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### **Clarus Partners to merge with Blue & Co., LLC**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (December 2, 2019) – The accounting and consulting firms of Clarus Partners (Columbus, Ohio) and Blue & Co., LLC (Carmel, Indiana) have announced their merger, effective December 1, 2019. The combined firm will operate as Blue & Co., LLC (Blue & Co.).

Clarus Partners' Partners, Barry J. Adelman, Michael J. Stevenson, and Matthew Kaufman, will join Blue & Co. The combined staff of Blue & Co. and Clarus Partners will total more than 450 professionals in 11 offices across 3 states.

"We are very excited to have Clarus Partners join Blue & Co. Expanding the Columbus, Ohio office is a strategic initiative of the firm, and combining with Clarus will help us on the road to achieving that initiative. We believe the expertise and reputation of both firms complement one another and offer a friendly, client-first culture" said Brad Shaw, Managing Director of Blue & Co. "Blue & Co. has seen tremendous growth over the last five decades and continues to seek opportunities to bring a first-class experience to its client base. We believe this is another step in that continuous journey."

Stevenson added, "We are also excited about this partnership. We feel that it will not only help expand the commercial market in the Columbus area, but also provide growth opportunities for all of our associates."

### **About Clarus Partners**

Clarus Partners was founded in 2007 with a mission to be more than just an accounting firm. Clarus are business advisors who focus on the overall fiscal health and well-being of clients. No matter what the assignment, they always look out for the overall strength and viability of companies to create competitive advantages throughout their lifecycle. Clarus combines a depth of expertise to deal with the most complex financial issues with the personal, hands-on attention of the senior management team.

### **About Blue and Co.**

Blue & Co., LLC is an independent accounting and advisory firm with more than 450 people in 11 offices across Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. With almost 50 years in operation, Blue & Co.'s public accounting expertise includes the practice areas of assurance, tax compliance and consulting, healthcare consulting, benefit plan services, valuation and litigation support, and business services. Its industry specializations include manufacturing & distribution, healthcare, construction, nonprofit, technology, financial services organizations, and agribusiness. For more information, please visit [www.blueandco.com](http://www.blueandco.com).

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