

## **For Immediate Release**

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## **Museum of American Finance to Present Virtual Panel on “SPACs: The New IPO?”**

**New York, NY** – On December 7, the Museum of American Finance will present “SPACs: The New IPO?,” a timely virtual panel discussion with industry leaders involved in different aspects of taking companies public. Participants will discuss the role of SPACs as an increasingly popular alternative to the more traditional IPO, including:

- Addressing upcoming regulatory and legislative scrutiny
- Trends in SPAC structures (e.g. anchor investors, trust accounts, redemptions)
- Outlook in 2022 and beyond for the SPAC vs. traditional IPO path to the public markets
- Alignment of incentives among different constituencies in a SPAC
- SPACs as an investment opportunity

The program will begin with an introduction by **Michael Harris**, Head of Capital Markets & Business Development, Citadel Securities. The panel discussion will be moderated by **Sonali Basak**, Global Wall Street Correspondent for Bloomberg Television.

Featured panelists are:

**Andrew Cohen:** Founder & CIO, Difesa Capital Management

**E. Ramey Layne:** Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP

**David Panton:** Managing Partner, SPAC Operations, Navigation Capital Partners, LP

**Eklavya Saraf:** Global Head of Spac Listings and Managing Director of Listing Services, Nasdaq

The program will be held from 5:00 – 6:15 pm (ET) on Zoom. The panel discussion will be followed by audience Q&A. It is free to attend, but advance registration is required. More information can be found at [www.moaf.org/spacs](http://www.moaf.org/spacs).

“SPACs: The New IPO?” is sponsored by [Citadel Securities](#) and [Vinson & Elkins](#). It is presented in partnership with the Fordham University Gabelli Center for Global Security Analysis.

### **About the Museum of American Finance**

As a socially relevant organization, the Museum of American Finance seeks to improve understanding of the influence of financial institutions and capital markets on the US and global economies, and on individuals’ lives. The Museum is dedicated to educating the public on finance and financial history through exhibits, financial literacy programs and public events. An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the Museum seeks to empower individuals of all backgrounds to strive toward financial independence, while encouraging curiosity and discovery. For more information, visit [www.moaf.org](http://www.moaf.org) or connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).