



# GLOBAL MARKETS

## CONGRATULATIONS

DEAL WINNERS &  
OUTSTANDING FIRM  
FINALISTS *of the* YEAR

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GALA & DINNER

**6.30 pm, March 26, 2019**

Intrepid Museum, New York, USA.

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Global M&A Network congratulates winners of the best growth generating “DEAL of the YEAR” awards and the distinguished group of firm finalists for the one and only, M&A Atlas Awards, Global Markets.

Covering 5 continents and evaluating over 1040 eligible deals to ultimately select the “DEAL of the YEAR” winners in various categories of industry/sectors, investors, corporate, emerging and global markets awards, from the middle-to large cap segments.

World’s most prestigious awards singularly honors outstanding firms, best value-creating deals, top dealmakers and leaders from the corporate, investors, private equity, and transactional communities.

**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.

### WHAT *to* DO? NEXT STEPS ☺

Congrats on making the distinguished group of winners and finalist-nominees. Feel free to contact us for info.

Significantly, if you advised on award winning transaction, or as a firm finalist nominee, kindly confirm your guest delegate booking for the industry’s most exclusive gala dinner to network and celebrate your success with clients and colleagues.

*Validate Your Achievements, Q Contact:*

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## GLOBAL MARKETS

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### GLOBAL INDUSTRIES M&A DEAL Awards Winners

#### GLOBAL CONSUMER • *Sub-Sectors*

CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** ZAGG acquires BRAVEN from Incipio Group.

CONSUMER RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** Bucherer acquires Tourneau from Leonard Green & Partners.

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CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Bacardi acquires Patron Spirits International.

CONSUMER RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Cineworld Group acquires Regal Entertainment.

#### GLOBAL ENERGY • *Sub-Sectors*

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEAL *of the YEAR*  
**WINNER:** Innergex Renewable Energy acquires Alterra Power.

ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** Velvet Energy acquires Iron Bridge Resources.

ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Energy Transfer Equity merger with Energy Transfer Partners.

***Standards:** Transactions must be closed exclusive by industry sectors; and must have an effect within the respective sector, markets, and/or international operations/offering of the acquiring firm. Large qualified as transaction size valued above a billion USD. Small to Middle Market as transaction size below a billion.*

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#### GLOBAL INDUSTRIALS • *Sub-Sectors*

INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** Aeronautics acquires Chassis Plans.

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INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Transcontinental acquires Coveris Americas from Coveris, portfolio company of Sun Capital.

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#### GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE

INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** Eurovia, subsidiary of VINCI Group acquires Lane Asphalt Plants & Paving from Lane Construction, a subsidiary of Salini Impregilo Group.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Brookfield Infrastructure acquires Data Centers from AT&T (Evoque Data Center Solutions).

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#### GLOBAL FINANCIAL • *Sub-Sectors*

FINTECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** S&P Global acquires Kensho Technologies.

FINANCIAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER:** Zurich Insurance acquires Latin America operations of QBE Insurance Group.

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FINTECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** Francisco Partners led group including British Columbia Investment Management Corporation acquire Verifone Systems.

FINANCIAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*  
**WINNER:** AXA acquires XL Group.

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#### GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

PHARMA & HEALTHCARE *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Cambrex Corporation acquires Halo Pharma from SK Capital Partners.

PHARMA & HEALTHCARE *of the YEAR* • *Large*

**WINNER:** GlaxoSmithKline acquires TESARO.

#### GLOBAL REAL ESTATE & LODGING

REAL ESTATE & LODGING DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Civeo Corporation acquires Noralta Lodge.

REAL ESTATE & LODGING DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

**WINNER:** Unibail-Rodamco acquires Westfield.

#### GLOBAL TMT • *Sub-Sectors*

IT & BUSINESS SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Morneau Shepell acquires Lifeworks from Cannae Holdings.

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Gameloft acquires FreshPlanet.

TECH DEAL *of the YEAR* | *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Symphony Technology Group acquires Winshuttle.

TELECOM & COMMUNICATIONS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

**WINNER:** Apollo Global Management acquisition stake in Infrastructure Networks (INET).

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

**WINNER:** Discovery acquires Scripps Networks Interactive (Discovery Inc.).

TECH DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

**WINNER:** GitHub acquired by MicroSoft.

TELECOM & COMMUNICATIONS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

**WINNER:** GTT Communications acquires Interoute.

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### GLOBAL DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL Awards Winners

**DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL of the YEAR** • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Below \$500 million.*  
**WINNER:** Albemarle Corporation sale of Polyolefin Catalysts business to W. R. Grace.

**DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL of the YEAR** • *Transaction Size \$500 million to \$1 billion.*  
**WINNER:** Royal Dutch Shell sale of Argentina Downstream business to Raízen, joint venture of Cosan Indústria e Comércio and Shell.

**DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$5 billion.*  
**WINNER:** Oil and Natural Gas Corp acquisition stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.

*Standards: Best Growth-generating closed strategic transaction, any sector, any part of the world. Transaction must have effect on global markets within the respective sector and/or international operations/offering of the acquiring firm.*

### GLOBAL CORPORATE M&A DEAL *Small to Middle Market Segment, Awards Winners*

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Small Mid-Market, Transaction Size Below \$50 million.*  
**WINNER:** Exfo acquires Astellia.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Small Mid-Market, Transaction Size Below \$50 – 100 million.*  
**WINNER:** Landec Corporation acquires Yucatan Foods.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$100, Below \$250 million.*  
**WINNER:** Consolidated Aerospace Manufacturing acquires E.A. Patten.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$250, Below \$500 million.*  
**WINNER:** Cimpres acquires BuildASign.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$500 million, Below \$1 billion.*  
**WINNER:** ORIX Corporation acquires NXT Capital.

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### GLOBAL CORPORATE M&A DEAL

*Large Market Segment, Awards Winners*

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion, Below \$5 billion.*

**WINNER:** Cabot Microelectronics acquires KMG Chemicals.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$5 billion, Below \$10 billion.*

**WINNER:** Cloudera merger with Hortonworks.

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**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large-Mega, Transaction Size Above \$10 billion, Below \$50 billion.*

**WINNER:** Atlantia and Actividades de Construcción y Servicios (ACS) via Hochtief acquire Abertis Infraestructuras.

**CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR** • *Mega, Transaction Size Above \$50 billion.*

**WINNER:** Linde merger with Praxair including sale of Linde Americas assets to Messer Group and CVC Capital (MG Industries), and sale of Praxair European businesses to Taiyo Nippon Sanso.

*Standards: Best Growth-generating closed strategic transaction, any sector, any part of the world. Transaction must have effect on global markets within the respective sector and/or international operations/offering of the acquiring firm.*

### EMERGING MARKETS INVESTORS DEAL Awards Winners

#### EMERGING MARKETS

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR** • *Middle Market*

**WINNER:** L Catterton acquires Femme.

#### EMERGING MARKETS

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion.*

**WINNER:** Actis acquires Mexican portfolio assets of InterGen (Saavi Energia).

*Standards: Growth-Generating buyout transaction any sector, from any part of the emerging of developing markets, excluding China.*

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### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL Awards Winners

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Market, Transaction Size Below \$250 million.

**WINNER:** L Catterton acquires Goiko Grill.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Market, Transaction Size Above \$250 million, Below \$500 million.

**WINNER:** Vista Equity Partners acquires Allocate Software from Hg Capital.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Market, Transaction Size Above \$500 million, Below \$1 billion.

**WINNER:** OMERS Private Equity acquires Trescal from Ardian.

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PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large, Transaction Size Above \$ 5 billion.

**WINNER:** KKR acquires global spreads business from Unilever (Upfield).

**Standards:** Growth-Generating buyout transaction closed in 2018, any sector, from any part of the world.

### GLOBAL CONSORTIUM DEAL Awards Winner

CONSORTIUM DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large Transaction Size \$1 to \$10 billion.

**WINNER:** Partners Group led investor group including Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec and Ontario Teachers acquire Techem from Macquarie.

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CONSORTIUM DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mega, Transaction Size Above \$10 billion.

**WINNER:** Bain Capital-led consortium including Apple, Dell Technologies Capital, Hoya, Kingston Technology, Seagate and SK Hynix acquire Toshiba Memory from Toshiba.

**Standards:** Growth-generating transaction by group of buyers, any sector, from any part of the world.

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### CROSS BORDER M&A

DEAL, Awards Winners. Middle Market Segments

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small Mid-Market, Transaction Size Below \$100 million.

**WINNER:** A-Star Education acquires Summer Discovery.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$100 million, Below \$250 million.

**WINNER:** RhythmOne acquires YuMe.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$250 million, Below \$500 million.

**WINNER:** General Logistics Systems, a subsidiary of Royal Mail acquires Dicom Transportation Group from Wind Point Partners.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$500 million, Below \$1 billion.

**WINNER:** JD Sports acquires Finish Line.

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### CROSS BORDER M&A

DEAL, Awards Winners. Large Segments

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion, Below \$5 billion.

**WINNER:** Transunion acquires Call Credit from GTCR.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large-Mega Transaction Size Above \$5 billion, Below \$20 billion.

**WINNER:** Walmart acquires majority of Flipkart Group.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large-Mega Transaction Size Above \$20 billion, Below \$50 billion.

**WINNER:** Comcast acquires Sky.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mega Transaction Size Above \$50 billion.

**WINNER:** Bayer acquires Monsanto, and sale of seeds related business to BASF.

*Cross-Border Standards:* Growth-generating transaction, across national borders, any sector, any part of the world. Transaction must have effect within the respective sector and/or international operations/offerings.

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M&A DEAL, Awards Winners. Middle Market Segments

EMERGING MARKETS DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mid-Market, Transaction Size, Below \$250 million.

**WINNER:** Mahindra & Mahindra acquisition stake in Zoomcar India and Zoomcar Inc.

EMERGING MARKETS DEAL *of the YEAR* • Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$250 million.

**WINNER:** TAV Airports majority acquisition of ICF Antalya.

### EMERGING MARKETS

M&A DEAL, Awards Winners. Large Cap Segments

EMERGING MARKETS DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion, Below \$10 billion.

**WINNER:** PPF Group acquires telecom assets in Central & Eastern Europe from Telenor.

EMERGING MARKETS DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large-Mega Transaction Size Above \$10 billion.

**WINNER:** Vodafone India merger with Ideal Cellular of Aditya Birla Group (Vodafone Idea).

**Standards:** Growth-generating closed transaction from any developing markets – Latin, Central Americas, Eastern Europe, Africa, Middle East, or South East Asia, excludes China with consequential effects within the respective industry sector, international operations or offerings.

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### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL *Middle Market Segment, Awards Winners*

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Mid-Market, Transaction Size Below \$100 million.*

**WINNER:** Vonage acquires TokBox from Telefonica.

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$100 million, Below \$250 million.*

**WINNER:** AVX Corporation, subsidiary of Kyocera acquires Ethertronics.

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$250 million, Below \$500 million.*

**WINNER:** Xylem acquires Pure Technologies.

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$500 million, Below \$1 billion.*

**WINNER:** NEC Corporation acquires Northgate Public Services from Cinven.

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### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL *Large Segment, Awards Winners*

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion, Below \$5 billion.*

**WINNER:** Energizer acquires Batteries Business of Spectrum Brands.

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$5 billion, Below \$10 billion.*

**WINNER:** McDermott International acquires Chicago Bridge & Iron Company.

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GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large-Mega Transaction Size Above \$10 billion, Below \$20 billion.*

**WINNER:** Melrose acquires GKN.

GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mega, Transaction Size Above \$20 billion, Below \$50 billion.*

**WINNER:** Essilor International acquires Luxottica Group (EssilorLuxottica).

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GLOBAL DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mega, Transaction Size Above \$50 billion.*

**WINNER:** AT&T acquires Time Warner.

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### OUTSTANDING GLOBAL 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.*

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#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY

##### FIRM *of the YEAR* | MIDDLE MARKETS

3i Private Equity  
Ardian  
EQT  
L Catterton  
TA Associates  
H.I.G Capital

*Firm Evaluation Standards: (1) Firms primarily focus on investing in the middle market segments; (2) Notable mid-market transactions closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Presence in world markets, team expertise and leadership, plus record of accomplishment.*

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#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY

##### FIRM *of the YEAR*

Bain Capital Private Equity  
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.*

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#### GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTOR *of the YEAR*

Brookfield Infrastructure Partners  
IFM Investors  
I Square Investors  
Macquarie Infrastructure  
Partners Group

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### OUTSTANDING

#### GLOBAL M&A | MIDDLE MARKETS

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INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*  
DC Advisory & DCS Advisory  
Capstone Headwaters  
Houlihan Lokey  
Jefferies  
Raymond James

#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY M&A | MID-MARKETS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Robert W. Baird  
Harris Williams  
Houlihan Lokey  
Lincoln International  
William Blair

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#### GLOBAL M&A | MID-MARKETS LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Allen & Overy  
DLA Piper  
Hogan Lovells  
Jones Day  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Latham & Watkins

#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY M&A LAW FIRM *of the YEAR* | MID-MARKETS

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

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*Firm Evaluation Standards: Outcome of top closed transactions from the middle market segments; (2) Year to year performance improvement for disclosed deals; (3) Global markets presence (2 plus regions); cross-border expertise, team leadership, record of executing transactions, and client service.*

*League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection. Middle Markets – Transaction size range \$5 to \$500 mm.*

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#### OUTSTANDING

##### GLOBAL M&A | LARGE

*Distinguished Awards Finalists:*

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###### INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

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

##### GLOBAL M&A | INDEPENDENT

###### INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Centerview  
Evercore  
Lazard  
Perella Weinberg  
PJT Partners  
Rothschild

##### GLOBAL M&A

###### LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

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

*Firm Evaluation Standards: Outcome of top closed transactions from the large-market segments, qualified as deals valued above \$500 million; (2) Year to year performance improvements; (3) Global markets presence (3 plus regions, and at least 2 regions for independent firm); cross-border expertise, team leadership, record of executing transactions, and client service.*

*League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.*

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#### OUTSTANDING

##### EMERGING MARKETS M&A

*Distinguished Awards Finalists:*

##### EMERGING MARKETS M&A

###### INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

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Citigroup  
Goldman Sachs  
Morgan Stanley  
UBS Investment Bank

##### EMERGING MARKETS M&A

###### LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Allen & Overy  
Davis Polk & Wardwell  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
Linklaters  
Shearman & Sterling

*Firm Evaluation Standards: Outcome of top closed transactions from the middle market segments; (2) Year to year improvements; (3) Emerging markets qualified as Asia Pacific excluding Japan, Latin America, Africa, Middle East and Eastern Europe excluding Russia; (4) Local presence in at least 2 unique emerging markets regions; (5) Cross-border expertise, team leadership, record of executing transactions, and client service. League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.*

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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

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#### GLOBAL VDR FIRM *of the YEAR*

Intralinks  
i Deals  
Merrill  
Donnelly Financial

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#### GLOBAL STRATEGY CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*

Bain & Company  
FTI Consulting  
McKinsey  
PwC Strategy

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#### GLOBAL FAIRNESS OPINION FIRM *of the YEAR*

Duff & Phelps  
Evercore  
KPMG  
Lazard  
PwC

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

Brunswick Group  
Finsbury  
FTI Strategic Communications  
Sard Verbinen & Co

#### GLOBAL M&A TAX ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Deloitte  
Ernst & Young  
KPMG  
Grant Thornton  
PwC

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**GLOBAL M&A SECTOR ADVISORS, Distinguished Awards Finalists:**

#### GLOBAL CONSUMER

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

Bank of America Merrill Lynch  
Credit Suisse  
J.P. Morgan  
Lazard  
Rothschild

#### GLOBAL ENERGY & POWER

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

Barclays  
Citigroup  
Evercore  
Goldman Sachs  
RBC Capital Partners

#### GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

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

Centerview  
Citigroup  
J.P. Morgan  
Goldman Sachs  
Morgan Stanley

#### GLOBAL INDUSTRIALS

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

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

#### GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY

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

Allen & Co  
Evercore  
Liontree Advisors  
Morgan Stanley  
Perella Weinberg Partners  
Qatalyst

#### GLOBAL CONSUMER

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

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton  
Jones Day  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Latham & Watkins  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

#### GLOBAL ENERGY & POWER

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

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
Latham & Watkins  
Shearman & Sterling  
Sullivan & Cromwell  
Vinson Elkins

#### GLOBAL HEALTHCARE

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

Cravath Swaine & Moore  
Hogan Lovells  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Ropes & Gray  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

#### GLOBAL INDUSTRIALS

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

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Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
Shearman & Sterling  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett  
Sullivan & Cromwell

#### GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY

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

Fenwick & West  
Goodwin Procter  
Herbert Smith Freehills  
Kirkland & Ellis  
Morrison & Foerster  
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

*Firm Evaluation Standards: Outcome based on best closed large (\$500 million+) transactions exclusive per industry sector; (2) Presence in two plus international markets, (3) Expertise and record of executing deals, and top clients served per industry sector. **Consumer** includes goods, retail, food, beverage; (b) **Energy & Power** - oil, gas, renewable, power; (3) **Healthcare** - pharma, life sciences, devices, etc.; (4) **Industrials** - manufacturing, chemicals, packaging, etc.; (5) **Technology** - software, hardware, IT, internet, digital media, telecom related industries.*

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#### 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.

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**Gala Date & Time:** 6.30 – 10.30 pm, March 26, 2019.

**Venue:** Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, located on Pier 86, West 46th St and 12th Ave, New York. Phone: 212-245-0072. We recommend cab / car service to the Intrepid. There is security check at the entry gate.

**Access** Prior confirmation is required. Guest registration rate includes forum, networking gala reception, three-course dinner, staged ceremony, plus related marketing materials – official winner circle release, logos, photos. **Check-in:** Business card is required.

**Attendance:**

**Winner Remarks:** Deal and firm awards winner remarks is limited to 1 minute. Leaders and professional award winners kindly limit your 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 boxes are 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:** 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 nominated the 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.

**Note:** Advisory Firms' that are part of many award-winning deals (2 or more) must confirm the deal-team leader/member who worked on the winning transaction to accept their deal award trophy.

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