Press Kit

Integrity Marketing Group Acquires The Leazer Group





Integrity Continues to Expand Platform by Adding Innovative IMO The Leazer Group

In a move to provide agents with more expansive insurtech offerings, The Leazer Group joins Integrity's partner network

DALLAS - JULY 7, 2021 - Integrity Marketing Group, LLC ("Integrity"), the nation's largest independent distributor of life and health insurance products, today announced it has entered into an agreement to acquire <u>The Leazer Group</u>, a rapidly growing independent marketing organization (IMO) headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina. As part of the acquisition, Art Leazer, CEO of The Leazer Group, will become a Managing Partner in Integrity. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"The Leazer Group has already experienced tremendous success, yet they recognize the impact of what we're building at Integrity and have caught the vision of the resources we can offer their agents" said Bryan W. Adams, Co-Founder and CEO of Integrity Marketing Group. "For several years, The Leazer Group has built a community of expertise among its agents. They already understand the value of sharing knowledge, so they are optimally positioned to contribute to the Integrity network of partners. Together, our opportunities are endless and we're thrilled to have The Leazer Group join our growing list of impressive industry partners."

The Leazer Group serves Americans by offering insurance and annuity products, including mortgage protection, final expense, and life and health insurance. Since 2015, The Leazer Group has placed more than \$60 million in life insurance premium and protected more than 60,000 families. Deeply committed to a culture of innovation and agent support, The Leazer Group offers agents a turnkey insurance sales method with a robust lead generation

program. The company successfully navigated the 2020 pandemic by migrating to a virtual sales platform and seamlessly continuing national sales.

The Leazer Group will join Integrity's group of exceptional partners, who operate with an open-source philosophy of best practices and expertise. These partners include <u>CSG</u> <u>Actuarial</u>, <u>ThomasARTS</u>, <u>Deft Research</u>, <u>Access Capital</u>, <u>Brokers International</u> and <u>Insurance Administrative Solutions'</u> third-party administrator, as well as leading call centers <u>Connexion Point</u>, <u>SeniorCare Benefits</u> and <u>Unified Health</u>.

"The decision to join Integrity represents the most exciting opportunity of my entire career," said Art Leazer, CEO of The Leazer Group. "Integrity is the undisputed leader in innovation with cutting-edge technology, yet what I find most compelling is the company they keep. Integrity has attracted the most experienced minds in the industry who have all garnered astounding success through partnership. Joining Integrity means entering into a win-win situation, and we plan to hit the ground running."

Through Integrity, The Leazer Group will expand its product portfolio, providing Americans with more choices that fit their needs. The company will increase its capabilities by accessing the Integrity platform, which includes proprietary quoting and enrollment technology, data and analytics tools, product development and research. All partners can utilize Integrity's centralized shared services, such as compliance, accounting, human resources, IT and a world-class advertising and marketing firm.

The Leazer Group will now offer its employees meaningful ownership through <u>Integrity's Employee Ownership Plan</u>.

"The Employee Ownership Plan is such a rewarding way to recognize the people who support our agents every day," said Kimberly Naretto, Executive Vice President of The Leazer Group. "It's not just the agents who are serving Americans — it's also the people behind the scenes running operations, lead generation and marketing. Integrity is going to be a game changer for our employees and we're prepared to accelerate our growth. This partnership enables us to focus on what we really want to do, which is grow the business and help more agents every single day."

For more information about The Leazer Group's partnership with Integrity, view a video at www.integritymarketing.com/theleazergroup.

About Integrity Marketing Group

Integrity Marketing Group, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is the leading independent distributor of life and health insurance products focused on meeting Americans wherever they are — in person, over the phone and online. Integrity is innovating insurance by developing cutting-edge technology designed to simplify and streamline the healthcare experience for everyone. In addition, Integrity develops exclusive products with insurance carrier partners and markets these products through its distribution network that includes other large insurance agencies throughout the country. Integrity's almost 5,500 employees work with over 370,000 independent agents who service more than eight million clients annually. In 2021, Integrity expects to help insurance carriers place over \$7 billion in new sales. For more information, visit www.integritymarketing.com.

About The Leazer Group

The Leazer Group, headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, was founded and developed by agents for agents. As a company, they believe in organic sales growth and a commitment to independent agents. They offer an array of products such as mortgage protection, final expense, fixed indexed universal life and fixed indexed annuities. They offer agents a virtual sales platform which enables their national sales force to continue to protect both clients and their agents. For more information, visit www.leazergroup.com.

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Bryan W. Adams

Co-Founder & CEO



Bryan is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer for Integrity Marketing Group and leads the day-to-day operations of the company. Bryan also serves on the Board of Directors of Integrity.

Bryan is the founder of Legacy Safeguard, LLC a company dedicated with helping members leave a lasting legacy and being remembered long after they're gone. Bryan is considered one of the nation's leading experts in the senior market and speaks frequently across the country about the importance of helping families on one of the most difficult days of their lives. He consults with leading insurance companies to help them offer the best products to this market.

Prior to founding Integrity, Bryan was Vice President of Business Development at Directors Investment Group, Inc., a financial services company that operates several life insurance companies, a registered investment advisory firm, bank holding company and a mutual fund family. Advancing through a series of leadership roles in sales, marketing and product development, Bryan became the youngest Vice President in the company's history, where he oversaw all expansion efforts throughout the United States.

Bryan has a degree in Business Administration from Texas Tech University. Bryan and his family live in Highland Village, Texas.

Art Leazer

Managing Partner



Art Leazer is the CEO of The Leazer Group and a Managing Partner at Integrity Marketing Group.

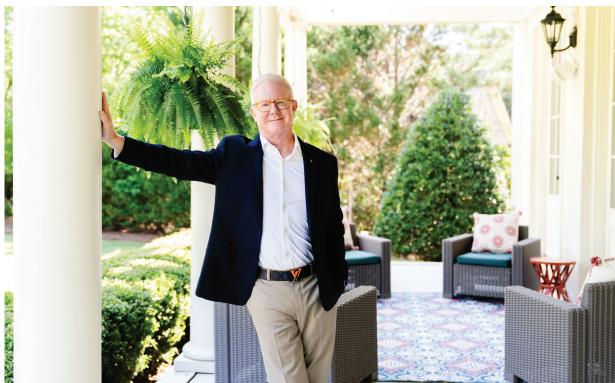
Growing up in North Carolina, Art Leazer learned to embody the value of being a true southern gentleman. His beliefs are deep rooted from generations of Leazers dating back to the late 1800s and are stronger today than ever before. He leads his company by setting the high-water mark for excellence and commitment to cultivating an environment based on his fundamental beliefs. Honesty, integrity and respect are at the heart of The Leazer Group.

While spending his summers growing up along the Carolina Coast, Art acquired his first understanding of the true meaning of hard work and dedication. While mentoring under his father, a former Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and self-employed business owner, Art learned the power of the entrepreneurial spirit and singular uniqueness of the free enterprise system in America.

Art graduated from the College of William and Mary with a degree in philosophy, politics and economics. Art enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Jacqueline, and his children, Duncan and Cameron.











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