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# THE RISING 20

CELEBRATING EMERGING LEADERS IN  
M & A AND CAPITAL MARKETS

## THE RISING 20 | 2026 EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT WEDNESDAY 28 October 2026 | Johannesburg

The Rising 20 for 2026 will be announced at a cocktail event in Johannesburg on Wednesday 28 October 2026.

Each of the Rising 20 will be awarded with a framed certificate at the event. A digital feature will be available on the DealMakers website and LinkedIn social media account.

The feature will include:

- 1 page profile on each of the 20 individuals
- Independent panel commentary on the nomination and selection process
- Industry insights on the value of mentorship and other related content.

At the ANSARADA DealMakers Annual Awards in February 2027, The Rising 20 will be acknowledged as part of the events on the night.

The 30 nominees that make the 2<sup>nd</sup> round will qualify for a FREE ticket at the event. These individuals will be announced on 13 October 2026. Other guests who would like to attend to support their colleagues can also attend at a small fee.

Photos from the event will be posted on the DealMakers website, in the Q3 issue of the magazine and on the social media platforms.

## EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Firms can support this initiative by becoming a sponsor at the event which aims to showcase the emerging leaders within the South Africa M&A industry.

**Cost of Sponsorship:** R10,00.00 excl VAT

### Sponsorship includes:

- 1 X full page advert in the event feature which will be released after the announcement on Wednesday 28 October 2026
- Branding on all marketing for **The Rising 20**
  - Event banners
  - Weekly banners in M&A Pulse for **The Rising 20** and social media posts
- 2 X Guests at the event

Sponsorship **DOES NOT** impact the results of **THE RISING 20**. The final list of 20 individuals will be awarded following selection by an independent panel of industry experts.

To become a sponsor or for more information, contact:

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