



THE M&A  
ATLAS<sup>®</sup>  
AWARDS

AMERICAS  
Middle Markets

**October 31, 2014. New York:** Global M&A Network, honored the winners of the prestigious AMERICAS M&A ATLAS AWARDS, in 45 “*Deals of the Year*”, 7 “*Dealmaker Team of the Year*” and 16 “*Firm of the Year*”, awards at the annual winners circle gala and dinner celebration held last night at the Harvard Club of New York.

Mr. Richard “Rich” Holder, President and Chief Executive Officer of NN Inc., received the “Americas Leadership Achievement”, award. Under Mr. Holder’s leadership, NN has executed three strategic growth and value generating transactions in 2014, including the M&A Atlas Award winning acquisition of Autocam Corporation.

H.I.G Capital won the “Private Equity Dealmaker Team” accolade, and Cascade Bancorp, won the “Corporate Dealmaker Team” award for its successful acquisition of Home Federal Bancorp in a highly competitive process.

“We are delighted to recognize top achievements from the North and South Americas middle markets buyouts, mergers and acquisitions communities. We thank all the winners for celebrating their achievements with us and wish them continued success.”  
Shanta Kumari, CEO, Global M&A Network.

**PRESTIGE:** The M&A ATLAS AWARDS validates corporate growth and the private equity investment strategies, professional deal team talents, as well as the organization brand leadership position for successfully executing value generating transactions in the North and South Americas.

Significantly, winning the award sends a clear message that the winner has attained the highest performance and excellence standards regionally in the Americas as well as globally.

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**RICHARD D. HOLDER**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
NN Inc

*Recipient of the:*  
**LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** *of the Year.*

Mr. Holder joined NN from Eaton Corporation. Under his leadership, NN has executed three strategic growth and value generating transactions in 2014. These acquisitions by NN includes the M&A Atlas Award winning acquisition of Autocam Corporation, a global engineering and manufacturer of highly complex, system critical components for fuel systems, engines and transmission, power steering and electric motors. Earlier this year, NN acquired V-S Industries, a privately held manufacturer of precision metal components with operations in Wheeling, Illinois and Juarez, Mexico; and its majority acquisition of RFK, a manufacturer of taper rollers with operations in Konjic, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

We congratulate Mr. Holder and the NN Inc team and wish them many success.

#### **TEAM AWARDS, Recipients**

##### **CORPORATE DEAL TEAM** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* **Cascade Bancorp.**

The accolade is in recognition for successfully completing the value generating acquisition by Cascade Bancorp, the Bend, Oregon based bank to acquire the Idaho-based, Home Federal Bancorp in a highly competitive process by topping the bid made by a rival bank.

##### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL TEAM** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* **H.I.G Capital, Team.**

The accolade is in recognition for completing several buyout transactions in North America, exemplifying the fund's investment objectives, the team expertise, experience and leadership.

#### **PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY AWARDS, Recipients**

##### **NORTH AMERICA M&A INVESTMENT BANKER** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Euan Rellie, Senior Managing Director, Co-founder, Business Development Asia.

##### **SOUTH AMERICA M&A INVESTMENT BANKER** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Alessandro Decio Farkuh, Managing Director and Head of M&A, Bradesco BBI.

##### **BOUTIQUE M&A INVESTMENT BANKER** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* George Thacker, III, Managing Director, CSG Partners.

##### **NORTH AMERICA M&A LAWYER** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Steven M. Haas, Partner, Hunton & Williams, LLP.

##### **SOUTH AMERICA M&A LAWYER** *of the Year*

*Award Recipient:* Nicholas E. Rodríguez, Partner, Latin America Practice Group, Jones Day.



**OUTSTANDING PRIVATE EQUITY  
FIRM AWARDS, *Winners***

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **GTCR**

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR | Small Middle Markets: *Winner:* **Audax Private Equity**

SOUTH AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **H.I.G. Capital**

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**OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANK  
AWARDS, *Winners***

NORTH AMERICA INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **William Blair & Company**

SOUTH AMERICA INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **Itaú BBA**

CANADA INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **BMO Capital Markets**

U.S.A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **Raymond James Investment Banking**

BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **Signal Hill Capital**

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**OUTSTANDING M&A LAW  
FIRM AWARDS, *Winners***

NORTH AMERICA LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **Jones Day**

SOUTH AMERICA LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR: *Winner:* **Tozzini Freire Advogados**

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**OUTSTANDING NORTH AMERICA  
LENDER AWARDS, *Winners***

LENDER *of the* YEAR | Middle Markets, *Winner:* **Ares Capital**

LENDER *of the* YEAR | Small Middle Markets, *Winner:* **Monroe Capital**

LENDER *of the* YEAR | Small Markets, *Winner:* **Salus Capital Partners**

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**OUTSTANDING M&A  
FIRM AWARDS, *Winners***

FAIRNESS OPINION FIRM *of the* YEAR, *Winner:* **Duff & Phelps**

PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM *of the* YEAR, *Winner:* **FTI Strategic Communications**

M&A TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS PROVIDER *of the* YEAR, *Winner:* **IntraLinks**



## AMERICAS DEAL AWARDS, *Winners*

*Transaction size below a billion USD. Note, it is the deal that wins.*

### DEAL of the YEAR | Large Markets

**WINNER:** Six3 Systems, a portfolio company of GTCR sale to CACI International.

*Winner:* GTCR.

### DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** HarperCollins Publishers, subsidiary of News Corp acquisition of Harlequin Enterprises from Torstar.

*Winner:* Hogan Lovells, as a legal advisor to HarperCollins and News Corp.

*Winners circle also includes:* BMO Capital Markets, as a financial advisor to Torstar.

### DEAL of the YEAR | Upper Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Mexichem acquisition of Dura-Line Corporation from CHS Capital.

*Winners:* Jones Day, as a legal advisor to Mexichem, and Lincoln International, as a financial advisor to CHS Capital.

### DEAL of the YEAR | Small Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Sensata Technologies acquisition of DeltaTech Controls from CoActive Technologies, a portfolio company of Littlejohn & Co. and CITIC Capital Partners.

*Winners:* William Blair and Business Development Asia, as financial advisors to CoActive Technologies, Littlejohn and CITIC Capital Partners.

### DEAL of the YEAR | Small Markets

**WINNER:** Qualfon acquisition of Center Partners from Kantar, a subsidiary of WPP Group.

*Winner:* Headwaters MB, as a financial advisor to Qualfon.

### CROSS DEAL of the YEAR | Small Markets

**WINNER:** Catapult Systems acquisition by ChinaSoft.

*Winner:* Signal Hill Capital, as a financial advisor to Catapult.

### CROSS DEAL of the YEAR | Small Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Nokia Networks acquisition of SAC Wireless.

*Winner:* Redwood Capital, as a financial advisor to SAC.

### CROSS DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets

**WINNER:** QinetiQ U.S. Division acquisition by The Si Organization, a portfolio company of Veritas Capital.

*Winner:* Schulte Roth & Zabel as a legal advisor to Si and Veritas Capital.



**NORTH AMERICAS DEAL AWARDS, *Winners***

*Transaction size below a billion USD. Note, it is the deal that wins.*

**NORTH AMERICA DEAL**

*of the YEAR | Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** Hanesbrands acquisition of Maidenform Brands.

*Winner:* Hanesbrands.

**NORTH AMERICA DEAL**

*of the YEAR | Small Mid Markets*

**WINNER:** T-Doc Company acquisition by Laborie, a portfolio company of Audax Private Equity.

*Winners:* Capstone Partners as a financial advisor to T-Doc Company, and Audax Private Equity.

**NORTH AMERICA DEAL**

*of the YEAR | Large Markets*

**WINNER:** Haas Group International, a portfolio company of The Jordan Group sale Wesco Aircraft.

*Winner:* Mayer Brown, as a legal advisor on the sale.

**CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets**

**WINNER:** Cascade Bancorp acquisition of Home Federal Bancorp.

*Winners:* Cascade Bancorp, Hunton & Williams as a legal advisor to Cascade Bancorp.

*Winners circle also includes:* Macquarie Capital, as a financial advisor to Cascade Bancorp.

**CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* | Small Mid Markets**

**WINNER:** Pacific Precision Products acquisition by Zodiac Aerospace.

*Winner:* Janes Capital, as a financial advisor to Pacific Precision Products.

**CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets**

**WINNER:** Tucker Rocky / Biker's Choice merger with Motorsport Aftermarket Group.

*Winner:* KeyBanc Capital Markets, as a financial advisor on the merger.

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* | Small Markets**

**WINNER:** RFE Investment Partners acquisition of Wind River Environmental from Centre Partners and Housatonic Partners.

*Winner:* Headwaters MB, as a financial advisor to Wind River Environmental, Centre Partners and Housatonic Partners.

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* | Small Middle Markets**

**WINNER:** Insight Venture Partners acquisition stake in FireMon.

*Winner:* Signal Hill, as a financial advisor to FireMon.



## **NORTH AMERICAS DEAL AWARDS, *Winners***

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### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets**

**WINNER:** H.I.G Capital acquisition of American Pacific Corporation.

*Winners:* H.I.G Capital and KeyBanc Capital, as a financial advisor to American Pacific Corporation.

### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets**

**WINNER:** Marlin Equity Partners acquisition of Tellabs.

*Winner:* Schulte Roth & Zabel, as a legal advisor to Marlin Equity Partners.

## **SOUTH AMERICAS DEAL AWARDS, *Winners***

### **SOUTH AMERICA DEAL *of the YEAR* | Large Markets**

**WINNER:** Bain Capital acquisition of Grupo Notre Dame Intermedica.

*Winner:* Itaú BBA, as a financial advisor to Bain Capital.

### **SOUTH AMERICA DEAL *of the YEAR* | Middle Markets**

**WINNER:** MercadoLibre acquisition of Portalinmobiliario.com.

*Winner:* MercadoLibre.

### **SOUTH AMERICA CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR***

**WINNER:** Promerica Financial Corporation majority acquisition of Banco de la Producción.

*Winner:* Hunton & Williams, as a legal advisor to Promerica

*Winners circle also includes:* Foley & Lardner, as a legal advisor to Produbanco.

### **SOUTH AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR***

**WINNER:** Blackstone and Patria Investimentos majority acquisition stake in Alphaville.

*Winner:* Bradesco BBA as a buy-side financial advisor.





## COUNTRY DEAL AWARDS, *Winners*

*Transaction size below a billion USD. Note, it is the deal that wins.*

### BRAZIL DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Scopus Tecnologia sale to IBM and strategic partnership between Bradesco and IBM.

**Winners:** Bradesco BBI, and Tozzini Freire as the legal advisor to IBM.

### MEXICO DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Sale of Grupo Fermaca to Partners Group.

**Winner:** Haynes & Boone, as a legal advisor to Grupo Fermaca.

### CANADA DEAL *of the Year* | Middle Markets

*Deal size below \$500 million, involving at least one Canadian entity.*

**WINNER:** Fairfax Financial acquisition of American Safety Insurance Holdings.

**Winner:** Shearman & Sterling, as a legal advisor to American Safety.

### CANADA DEAL *of the Year* | Large Markets

*Deal size above \$500 million, involving at least one Canadian entity.*

**WINNER:** Chemtrade Logistics acquisition of General Chericam from American Securities.

**Winner:** BMO Capital Markets, as a financial advisor to Chemtrade Logistics.

### U.S.A DEAL *of the Year* | Middle Markets

*Deal size range \$150 to \$500 million, involving at least one U.S based entity.*

**WINNER:** Triple Canopy/Constellis acquisition through Employee Stock Ownership Trust.

**Winner:** CSG Partners, as a financial advisor on the ESOP transaction.

### U.S.A DEAL *of the Year* | Small Markets

*Deal size below \$50 million, involving at least one U.S based entity.*

**WINNER:** Huntington Ingalls Industries acquisition of The S.M. Stoller Company.

**Winner:** Hunton & Williams, as a legal advisor to Huntington Ingalls.

### U.S.A DEAL *of the Year* | Small Middle Markets

*Deal size below \$50 million, involving at least one U.S based entity.*

**WINNER:** Katzen Medical Associates and Dulaney Eye Group recapitalization by Varsity Healthcare Partners and EyeCare Services Partners Holdings.

**Winner:** Provident Healthcare, as a financial advisor to Katzen Medical Associates.

### U.S.A DEAL *of the Year* | Large Markets

*Deal size range \$500 to below billion, involving at least one U.S based entity.*

**WINNER:** The WhiteWave Foods Company acquisition of Earthbound Farm from investor group including Kainos Capital and founders Drew & Myra Goodman.

**Winner:** Haynes & Boone, as a legal advisor to The WhiteWave Foods Company.

### U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the Year* | Growth

*Deal size below \$100 million, investment in U.S based growth company.*

**WINNER:** Kinderhook Industries acquisition of GlobalHealth.

**Winner:** Allegiance Capital, as a financial advisor to GlobalHealth.



## AMERICAS INDUSTRY DEAL AWARDS, *Winners*

*Transaction size below a billion USD. Note, it is the deal that wins.*

### CONSUMER GOODS DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Tiny Love acquisition by Dorel Industries.

*Winner:* Capstone Partners, as a financial advisor to Tiny Love.

### ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Argonaut Private Equity acquisition of Otis Eastern.

*Winner:* Allegiance Capital, as a financial advisor to Otis Eastern.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Stone Point Capital acquisition of Long Term Care Group.

*Winner:* Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, as a legal advisor to Stone Point Capital.

### FINANCIAL TECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Cardiff Holdings sale of Shoreline Business Solutions and Source One Direct to Gemalto.

*Winner:* Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle and Raymond James, advisors on the sale.

*Winners circle also includes:* Hogan Lovells, as a legal advisor to Gemalto.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Snyder's-Lance acquisition of Baptista's Bakery.

*Winners:* William Blair & Company and Foley & Lardner, as advisors to Baptista's Bakery.

### HEALTHCARE DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Manhattan Spine & Pain Medicine recapitalization by National Spine & Pain Centers, a portfolio company of Sentinel Capital Partners.

*Winner:* Provident Healthcare Partners, as a financial advisor to Manhattan Spine & Pain Medicine.

### HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Sale of API, a portfolio company of Francisco Partners to GE Healthcare.

*Winner:* Shearman & Sterling, as a legal advisor to API and Francisco Partners.

### INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the Year*

*Deal size below \$300 million, specific to industrial products, distribution and manufacturing, etc.*

**WINNER:** Thomas & Betts sale of HVAC to Nortek Inc.

*Winner:* Raymond James, as a financial advisor to Thomas & Betts, a subsidiary of ABB.

*Winners circle also includes:* Jones Day.





## AMERICAS INDUSTRY DEAL AWARDS, *Winners*

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### INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the Year* | Large

*Deal size below \$300 million, specific to industrial products, distribution and manufacturing, etc.*

**WINNER:** NN Inc. acquisition of Autocam Corporation.

*Winners:* NN and KeyBanc Capital Markets, as a financial advisor to NN Inc.

### ONLINE & MOBILE TECH DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Perfect Market acquisition by Taboola.

*Winner:* Headwaters MB, as the financial advisor to Perfect Market.

### REAL ESTATE & HOSPITALITY DEAL *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Cerberus Capital Management and Chatham Lodging Trust sale of majority stake in 47 US Hotels to NorthStar Realty Finance Corporation.

*Winner:* Schulte Roth & Zabel, as the legal advisor on the sale.

### TECHNOLOGY DEAL *of the Year* | Small Markets

*Deal size below \$300 million, specific to broader technology and electronic related industries.*

**WINNER:** Globe Wireless acquisition by Inmarsat.

*Winner:* Redwood Capital and Hogan Lovells, as advisors to Globe Wireless.

### TECHNOLOGY DEAL *of the Year* | Middle Markets

*Deal size above \$300 million, specific to broader technology and electronic related industries.*

**WINNER:** GTCR acquisition of Vocus.

*Winner:* GTCR.

### TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS DEAL *of the Year*

*Deal size below \$300 million, specific to broader technology and electronic related industries..*

**WINNER:** Martin Resources majority acquisition by Martin Resources Employee Stock Ownership.

*Winner:* CSG Partners, as a financial advisor on the ESOP transaction.