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### **Michael Ruppert Joins Renaissance Strategic Advisors as Managing Partner**

Arlington, VA – Aerospace and defense advisory firm Renaissance Strategic Advisors today announced that Michael Ruppert has joined the firm as Managing Partner. The addition represents a significant expansion in Renaissance Strategic Advisors' capabilities in advising companies in the aerospace, defense, intelligence and government services industry.

Michael brings fifteen years of investment banking experience providing merger and acquisition expertise to companies and financial sponsors in the aerospace & defense markets. Over his career, Michael has advised on many of the marquee public company transactions in the defense industry including representing Finmeccanica in their \$5.2 billion acquisition of DRS, Titan in their \$2.7 billion sale to L-3 Communications, ESSI in their \$2.0 billion sale to DRS Technologies, and United Defense in their \$4.2 billion sale to BAE Systems. In addition to public company transactions, Michael has extensive experience representing financial sponsors on aerospace & defense transactions, as well as advising midsize companies on strategic alternatives.

Prior to joining Renaissance Strategic Advisors, Michael was a Managing Director at UBS Securities where he led the Defense & Government IT effort from 2011-2013. Michael began his career in the mergers & acquisitions group at Lehman Brothers where he focused on the aerospace, defense and government IT sectors. In 2009, Michael joined Lazard in its Washington, DC office to help build Lazard's defense and government IT practice. Michael holds a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business.

"Michael's addition to the team is timely given the strategic challenges facing the aerospace, defense and government professional services industry over the next half decade" said Pierre Chao, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Renaissance Strategic Advisors. "We look forward to leveraging his transaction and deal advisory expertise to provide additional insights to our clients."

Michael adds, "In today's changing environment, companies are looking for trusted advisors to help them navigate through the variety of strategic alternatives. I look forward to partnering with my colleagues at Renaissance Strategic Advisors to act as that trusted firm with a long-term focus, offering clients a full spectrum of capabilities from strategic consulting to transaction services."

Renaissance Strategic Advisors is a Washington D.C. and London-based aerospace and defense industry advisory firm focused on corporate strategy development, strategic business development, due diligence/M&A support and transaction advisory services. The firm works with clients across the full lifecycle – from venture start-ups to industry leaders; and up and down the value chain – from component manufacturers to prime contractors. In select cases, the company is also able to provide venture and private equity capital via affiliates and key strategic partnerships.

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