



# FEATURED TEAM MEMBER

## **JAKE MENDE**

### What is your role at Taureau Group, and how long have you been here?

I am an Analyst at Taureau Group and joined the team in July 2021. My role includes supporting all aspects of the M&A process. On both the sell-side and buy-side, I am involved in pitches, conducting company and industry research, financial analysis, marketing, and due diligence through close.

### Before working at Taureau Group, what was the most interesting job

*you've ever had?* My first job was working as a Porter for a Chevy dealership near my hometown. I was 16 at the time, had just gotten my license, and was driving brand new Corvettes and Camaros.

### What has been your most memorable deal at Taureau Group?

Everyone at Taureau Group will tell you that each deal is unique and memorable for its own reasons. For me, the most memorable part of any deal is going to market and sharing in excitement the response/results with our clients.

### Describe the culture at Taureau Group.

Our team is a group of driven, entrepreneurial, and motivated individuals. What makes our group fun and interesting to work with is the diversity of our backgrounds and skillsets. Since we are always looking to improve how we do things, everyone's unique input is leveraged and valued.



### What's something about yourself that may surprise us?

I am a big music junky. I got into collecting vinyl records when I was in college and now have a little over 500 records and counting in my collection. The excitement of collecting comes from digging through an old dusty box of old records treasure hunting for a piece of vinyl that hasn't seen the light of day in 40 years.

### Where is your hometown?

St. Charles, Illinois.

### What is your favorite book, movie and type of music?

I have been on a podcast kick for some time now, but much of audio consumption is music. I enjoy a little bit of the old and a little bit of the new. In the fall, you will catch me listening to a lot of indie rock, and on Fridays Michael Jackson.

What is your favorite quote? "Figures don't lie, but liars figure." - Mark Twain

### What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy running and hiking with my dog Brewer, home brewing, listening to music, and riding vintage motorcycles.

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