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JIM ROONEY
James (“Jim”) Rooney was born in the Northside of Pittsburgh – not far from where the family’s business – the legendary Steelers – play their home football games today. Jim’s father, the late Dan Rooney, owner and President of the Pittsburgh Steelers, co-founded The Ireland Funds. Jim and the Rooney family have been the driving force behind The Ireland Funds’ Pittsburgh Dinner since 1989. For 25 years, Jim has worked alongside his father on initiatives related to his role as U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, assisting with State Department relationships. He has also helped his father apply the Rooney Rule, the NFL’s initiative for greater diversity and inclusion, that was named after Dan’s efforts in promoting Rooney Consulting, which assists organizations with væristic, their coaches, building stronger teams and growing their businesses. He founded FirstLink Research and Analytics, a world leader in building business cases for technology transition. Jim holds an Organizational Consulting certificate from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Political Science and Communications from Boston College. Additionally, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh, the Ireland Funds America and Gilmour Academy.

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