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## Metis Expands Oregon Footprint with Portland Office

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Portland, Ore., July 19, 2018 – Metis, a Pacific Northwest M&A advisory firm specializing in the hospitality, wine, and beverage alcohol industries, today announced it opened a new office in Portland, Ore. With offices already in Seattle and Walla Walla, this new office and expanded local team increases Metis' commitment to the Oregon market, bringing time-tested strategic advisory services closer to Oregon business owners. The office is headed by Managing Director Andy Steinman and Associate Jessica Leung.

Andy Steinman joined Metis as managing director of the Oregon region in 2017 to capitalize on his more than two decades of leading sales, marketing, and operations for a variety of consumer products, hospitality, and wine companies. Most recently, Andy's financial, strategic, and marketing advice has helped fuel the growth of Walter Scott Wines in Willamette Valley. He is also a partner in two-time James Beard Award Winning Chef Gabriel Rucker's Portland restaurants Le Pigeon, Little Bird, and Canard. Additionally, Andy is a partner in DigitalPour, a technology company serving brew pubs and restaurants. Andy received his B.S. from Carnegie-Mellon University and his MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth Graduate School of Business.

"Oregon is a robust, active market, where people are continuing to seek out new properties and invest in existing businesses. We believe the unique culture and success of the Oregon beverage and hospitality market will lead to further growth in the coming years," said Andy Steinman.

Metis Associate Jessica Leung, a Portland native, has returned to her hometown, relocating from Metis' Seattle office. Jessica joined Metis in early 2017 after spending a decade in management consulting. Her experience includes providing strategy and operations consulting to large federal agencies and private health care organizations. She also designed and implemented State-based health insurance exchanges in both Oregon and Washington and managed channel partnership at a tech start-up. Jessica holds a WSET Level 2 certification and received her BA in International Relations from University of California at Davis followed by an MBA from Pepperdine University.

"It's wonderful to be back home in Portland and working in a fast-growing market," said Jessica Leung. "With so many of our clients in Oregon, opening another office here just made sense."

Metis CEO Erik McLaughlin added, "I couldn't be more excited about the growing interest and activity in the Oregon market and have total confidence in Andy and Jessica's ability to serve our clients in the area."

Investors and Oregon-based wine, hospitality, and beverage alcohol businesses curious about options for liquidity, exit, and growth initiatives such as mergers, acquisitions, recapitalizations, and management buyouts are encouraged to contact the Metis team for a full strategic assessment.

### **About Metis**

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