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ZIEGLER ANNOUNCES MICHELE SAUNDERS AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

CHICAGO, IL – SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce the addition of Michele Saunders as Senior Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for the firm's Senior Housing & Care Finance Practice.

Saunders brings more than 20 years of experience in healthcare and senior living to Ziegler. In her new role, she will focus on expanding the firm's strategic partnerships and helping organizations better understand Ziegler's depth of expertise, breadth of solutions and commitment to standing alongside clients as their needs, opportunities and priorities evolve.

Her approach is centered on listening closely to each organization's vision, strategic priorities and capital needs, and connecting clients with the appropriate Ziegler expertise and solutions. Her work will support organizations considering mergers and acquisitions, new development, refinancing and other strategic initiatives designed to position them for long-term success.

Prior to joining Ziegler, Saunders held senior growth, sales, and marketing leadership roles across the senior living and healthcare sectors, most notably serving as Chief Growth Officer at Go Icon, a leading engagement software company, and spending nearly 11 years with HealthPRO Heritage, a former Link-age Fund portfolio company. A physical therapist by training, she also brings experience in the emerging AgeTech space, most recently with AI startup Meela.

"I'm excited to join Ziegler and honored to be part of the firm's continued success," said Saunders. "I have long admired Ziegler's culture, expertise and deep commitment to senior living. The best partnerships start with listening, and I look forward to understanding each organization's vision and connecting clients with the right expertise and solutions to help them make thoughtful decisions for the future."

"We are pleased to welcome Michele to Ziegler," said Dan Revie, Senior Managing Director, Practice Head of Senior Housing & Care Finance. "Her extensive experience in healthcare and senior living, relationship-focused approach and understanding of clients' evolving strategic and capital needs will be valuable as we continue expanding our impact across the sector."

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