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## **PLAZA HOME MORTGAGE ANNOUNCES MICHAEL FONTAINE HAS BEEN NAMED A WINNER OF HOUSINGWIRE'S INAUGURAL FINANCE LEADERS AWARD**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif., – May 3, 2021** – Plaza Home Mortgage®, one of the nation's leading wholesale and correspondent mortgage lenders, today announced that Michael Fontaine, Co-President and Chief Operating Officer, is one of HousingWire Magazine's inaugural Finance Leaders Award winners for 2021.

The new award recognizes 40 executives who are driving financial performance, expanding margins, improving liquidity and helping their businesses access the capital markets. The Finance Leaders are selected based on their professional achievements within their organizations, contributions to the overall housing economy, client impact and personal success. The winners are made up of strategic leaders who are paving the way for the future of housing finance.

"COVID-19 forced finance leaders to adapt quickly to meet the challenges their companies faced last year, but it also presented huge opportunities for companies with agile leadership," HousingWire Editor and Chief Sarah Wheeler said. "The Finance Leaders we recognize this year are the ones who were ready to capitalize on those unique opportunities and achieve sustained success for their companies as a result."

Mike was recognized for the role he played in ensuring the growth, profitability, and sustainability of Plaza Home Mortgage. Throughout Mike's 17-year tenure, Plaza has grown from a start-up into one of the top 15 wholesale lenders in the U.S., offering a full range of GSE, Government (FHA, VA, USDA), Renovation and Reverse mortgage programs.

"I'm honored to be recognized by HousingWire as one of their first Finance Leader award winners and being in such great company," said Fontaine. "This award ultimately speaks volumes about the talented team we have at Plaza and their continued efforts over the past 20 years that have made Plaza the market leader it is today."

## **About Plaza Home Mortgage**

Founded in 2000, Plaza Home Mortgage, Inc. is a privately owned, full-service national correspondent and wholesale lender. Headquartered in San Diego, Plaza is dedicated to building quality, long-term relationships with its correspondent and mortgage broker clients by offering a wide variety of programs and an exceptional client experience. For more information, visit [www.plazahomemortgage.com](http://www.plazahomemortgage.com) or call 866.260.2529.

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