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James Hert is a Principal with Stonepeak in New York City. Stonepeak is a leading alternative investment manager specializing in infrastructure and real assets, sponsoring investment vehicles focused on private equity and credit. Stonepeak provides capital, operational support, and committed partnership to sustainably grow its investments in its target sectors, which include infrastructure, transport & logistics, communications, water, energy transition, and power & renewables. James specifically focuses on transportation, logistics, industrials, and infrastructure investments at Stonepeak. His responsibilities include originating, evaluating, due diligencing, financing, and underwriting new investments.

James began his finance career in 2013 as a sophomore summer analyst in J.P. Morgan's Diversified Industrials investment banking coverage group in New York City. Within J.P. Morgan, James was awarded the firm's Launching Leaders Undergraduate Scholarship which provided academic support for diversity students. James graduated an academic year early to join J.P. Morgan's Diversified Industrials group as a full-time investment banking analyst in the summer of 2014, serving two and half years in the role. Post investment banking, James joined Fortress Investment Group in late 2016 as a private equity associate focusing on infrastructure, transportation, logistics, and energy investments for the firm. While at Fortress, James progressed from Associate to Vice President during his five-year tenure. In late 2021, James joined Stonepeak as a Vice President and was promoted to Principal in late 2023.

During his three-year academic term at the W. P. Carey School of Business, James was involved in various business school organizations and scholarship programs. As a first-generation college student, he was awarded a full-ride scholarship as the APS Bill and Mary Kay Post Scholar for the 2011 cycle. James was further recognized as a W. P. Carey McCord Scholar and Pat Tillman Scholar. In addition to participating as a member of the Business School Council and Dean's Council, James was heavily involved as a student in the Investment Banking Industry Scholars Program ("IBIS") and the Student Investment Management Fund ("SIM Fund"). James received a Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude, in Finance from the W. P. Carey School of Business with an Honors distinction from Barrett, the Honors College. During his honors studies, James was named the Jack D. Furst Honors Finance Scholar for the completion of his honors thesis, 'Leveraged Buyouts: An Examination of Modeling Techniques and Transaction Structures'.