CONGRATULATIONS

LEADERS & DEALMAKERS
DEAL of the YEAR
OUTSTANDING FIRM of the YEAR

WINNERS CIRCLE • 2019

July 12, 2019: Washington DC. Global M&A Network honored the winners of the inaugural USA M&A Awards at the privately hosted gala and dinner ceremony held at the historic Mayflower Hotel.

Over 950 eligible deals were evaluated, and ultimately selected as the winner of the “DEAL of the YEAR” awards in various categories.

“We honored the successes of top players and congratulate them on their vision and excellence. We wish all the winners continued success the year ahead.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, at Global M&A Network.

ROGER CARLILE, Chief Executive Officer, Founder, Ankura Consulting Group, received the U.S.A Corporate Growth & Strategy Leader Award of the Year for his vision of building Ankura into a world-class consulting firm.

RONALD D. MILLER, President and Managing Director, Cleary Gull, was awarded the U.S.A Investment Banker Award of the Year. With over 30 years of experience he has completed middle-market transactions valued at approximately $10 billion.

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LEADERS & DEALMAKERS
AWARDS Recipients of the Year

**ROGER CARLILE**
Chief Executive Officer, Founder, Ankura Consulting Group
Recipient of the: U.S.A Corporate Growth & Strategy Leader Award of the Year
Roger has over 30 years of professional services experience, including more than 20 years in senior leadership positions for both publicly owned and private-partnership businesses. Roger has managed client relationships and overseen practices across a broad range of professional services including bankruptcy, investment banking, valuation, due diligence, financial statement audits, and forensic technology. He founded Ankura Consulting Group in 2014.

**RONALD D. MILLER**
President and Managing Director, Cleary Gull
Recipient of the: U.S.A Investment Banker Award of the Year
Ron is responsible for leading the investment banking department as well as actively managing transactions, business development, and private equity coverage. With over 30 years of transaction experience, he has completed more than 120 merger and acquisition and public and private financing assignments representing approximately $10 billion of transaction value.

OUTSTANDING FIRMS of the Year

**U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM** of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
**WINNER:** GenNx 360 Capital Partners.

**U.S.A LENDER** of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
**WINNER:** Churchill Asset Management.

OUTSTANDING M&A SERVICES FIRMS of the Year

**USA TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR** of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
**WINNER:** CohnReznick.

**USA VALUATIONS & OPINIONS FIRM** of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
**WINNER:** Prairie Capital Advisors.

**USA TAX & ACCOUNTING FIRM** of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
**WINNER:** Citrin Cooperman.

**USA VDR FIRM** of the YEAR
**WINNER:** DFIN.

OUTSTANDING MIDDLE-MARKET
M&A FIRMS of the Year

U.S.A
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

U.S.A ● PRIVATE EQUITY
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Houlihan Lokey.

U.S.A ● BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Caddo Lake Capital.

U.S.A TECHNOLOGY M&A
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: DC Advisory.

ESOP INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: CSG Partners.

U.S.A HEALTHCARE M&A
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Bass Berry Sims, plc.

TECHNOLOGY M&A
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Fenwick & West LLP

ESOP
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Evaluation Standards: Outcome based on closed transactions exclusive per industry sector; (2) Expertise and record of executing deals, and top clients served per industry sector. League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.
INDUSTRIES
MIDDLE MARKETS, DEAL Award Winners

U.S.A CONSUMER ● Sub-Sectors

U.S.A CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: ACON Investments acquires Goody from Newell Brands.
Winner: ACON Investments.

U.S.A CONSUMER RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Sale of SFTF (dba Ashley Furniture Homestores) to SFTF Employee Stock Ownership Trust.
Winner: CSG Partners.

U.S.A FOOD & BEVERAGE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Kar’s Nuts, a portfolio company of Palladium Equity Partners acquires Morley Candy Makers (d/b/a Sanders Fine Chocolatiers®)
Winner: KPMG Corporate Finance.

U.S.A ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR ● Middle Markets
WINNER: Southwest Gas Holdings, subsidiary, Centuri Construction acquires Linetec Services.
Winner: Foley & Lardner.

U.S.A INDUSTRIALS ● Sub-Sectors

U.S.A AUTO & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Roll-Rite acquired by Safe Fleet.
Winners: Cleary Gull, KPMG Corporate Finance

U.S.A INDUSTRIALS DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Maxim Crane Works acquires B&G Crane.
Winner: FTI Consulting.

U.S.A MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: BlueArc Capital Partners and Merit Capital acquisition and merger of Choice Brands Adhesives and Slocum Holdings.
Winners: Dentons, BlueArc Capital Partners.
INDUSTRIES
MIDDLE MARKETS, DEAL Award Winners

U.S.A HEALTHCARE • Sub-Sectors

U.S.A HEALTHCARE SERVICES of the YEAR
WINNER: Evolent Health acquires New Century Investment from and NCIS Holdings, Inc.
Winner: Bass, Berry & Sims.

U.S.A HEALTHCARE IT of the YEAR
WINNER: Allen Technologies acquisition by Periscope Equity.
Winner: Cleary Gull.

U.S.A PHARMA & DEVICES DEAL of the YEAR
Winner: Emergent BioSolutions.

U.S.A TMT • Sub-Sectors

U.S.A IT & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: GCOM Software acquires Three Sigma Software.
Winner: DC Advisory.

U.S.A TECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Dropbox acquires HelloSign.
Winner: Fenwick & West.

U.S.A TELECOM & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Cotton Creek Capital acquires Y-COM.
Winner: Caddo Lake Capital.
U.S.A
MIDDLE MARKET
DEAL Awards

U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: GenNX360 Capital Partners acquires Precision Aviation Group.
Winner: GenNX360 Capital Partners.

U.S.A ACQUISITION FINANCE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Commercial Metals Company financing for acquisition of U.S rebar steel mill and fabrication assets from Gerdau.
Winner: Haynes and Boone, LLP.

U.S.A ESOP DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: JRM Holdings acquisition by JRM Employee Stock Ownership Trust.
Winners: CSG Partners, Stout Risius Ross.

U.S.A DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Pachanga (d/b/a FIKA) Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets to lenders.
Winner: SSG Capital Advisors.

U.S.A RECAPITALIZATION DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Device42 recapitalization.
Winner: DC Advisory.

U.S.A SPONSOR FINANCE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: National Credit Center, a SNH portfolio company growth capital funding.
Winner: Monroe Capital.

CROSS BORDER
M&A DEAL, Awards

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR • Small Market, Transaction Size Below $250 million.
WINNER: Bonhill Group acquires assets of InvestmentNews from Crain Communications.
Winner: Dentons LLP.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR • Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above $250 million, Below $1 billion.
WINNER: Farfetch acquires Stadium Goods.
Winner: Fenwick & West, LLP.
DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT
DEAL Awards

U.S.A DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL of the YEAR • Middle-Market
WINNER: Ankura acquires Navigant’s Disputes, Forensics and Legal Technology (DFLT) segment and the Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) groups.
Winners: Ankura, and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

U.S.A DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT DEAL of the YEAR • Large, Transaction Size Above $1 billion.
WINNER: Consolidated Edison (Con Edison) acquires U.S. operating solar assets and battery storage projects from Sempra Energy.
Winner: Troutman Sanders.

U.S.A CORPORATE M&A DEAL Awards

U.S.A CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Middle-Market
WINNER: TopBuild acquires United Subcontractors.
Winner: Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

U.S.A CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Large, Transaction Size Above $1 billion.
WINNER: Pebblebrook Hotel Trust merger with LaSalle Hotel Properties.
Winner: Pebblebrook Hotel Trust.

USA M&A DEAL Awards

U.S.A DEAL of the YEAR • Middle-Market
WINNER: AquaVenture acquires AUC Group from Argosy Private Equity.
Winner: Capstone Headwaters.

U.S.A DEAL of the YEAR • Large, Transaction Size Above $1 billion.
WINNER: Plantronics acquires Polycom.
Winner: Foley & Lardner, LLP.