# Tajal Sooklal

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Tajal is an accomplished transaction professional whose technical expertise, commercial judgement and leadership make her a deserving member of The Rising 20.

Over the past 24 months, she has worked on approximately 17 transactions across pharmaceuticals, healthcare, renewable energy, automotive, financial services and consumer markets. Her experience includes buy-side and vendor due diligence, financial model reviews, valuations and complex carve-outs, including significant cross-border and sponsor-backed transactions.

Tajal excels at translating complex financial analysis into commercially relevant insights that inform decisions and shape transaction outcomes. She identifies key value drivers, maintains deal momentum under tight deadlines and builds effective relationships with clients, management teams and other stakeholders. Her work on renewable energy portfolio investments, sponsor-backed exits and a time-critical US pharmaceutical acquisition demonstrates her ability to navigate complexity and deliver under pressure.

Beyond transaction execution, Tajal takes responsibility for coordinating large teams, mentoring junior colleagues and contributing to business strategy, development and training. Her collaborative approach recognises the importance of sound judgement, teamwork and aligning stakeholders around shared objectives.

Combining analytical rigour with commercial insight and a commitment to developing others, Tajal exemplifies the qualities The Rising 20 seeks to recognise. Her breadth of experience, maturity and contribution to complex transactions position her as a promising future leader in South Africa's M&A profession.

