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GulfStar Group Announces New Managing Director



HOUSTON, June 15, 2015 – GulfStar Group is pleased to announce that Eric Swanson has recently joined the firm as managing director.

Eric comes to GulfStar with more than 16 years of investment banking and corporate finance experience that includes merger and acquisition transactions, debt and equity offerings and corporate finance advisory. Immediately prior to joining GulfStar, Eric was a member of Morgan Stanley's investment banking group in Houston, where he spent eight years focused on the energy industry. Previously, Eric served on the Exploration & Production (E&P) Equity Research teams at Deutsche Bank and JPMorgan Chase. Prior to that, Eric worked in the Gas and Power Marketing Group at ExxonMobil Corporation.

"We are thrilled to welcome Eric to our GulfStar team," said Kent Kahle, managing director of GulfStar. "He brings a wide range of E&P expertise to the firm, which will allow us to broaden our presence in the energy sector."

Eric is a native Houstonian. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology as well as a Master of Science in Evaluative Clinical Sciences from Dartmouth College. He also received a Master of Business Administration from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

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About GulfStar Group

GulfStar is a leading middle market investment bank headquartered in Houston. GulfStar specializes in providing merger and acquisition advisory services, institutional private placements of equity and debt, and general corporate finance advisory services to companies with revenues or enterprise values generally ranging from \$25 million to \$350 million. Since its formation in 1990, GulfStar has completed approximately 630 transactions in 32 states and 11 foreign countries across a variety of industries.