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With just five years of M&A experience, Matt has distinguished himself as an exceptional emerging dealmaker, demonstrating technical excellence, commercial judgement and responsibility well beyond his level of seniority. His inclusion in The Rising 20 recognises his pivotal contribution to some of South Africa's significant public M&A transactions.

Over the past two years, Matt has played a central execution role in two landmark deals: the R17,7 billion sale and delisting of Barloworld and the R22 billion acquisition and delisting of Omnia Holdings by Solar Industries India. Both transactions involved listed companies, multiple stakeholders, demanding timelines and significant execution risks.

Working within lean deal teams, Matt has assumed responsibilities spanning multiple levels of seniority. He has led critical workstreams, delivered complex valuation and funding analyses, coordinated advisers and maintained momentum throughout demanding transaction processes.

Beyond technical execution, Matt contributes meaningfully to transaction strategy, negotiation tactics and stakeholder management. He prepares detailed briefing materials and engagement scripts used by senior deal participants at critical stages, demonstrating the commercial insight and judgement needed to navigate sensitive situations and influence key decisions.

Proactive and solutions-oriented, Matt anticipates challenges, takes ownership without prompting and engages confidently with clients, advisers and counterparties to advance transactions. He maintains composure, professionalism and consistently high standards, even during the most demanding stages of major deals.

Combining analytical rigour, strategic thinking, resilience and an exceptional work ethic, Matt has demonstrated the capabilities of a future senior adviser and business leader.

