

**Capstone announces five new promotions across its team including two new Partners**  
- **Promotions follow a strong year of growth for Capstone**

June 13, 2023 – Capstone, the global placement agent, today announced a number of promotions across its team following a strong year of growth. The promotions further strengthen the Capstone team and show the continued growth of the business which was acquired by Mizuho Americas in 2022, part of Japan-based Mizuho Financial Group, Inc, one of the largest financial institutions in the world.

**Caroline Phillips**, based in Europe, and **Brian DeFee**, based in North America, have both been promoted to Partner. In addition to two Partners, Capstone has made three further promotions; **Aude Pouradier Duteil** and **Hannah Opatowsky** have been promoted to Principal and **Stefano Prior** to Associate.

Capstone’s team of 35+ professionals are based at 6 locations across 3 continents. Investing in the growth of the team allows Capstone to further increase its capacity as a global placement agent, which raises capital for private equity, credit, real asset and infrastructure firms around the world.

Caroline Phillips joined Capstone in 2009 and leads the firm's European operations. Brian DeFee joined Capstone in 2012 and re-joined in 2023 and is responsible for distribution and client origination in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States as well as Eastern Canada. He also leads the firm’s infrastructure and real assets advisory efforts.

Aude Pouradier Duteil joined Capstone in 2019 and leads the European business development efforts; Hannah Opatowsky joined Capstone in 2014 and works on project management, including client positioning, documentation and diligence requests; Stefano Prior joined Capstone in 2017 and works on project management, including client documentation and diligence requests.

Clay Deniger, Managing Partner and CEO of Capstone Partners commented: “Huge congratulations to these individuals for their well-deserved promotions, all of whom have made considerable contributions to the firm. The success of Capstone is testament to the strength and commitment of our team and these promotions reflect the personal achievement of these highly deserving individuals. Capstone has had another successful year in 2022 and we are committed to the continued growth of the business.”

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**About Capstone Partners, a Mizuho Company**

Capstone Partners, a Mizuho Company, is a placement agent focused on fundraising and advisory services for private equity, credit, real assets, and infrastructure investment firms. The Capstone team includes 35+ experienced professionals in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific. For additional information about Capstone Partners, please visit [www.csplp.com](http://www.csplp.com).