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INTRODUCTION:

MICHAEL HARRIS is the **Head of Capital Markets and Business Development at Citadel Securities**. He is responsible for the organic and inorganic growth of their designated market maker (DMM) business and building out relationships with corporate clients, pre-IPO investors, sponsors and IPO advisors. Prior to joining Citadel Securities, Mr. Harris was the Head of Strategy for Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Previously, he was the Deputy Chief Investment Officer at the US Department of the Treasury responsible for the successful unwind of the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Earlier, Mr. Harris was an investment banker at JPMorgan and UBS Investment Bank. He received his bachelor's degrees in economics and social policy from Northwestern University. Mr. Harris serves as an independent director at TriState Capital Holdings, a Pittsburgh-based bank and asset management firm.

PANELISTS:

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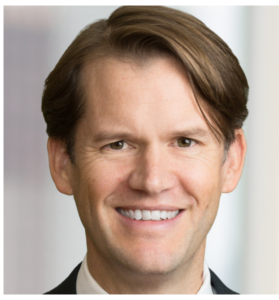
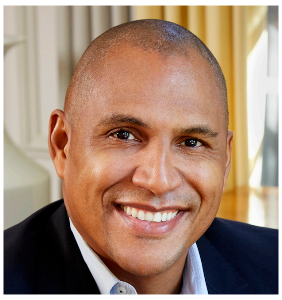
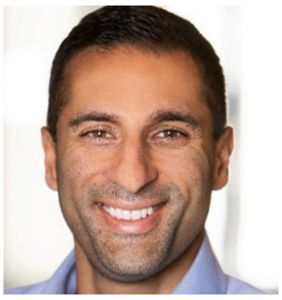


E. RAMEY LAYNE is a **Corporate Partner at Vinson & Elkins LLP** whose principal areas of practice are capital markets, securities law, and mergers and acquisitions. He has a particular focus on transactions relating to SPACs and publicly traded MLPs. He represents both issuers and underwriters in public and private securities offerings, and he advises clients on general corporate matters, public company reporting issues, restructuring of partnerships and reporting obligations in connection with acquisition and disposition of partnership securities.



DR. DAVID PANTON is a **Co-founder and Managing Partner of Navigation Capital Partners LP**, a private equity firm which makes equity investments in SPACs. He has 20 years of investment banking and private equity experience and has sourced and led over 20 control transactions in various industries with an aggregate enterprise value of over $5 billion, including successful sales of portfolio companies to buyers such as Dell, Blackstone and Warburg Pincus. He started his career as an M&A banker at Morgan Stanley and also co-founded and ran a private equity firm focused on the Caribbean. Dr. Panton received a Doctorate in Management Studies from Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; a JD (with honors) from Harvard Law School, where he was President of the *Harvard Law Review*; and an AB (with high honors) in Public Policy from Princeton University.



EKLAVYA SARAF is **Global Head of SPAC listings and Managing Director of Listing Services at Nasdaq**. In this role, he advises companies on the process and benefits of listing on Nasdaq. Mr. Saraf coaches early stage companies to leverage Nasdaq's resources and optimize financing opportunities and brand visibility. He helps develop Nasdaq's relationships with venture capital, private equity law firms and other capital markets constituents. Some of his recent transactions include Vita Coco, Krispy Kreme, Royalty Pharma, Warner Music Group, PPD, Peloton and SPACs sponsored by Softbank, TCV, JAWS and Reinvent Technology, among others. He holds a BS in Finance from Boston University.