

## Malk Partners Promotes James Bilko, Kayalin Akens-Irby, Brandon Mikuriya to Senior Associate

Malk Partners is excited to announce today the promotion of three Associates to the position of Senior Associate. James Bilko will become a Senior Associate in Malk's La Jolla office and Kayalin Akens-Irby and Brandon Mikuriya will become Senior Associates in Malk's New York office.

Ryan Miller, a Partner at Malk states, "We're delighted to recognize James, Kayalin, and Brandon on their contributions to our firm. Over the past year, we've watched each of them display an enormous amount of talent and dedication. With these incredible individuals in leadership positions, we're excited to see how Malk can continue to grow and advise private equity firms on ESG management."

James joined Malk Partners in 2018 from Claremont McKenna College. Over the past year, James has assisted on over 40 transactions and was core to the offering of our services in a new market, direct lending.

Kayalin joined Malk Partners in 2018 from Claremont McKenna College. In the past year, she has assisted on over 50 transactions and has played an instrumental role in recruiting efforts and business development.

Brandon joined Malk Partners in 2018 from New York University. Over the past year, Brandon has assisted on over 50 transactions and has played a critical role in research and recruiting.

## **About Malk Partners**

Malk Partners is the foremost consultancy advising private equity firms to create and protect value through environmental, social, and governance (ESG) management. We guide our clients across the fund and investment cycle to mitigate risk, secure opportunities and satisfy their investors. Malk supports global investors transacting around the world.

Our reputation is built from our singular focus on ESG management practices and exclusively advising private equity firms. We thoroughly understand our client's processes, collaborate closely with other vendors, calibrate our findings to materiality, and are extremely efficient with management and deal team time.

Malk is committed to helping our clients establish ESG management framework and investment processes that are deeply aligned to existing investment practices. We have advised many of the world's most respected investment firms helping them define ESG goals, conduct rigorous ESG due diligence reviews, and support portfolio companies in mitigating ESG risks.

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