcare technology field as an operating executive, management consultant, equity research analyst and, over the last decade, as an investment banker.

Most recently, Mr. Stewart was a Managing Director and Partner at TripleTree, where in his tenure with the firm he had extensive transaction experience across the healthcare technology landscape, with a particular emphasis on value-based care enablement, population health management, patient engagement, healthcare payments and other data analytics, software and digital health solutions. He most recently advised Parthenon Capital's Altegra Health on their pending sale to Emdeon, Change Healthcare on their sale to Emdeon, Outcomes Health on their sale to Altegra Health, VRI on their sale to Pamlico Capital, Health Advocate on their sale to West Corporation and he was an advisor to Connecture Inc. in their recent Initial Public Offering.

Mr. Stewart will work closely with Doug Brown, Senior Managing Director and Head of Healthcare Services to establish LEERINK Partners as a market leading advisor and underwriter for Healthcare Services and Technology Enabled Healthcare companies. "In our quest to find the right banker to lead this franchise, Ryan Stewart was the name that consistently surfaced from both corporate clients and financial sponsors," said Mr. Brown.

"I am very excited to welcome Ryan to LEERINK Partners," said Jim Boylan, President of LEERINK Partners and Head of Investment Banking. "Ryan has differentiated himself in the market with his knowledge and substance-based approach. I look forward to partnering with him and am pleased to add another outstanding banker to our platform."

"I am thrilled to be joining LEERINK Partners, which has become the leading healthcare focused investment bank, at such an exciting and dynamic time in the industry," said Mr. Stewart. "Given my career-long commitment to the Healthcare Technology sector, LEERINK is the ideal platform for my franchise, with its preeminent equity capital markets and M&A advisory capabilities focused on innovative and growth-minded companies."

About Ryan Stewart

Ryan Stewart has joined LEERINK Partners as a Managing Director overseeing the Firm's Healthcare Technology Investment Banking franchise. Prior to TripleTree, Mr. Stewart was a senior banker at Lazard and a senior research analyst at Piper Jaffray and Bear Stearns. He also worked in strategy and corporate development at Optum, a division of

UnitedHealth Group and was a management consultant in Arthur Andersen's Healthcare Technology practice. Mr. Stewart began his career in business development at Horizon BlueCross BlueShield of New Jersey.

Mr. Stewart earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Law from Lafayette College.

About LEERINK Partners

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