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Jeri is Founder & Chairman of Avante Capital Partners. With over \$800mm in committed capital/AUM across three funds, Avante makes debt and equity investments to finance buyouts, minority recaps, acquisitions and growth. In 2020, Avante was named one of the Most Innovative Commercial Finance Companies by *ABF Journal*. In 2018, Avante Mezzanine Partners was named Small Business Investment Company of the Year by the U. S. SBA, and Women-Owned Firm of the Year by Private Equity Women Investor Network.

Jeri has over 30 years of financing and M&A experience, involving well over \$1 billion in aggregate investments. Prior to founding Avante, she started-up and led the Los Angeles offices for two multi-billion dollar publicly traded private equity and mezzanine investment funds - American Capital and more recently Allied Capital, where she was also a member of Allied's Investment Committee. Jeri currently sits on the boards of Engineered Performance Technologies, and NN, Inc. (Nasdaq NNBR) where she was recently appointed Chairman.

She has received numerous recognitions over the years including being named to the *Los Angeles Business Journal's* 2018-2020 LA 500 Most Influential People in Los Angeles. In January 2016, Jeri was on the cover of *Mergers & Acquisitions* magazine and named one of the Most Influential Women in Mid-Market M&A in 2017-2021. In March 2017, she was recognized as one of 15 Trailblazers by *Buyouts Magazine*.