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Megan Lawrence and Usman Khan Named to Financial News Rising Stars of European Finance 2026

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LONDON, April 14, 2026 – Megan Lawrence and Usman Khan have been named to the Financial News “Rising Stars of European Finance 2026”, a prestigious annual list spotlighting the industry’s most dynamic and high-potential talent across financial, professional, and legal services.

Their inclusion recognises not only exceptional technical strength, but also their growing influence in shaping the future of European finance.

Megan (“Meg”) Lawrence has earned her place on this year’s list through her standout work in domestic and cross-border leveraged acquisition financings. Meg advises leading banks and private credit funds across the capital structure, with deep experience spanning broadly syndicated senior TLB facilities, second-lien financings, bank/bond transactions, unitranche solutions and PIK holdco structures.

Meg regularly guides arrangers, lenders and agents through complex acquisition and event-driven financing transactions. Her ability to navigate fast-moving loan markets with clarity and commercial precision makes her one of the most exciting rising stars in the European leveraged finance landscape.

Usman Khan, also recognised as a Rising Star of European Finance, is a standout private capital lawyer with a sharp focus on real assets. He is highly regarded for steering clients through sophisticated, high-value transactions across asset-intensive sectors. Usman represents an impressive breadth of market participants, from private equity sponsors and debt funds to sovereign wealth funds, alternative lenders and institutional investors.

With expertise that spans the full lifecycle of private capital deployment, Usman advises on both debt and equity structures, consistently delivering bespoke financing solutions tailored to complex commercial objectives. He is particularly well known for his real estate finance capabilities, advising on all aspects of real-estate-related debt across asset classes and structures, as well as transactions at the intersection of real estate and infrastructure, including digital infrastructure and energy transition assets.

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