



GLOBAL MARKETS

CONGRATULATIONS

OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARDS
Distinguished Finalists *of the Year*

10th ANNUAL
GALA & DINNER CELEBRATIONS
6.30 pm, JUNE 5, 2018
Intrepid Museum, New York, USA.

Global M&A Network congratulates distinguished group of firm finalists for the one and only, M&A ATLAS AWARDS, Global Markets.

World's most prestigious awards, singularly honors outstanding firms, best value-creating deals, top dealmakers and leaders from the corporate, investors, private equity, VC and transactional communities in small-mid to large cap segments.

PRESTIGE: Winning the independently governed awards, equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" standing in the industry and markets, validating the firm and team excellence since winners are selected on merits.

WHAT *to* DO? NEXT STEPS ☺

Congrats on making the distinguished group of finalists. Only one firm is announced as the winner per unique award category at the gala ceremony.

Contact us for information.

Separately, kindly confirm your table booking for the industry's most exclusive gala dinner to network + celebrate your success.

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10th ANNUAL NETWORKING GALA & CEREMONY

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OUTSTANDING INVESTORS

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR *of the YEAR*

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority
CIC Capital
Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec
GIC Special Investments

Evaluation Standards: Public funds direct or co-investing with private equity and/or alternative investors, worldwide.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

Bain Capital
CVC Capital Partners
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts
The Blackstone Group
The Carlyle Group

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Notable transactions closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Presence in world markets, team expertise and leadership, plus record of accomplishment.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR* | SPECIALIST

Francisco Partners
L Catterton
Providence Equity
SilverLake

Firm Evaluation Standards: Specialist by sector and/or investment size; (2) Notable transactions closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Presence in world markets, team expertise and leadership, plus record of accomplishment.

GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTOR *of the YEAR*

Brookfield Infrastructure Partners
IFM Investors
I Square Investors
Partners Group

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Notable transactions closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Presence in world markets, team expertise and leadership, plus record of accomplishment.

GLOBAL VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTOR *of the YEAR*

Intel Capital
New Enterprise Associates
Sequoia
Softbank Vision

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Notable transactions closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Presence in world markets, team expertise and leadership, plus record of accomplishment.

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OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANKS | MIDDLE MARKETS

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL M&A | MIDDLE MARKETS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

DC Advisory
Houlihan Lokey
Jefferies
Rothschild
William Blair

GLOBAL M&A | MID to SMALL MARKETS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Alantra
Capstone Headwaters
Duff & Phelps
E&Y Corporate Finance
PwC Corporate Finance

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY M&A | MIDDLE MARKETS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Harris Williams
Houlihan Lokey
KPMG Corporate Finance
Lincoln International
William Blair

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Outcome of top closed transactions from the middle market segments; (2) Year to year improvements; (3) Global markets presence (2 plus regions); cross-border expertise, team leadership, record of executing transactions, and client service. **Small-Mid Markets** – transaction size mostly below \$250 mm. League table rankings are immaterial for selection.

OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANKS | LARGE

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Citigroup
Goldman Sachs
J.P Morgan
Morgan Stanley

EMERGING MARKETS M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Credit Suisse
Citigroup
HSBC
Morgan Stanely
UBS Investment Bank

GLOBAL M&A | INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Centerview
Evercore
Moelis & Co
Perella Weinberg Partners
PJT Partners

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Outcome of top closed transactions valued above a billion USD; (2) Year to year improvements; (3) Global markets presence (2 plus regions); cross-border expertise, team leadership, record of executing transactions, and client service. Note, league table rankings are immaterial per winner selection. **Emerging Markets** – Asia Pacific excluding Japan, ANZ, Latin – Central Americas, Africa, Middle East and Eastern Europe excluding Russia.

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OUTSTANDING M&A

LAW FIRMS | MIDDLE MARKETS

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL M&A | MIDDLE MARKETS LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Baker & McKenzie
DLA Piper
Hogan Lovells
Jones Day
Kirkland & Ellis

GLOBAL M&A | MID to SMALL MARKETS LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Baker & McKenzie
Dentons
Goodwin Procter
Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe
Squire Patton Boggs

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY M&A LAW FIRM *of the YEAR* | MIDDLE MARKETS

Goodwin Procter
Kirkland & Ellis
Latham Watkins
Ropes & Gray
Weil Gotshal & Manges

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OUTSTANDING M&A LAW FIRMS | LARGE

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL M&A LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Sullivan & Cromwell

EMERGING MARKETS M&A LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Allen & Overy
Baker McKenzie
Clifford Chance
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Linklaters

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GLOBAL M&A ANTITRUST LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Jones Day
Latham & Watkins
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Outcome based on advising on top M&A transaction closed in 2017; (2) Work on multi-jurisdictions/merger control entities; (3) team leadership and record of successful representations.

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OUTSTANDING M&A SERVICES FIRM

Distinguished Awards Finalists:

GLOBAL M&A
TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Deloitte
Ernst & Young
KPMG
PwC

GLOBAL M&A | SMALL MID MARKETS
TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Baker Tilly
BDO
Grant Thornton
Mazars

GLOBAL FAIRNESS OPINION
FIRM *of the YEAR*

Duff & Phelps
Evercore
KPMG
Lazard
PwC

GLOBAL M&A
TAX ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Deloitte
Ernst & Young
KPMG
Grant Thornton
PwC

GLOBAL STRATEGY
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Bain & Company
FTI
McKinsey
PwC Strategy

GLOBAL VDR
FIRM *of the YEAR*

Intralinks
i Deals
Merrill
Donnelly Financial

GLOBAL M&A PUBLIC RELATIONS
FIRM *of the YEAR*

Brunswick Group
Finsbury
FTI Strategic Communications
Sard Verbinnen & Co

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WELCOME to the world's most prestigious M&A Atlas Awards, Global Markets, singularly honoring best value-creating deals, outstanding firms, top dealmakers and legendary growth leaders from the international corporate, alternative investor and transactional communities for successfully closing transactions.

PRESTIGE: Winning the awards equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" standing in the industry and markets, validating excellence since the winners are selected on deal success, firm expertise and leadership.

INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS

Prestige stems from the integrity of the process. Finalists and winners are judged by point-indexed scoring method based on deal criteria that includes pre-and-post execution variables; deal style/negotiation; sector complexities; regulation/jurisdictions; stakeholder/community impact; leadership; brand strength; etc. League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.

Significantly, the process does not involve industry vendors or feedback to insure a 100% conflict-free, independent process. We also do not accept sponsorship for the awards gala from financial or legal deal advisors to avoid any "pay for play" influences.

M&A ATLAS AWARDS, *Global Markets Gala Celebrations*

Welcome to the annual celebration of the world's most exclusive, competitive, and prestigious industry awards. The following guide will help prepare you to enjoy, connect and celebrate your achievements.

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| Date & Time: | 6.30 pm, June 5, 2018. |
| Venue: | Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum , located on Pier 86, West 46th St and 12th Ave, New York. We recommend cab / car service to the Intrepid; and note there is security check at gate. |
| Access | Prior confirmation is required. Guest registration rate includes networking cocktail |
| Attendance: | reception, three-course dinner, staged ceremony, plus related marketing materials – official winner circle release, logos, photos. Check-in: Business card is required. |
| Attire: | Black-tie recommended, business formal required. |
| Winner Remarks: | Deal and firm awards winner remarks is limited to 1 minute. Leaders and professional award winners kindly limit your award acceptance remarks to maximum of 2 minutes. |
| Photos: | Photographer is available for personal photos with colleagues, family, or friends. |
| Trophy: | Coveted trophy is made of crystal. Custom box is available for secure transport. |

TROPHY PRESENTATION POLICY

Outstanding Firm Awards: Firm representatives can accept the coveted winner trophy on behalf of their firm.

Leaders & Dealmaker Awards: Recipient must personally accept their treasured trophy at the gala-ceremony.

Deal Awards: It is the transaction that wins, and respective dealmaker advisor from a firm attending the gala is awarded their winner trophy. Since deals have many advisors, following is trophy presentation policy:

(1) Nominees gain advantage. If you are a nominee per winning deal, then you are honored at the gala ceremony; followed by, (2) Acquirers – corporate or investor firm; followed by, (3) Primary financial, legal, etc. advisors to the buyer; followed by, (4) Primary sell-side advisors; followed by, (5) Secondary and relevant transaction advisors. Advisory Firms' that are part of many award-winning deals must confirm deal-team leader/member who worked on the winning transaction to accept their deal award winner trophy.

SEC RULES & DISCLAIMER

Per, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 'Touting Initiative' Rules: Global M&A Network (GM&AN) takes SEC Rules seriously; and winners should know – (1) Upon request, GM&AN will provide relevant criteria/description for winners to proudly accept and publicize their accolades. (2) There are no fees to nominate, hence no influence on "winner" result. (4) Participation at the events, and related networking gala dinner delegate registration fees has no effect on winner selection process since participating/attending firms' have no input on how the winners are selected.

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