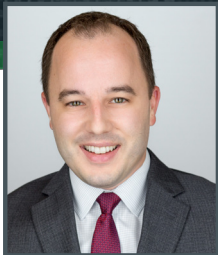




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*Announcement*



*We are pleased to announce*

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