Press Kit

Integrity Marketing Group Acquires Carolina Senior Marketing





Addition of Tech-Savvy and Creative Carolina Senior Marketing Further Strengthens Integrity Platform

By partnering with Integrity, Carolina Senior Marketing will gain access to innovative and expansive marketing resources and new technology to strengthen their agent offerings

DALLAS - JUNE 29, 2021 - Integrity Marketing Group, LLC ("Integrity"), the nation's largest independent distributor of life and health insurance products, today announced it has acquired <u>Carolina Senior Marketing</u>, a full service field marketing organization (FMO) headquartered in Cary, North Carolina. As part of the acquisition, Dustin Alipour, CEO of Carolina Senior Marketing, will become a Managing Partner in Integrity. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"Dustin is an extremely dynamic leader and we are so excited to partner with him. Integrity will provide Dustin and his exceptional team with expansive resources and support to grow his business to the next level and accomplish more than ever before," explained Bryan W. Adams, Co-Founder and CEO of Integrity Marketing Group. "As part of Integrity, Carolina Senior Marketing will have additional resources, new products and services, and a team of people committed to helping them accomplish their goals. Vibrant, forward-thinking companies like Dustin's are critical to our mission of innovating insurance and we're thrilled to welcome Carolina Senior Marketing to the Integrity family."

Carolina Senior Marketing offers life, health and Medicare insurance plans through hundreds of independent agents and agencies across the United States. The company is renowned for its boutique service approach and ability to provide personalized marketing efforts that maximize each agent's or agency's unique skillset. In 2021, Carolina Senior Marketing

will assist its agents in securing more than \$50 million in annualized paid premium while serving 85,000 Americans.

"We've always been innovative in our marketing strategies, and we quickly saw that Integrity is the same way — on a much larger scale," shared Dustin Alipour, CEO of Carolina Senior Marketing. "What Integrity is doing with technology, data and research is changing the game across the entire industry, and we are so excited to tap into those opportunities. Integrity's platform will help us refuel and push us to the next phase of our business. I couldn't be more excited to be part of the Integrity family — we have so many opportunities ahead of us."

Carolina Senior Marketing can now access the capabilities of Integrity's strategic partners, who provide end-to-end expertise across the insurance experience. These partners include <u>CSG 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 and Unified Health</u>.

"Dustin has supported his agents in ways that are revolutionary for this space," said Ryan Kimble, President of Agent Pipeline and Managing Partner with Integrity. "He brings a new vision to Integrity for how agents and agencies can grow in smaller markets. With

Integrity's powerful resources behind him, Dustin can take his model to new parts of the country while seeing his business flourish through the 'Integrity Effect' of explosive growth. This is a partnership that makes us all better and it is a special honor to welcome Carolina Senior Marketing to Integrity."

As a part of Integrity, Carolina Senior Marketing can optimize its creative marketing efforts by accessing Integrity's world-class advertising and marketing firm. The Integrity platform also includes tools and resources to best serve the diverse needs of agents, including proprietary quoting and enrollment technology and product development. Integrity supports all partners by providing centralized business functions, such as accounting, human resources, technology, legal services and compliance, as well as research and development.

Carolina Senior Marketing employees will be eligible to receive meaningful company ownership through <u>Integrity's Employee Ownership Plan</u>.

"I have an incredible team that is youthful and energetic, and more than anything, they are committed to offering our agents exceptional service, creative marketing and innovative opportunities," continued Alipour. "Participating in the Integrity Employee Ownership Plan means they can each now have a personal stake in something much bigger, which is truly exciting and well deserved."

For more information about Carolina Senior Marketing's partnership with Integrity, view a video at www.integritymarketing.com/CarolinaSeniorMarketing.

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 Carolina Senior Marketing

Carolina Senior Marketing, based in Cary, North Carolina, is a full-service insurance marketing FMO that is a leader in providing creative marketing, innovative opportunities and exceptional service to independent agents. Partnering with hundreds of agents and agencies across the U.S. and with more than 75 insurance carriers, Carolina Senior Marketing helps service more than 85,000 Americans annually. In 2021, Carolina Senior Marketing expects to assist their agents in selling more than \$50 million in annualized premium, while helping thousands of seniors with their Medicare needs. For more information, visit www.carolinaseniormarketing.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.

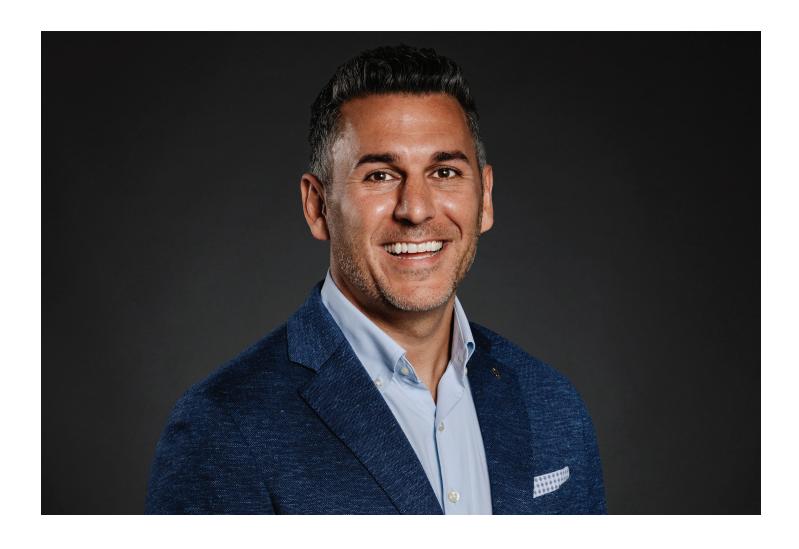
Bryan is the founder of Legacy Safeguard, LLC a company dedicated with helping members leave a lasting legacy and being remembered long after they're gone. Bryan is considered one of the nation's leading experts in the senior market and speaks frequently across the country about the importance of helping 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.

Dustin Alipour

Managing Partner



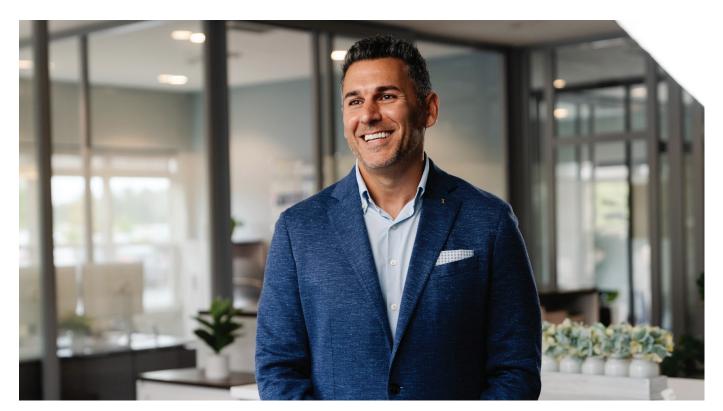
Dustin Alipour is CEO of Carolina Senior Marketing and a Managing Partner of Integrity Marketing Group.

Innovation and creativity have been core to Carolina Senior Marketing's vision since it was founded in 2008. At the time, Dustin was working as a financial advisor for the independent brokerage firm he and his father-in-law had started. From there, the door of opportunity opened for Dustin to pioneer a new kind of FMO — one with a boutique approach to helping captive Medicare agents launch their own agencies.

Utilizing his strong background in marketing, Dustin built Carolina Senior Marketing into a full-service insurance marketing FMO known for exceptional service. They offer Medicare Advantage, Medicare supplements, ACA health insurance and a host of other individual and senior products through a fast-growing network of agents and agencies.

Dustin lives in Cary, North Carolina, with his wife, Katherine, and their four children. Dustin enjoys coaching his kids' sports teams, traveling and spending weekends on the lake with his family.











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