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12th Annual Winners Ceremony

VIRTUAL: November 16-18, 2020 • NY.

Once again Global M&A Network will honor DEALS, OUTSTANDING FIRMS and DEALMAKERS of the YEAR winners during the virtual ceremony this year - accessible from anywhere in the world!

As before, the Americas M&A Atlas Awards covers North and South American deal communities.

PRESTIGE: Winning the independently governed awards, equates to achieving the “Gold Standard of Performance” standing, validating the firm and team excellence for executing value-creating transactions.

WHAT to DO? NEXT STEPS ☺

Congrats, and please feel free to contact us. As always, the winners must register and participate during the virtual ceremony this year and celebrate their success.

Participate & Profit ☺

AMERICAS Growth & Deals, 12th Annual Forum

November 16-18, 2020. EST, New York.

Virtual, Accessible from Anywhere

Business activity has changed due to Covid-19, requiring our collective ideas on how to adapt and lead. Join respected executives to connect and share ideas on solutions that are ever-so important today.

Reminder, ☺

AMERICAS Rising ★ Dealmakers Awards

Honored during the Forum, so confirm your participation to accept your once in a life-time “golden star” trophy.

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CONSUMER, *Sub Sectors* DEAL AWARDS

CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Etsy acquires Reverb Holdings.

FOOD & BEVERAGE DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Centre Partners acquisition stake in Wisconsin Cheese Group Holding.

RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Palladium Equity Partners sale of Raben Tire to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

FINANCIAL, *Sub Sectors* DEAL AWARDS

BANK & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Valley National Bancorp acquires Oritani Financial.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: ArrowMark Partners acquires assets of StoneCastle Asset Management from StoneCastle Financial.

FIN TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: REPAY Holdings acquires Ventanex.

ENERGY, *Sub Sectors* DEAL AWARDS

ENERGY SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: SMG Industries acquires 5J Oilfield Services and 5J Trucking.

RENEWABLE ENERGY DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Blackstone Energy Partners acquires NRStor C&I from NRStor (Aypa Power), portfolio company of Fengate Asset Management and Lake Bridge Capital.

Standards: Growth generating and value creating closed transactions, involving a counterparty from the Americas exclusive by sector. Middle Market transaction size below a billion.

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INDUSTRIAL, Sub Sectors DEAL AWARDS

INDUSTRIALS DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Curtiss-Wright Corporation acquires Dyna-Flo Control Valve Services.

MANUFACTURING DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Premier Manufacturing acquired by Minimizer, portfolio company of Heartwood Partners.

PLASTICS & PACKAGING DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: French Paper sale to Finch Paper owned by Atlas Holdings and Blue Wolf Capital Partners.

TRANSPORT & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Delmar International acquires Roetra.

HEALTHCARE, Sub Sectors DEAL AWARDS

LIFE SCIENCES DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: NovaQuest Capital in partnership with TripleTree Capital, Frist Cressy Ventures acquire stake in InformedDNA.

HEALTHCARE DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Friendship Hospital for Animals merger with Encore Vet Group.

HEALTHCARE IT of the YEAR

Nominee Winner: Warburg Pincus acquires Qualifacts Systems stake of Great Hill Partners.

PHARMA DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee Winner: Conatus Pharmaceuticals merger with Histogen.

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TMT, Sub Sectors DEAL AWARDS

BUSINESS SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Scientific Analysis, Inc. (SAI) acquired by Trinity Hunt Partners portfolio company Forensic Engineering Services.

MEDIA & MARKETING DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Whistle acquires Vertical Networks.

ONLINE & MOBILE TECH DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Long Ridge Equity Partners investment in Neighborhoods.com, the parent company of 55places.com and neighborhoods.com.

TECHNOLOGY & TELECOM DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Atlantic Broadband, a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications acquires Thames Valley Communications.

Standards: Growth generating and value creating closed transactions, involving a counterparty from the Americas exclusive by sector. Middle Market transaction size below a billion; and "Large" as noted is for transaction size above a \$1 billion.

BRAZIL DEAL AWARDS

BRAZIL GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: L Catterton strategic investment in PetLove along with investors SoftBank, Tarpon, and Monashees.

BRAZIL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: Pátria Investments acquires Concessionária Auto Raposo Tavares (CART) from Invepar.

BRAZIL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: H.I.G. Capital acquires Nadir Figueiredo Indústria e Comércio.

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BRAZIL DEAL AWARDS

BRAZIL DEAL *of the YEAR* • SMALL MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: Kinea Private Equity capitalization of Matera System.

BRAZIL DEAL *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: Industria Brasileira de Alumínio y Plásticos (IBRAP) acquires Claris Brand from Tigre SA Tubos e Conexões.

MEXICO DEAL AWARD, *Winners*

MEXICO PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Northgate Capital and Alta Growth Capital acquired a majority equity interest in USK Urresko Holding.

MEXICO M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Equinix acquires data center operations and assets of Axtel.

Standards: Growth and value creating closed transactions involving a counterparty in respective country.
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CANADA DEAL AWARDS

CANADA GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Novacap acquisition stake in FortNine (fortnine.ca).

CANADA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Clairvest Group acquires solar operations and maintenance (“O&M”) business of SunPower Corporation (NovaSource Power Services).

CANADA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: Canadian Tire Corporation acquires Canadian retail business of Party City Holdco.

CANADA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • LARGE

Nominee: Kirkland Lake Gold acquires Detour Gold Corporation.

U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS

U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size: Below \$50 million.*

Nominee: Saw Mill Capital Partners acquires DPIS Engineering.

U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: Below \$50 - \$200 million.*

Nominee: Lee Equity Partners acquisition and combination of The Urology Group Integrated Medical Professionals (Solaris Health).

U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: Above \$200 - \$500 million.*

Nominee: Arcline Investment Management acquires Fairbanks Morse from EnPro Industries.

U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: Above \$500 - \$1billion.*

Nominee: The Carlyle Group and Stellex Capital Management acquire Vigor Industries and subsequent combination with MHI Holdings.

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ESOP DEAL AWARDS

ESOP M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: metroConnections sale to Employee Stock Ownership plan.

ESOP M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Leidos Holdings acquires Dynetics, an ESOP-owned company.

U.S.A DEAL AWARDS • *Middle Markets & Large*

U.S.A. DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: Below \$50 million.*

Nominee: UWorld acquires RxPrep.

U.S.A. DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: \$50 to \$100 million.*

Nominee: Vindex acquires and finances Next Generation Esports (NGE) and launches Esports Engine.

U.S.A. DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: \$100 to \$250 million.*

Nominee: Heritage Commerce acquires Presidio Bank.

U.S.A. DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: Below \$250 to \$500 million.*

Nominee: AdaptHealth acquires Solara Medical Supplies from Linden Capital Partners and ActivStyle from The Riverside Company.

U.S.A. DEAL *of the YEAR* • **LARGE**

Nominee: Hewlett Packard Enterprise acquires Cray.

Standards: Best value-creating transactions, any sector involving counterparties from USA.

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CORPORATE DEAL AWARDS • *Middle Markets*

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL

Nominee: Sonnet BioTherapeutics merger with Chanticleer Holdings including spin-off of current restaurant operations (Sonnet BioTherapeutics Holdings).

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS

Nominee: AvidXchange acquires of BankTEL.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

Nominee: Kaman Corporation acquires Bal Seal Engineering.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE

Nominee: Curaleaf Holdings acquires Cura Partners (Select brands).

SPAC DEAL AWARDS • *Middle Markets & Large*

SPAC DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKET

Nominee: Atlas Intermediate Holdings, a portfolio company of Bernhard Capital Partners acquired by Boxwood Merger Corp (One Atlas).

SPAC DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE

Nominee: Open Lending combination with Nebula Acquisition Corp sponsored by True Wind Capital.

SPAC DEAL of the YEAR • MEGA

Nominee: Vertiv, portfolio company of Platinum Equity combination with GS Acquisition, a partnership of David Cote and Goldman Sachs.

Standards: Best value-creating corporate divestiture, merger or acquisition any sector in the Americas.

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AMERICAS INVESTOR DEAL AWARDS • *Middle Markets & Large*

GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: Charlesbank Capital Partners and TA Associates strategic investment in HelpSystems along with existing investor HGGC.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size: Below \$100 million.*

Nominee: Inverness Graham Investments acquires KICTeam Argosy Private Equity and Anvil Capital.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: \$100 to \$400 million.*

Nominee: L Catterton acquisition stake in FYidoctors.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Size Range: \$400 million to \$1 billion.*

Nominee: One Rock Capital Partners acquires Innophos.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • **LARGE** • *Size: Above \$1 billion.*

Nominee: Canada Pension Plan Investment Board acquires Pattern Energy and concurrently, CPPIB and Riverstone will combine Pattern Energy and Pattern Energy Group Holding.

LATIN AMERICA DEAL AWARDS • *Middle Market*

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

Nominee: CVC Capital Partners acquires Hermes Transportes including stake of The Carlyle Group.

DEAL *of the YEAR* • **SMALL**

Nominee: Proyectos Inmobiliarios sale of the facility to Cárdenas Entertainment & Marketing Group.

DEAL *of the YEAR* • **MID MARKETS**

Nominee: Itau Unibanco acquisition of Zup IT Servicios.

DEAL *of the YEAR* • **LARGE**

Nominee: América Móvil acquires Nextel Telecomunicações and AI Brazil from NII Holdings.

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AMERICAS DEAL AWARDS

DEAL of the YEAR • *Size Range: Below \$50 million.*

Nominee: Press Ganey acquires Strategic Management Decisions (SMD).

DEAL of the YEAR • *Size Range: Below \$50 to \$100 million.*

Nominee: Sgscsco, a company of ONEX sale of Kwikiee to Syndigo, company of The Jordan Company.

DEAL of the YEAR • *Size Range: \$100 to \$200 million.*

Nominee: Mathway sale to Chegg.

DEAL of the YEAR • *Size Range: \$200 to \$500 million.*

Nominee: NV5 Global acquires Geospatial including Quantum Spatial from Arlington Capital Partners.

DEAL of the YEAR • *Size Range: \$500 to less than \$1 billion.*

Nominee: Northland Power acquires Empresa de Energía de Boyacá from Brookfield Colombia.

DEAL of the YEAR

Nominee: Eli Lilly acquires Dermira.

DEAL of the YEAR • **MEGA** (*Size Range: Above \$ 10 billion.*)

Nominee: BB&T Corporation merger with SunTrust Banks (Truist Financial).

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OUTSTANDING PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTORS

Distinguished Finalists:

AMERICAS PRIVATE EQUITY

FIRM *of the YEAR*

Advent International
Brookfield Asset Management
H.I.G Capital
L Catterton
The Carlyle Group

LATIN AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY

FIRM *of the YEAR*

Advent International
H.I.G Capital
Linzor Capital Partners
Patria Investimentos
Victoria Capital Partners

GROWTH EQUITY

FIRM *of the YEAR*

General Atlantic
Great Hill Partners
Insight Partners
TA Associates
Warburg Pincus

Firm Performance Evaluation Standards: (1) Notable investments and/or trade sale transactions closed in the stated timeframe in the middle to large-mid market segments, three or more distinct sector strategies; (2) Americas – investments in both North and South Americas; Latin America: Focused investment strategy in the broader region; (3) Team expertise, leadership, and transactional record.

REGIONAL PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTORS

MIDDLE MARKETS, *Distinguished Finalists:*

BRAZIL

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

H.I.G Capital
Patria Investimentos
Stratus Group

CANADA

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

Clairvest Group
Novacap
TorQuest

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REGIONAL PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTORS

MIDDLE MARKETS, *Distinguished Finalists:*

MEXICO

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

Alta Growth Capital
EMX Capital
Nexxus Capital

U.S.A

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

Audax
Charlesbank Capital Partners
GI Partners
GTCR
HGCC
Lee Equity
L Catterton

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OUTSTANDING LENDERS

Distinguished Finalists:

LENDER *of the YEAR*

Ares
Churchill Asset Management
Penfund

LENDER *of the YEAR* | MID-MARKETS

Antares
Madison Capital Funding
Monroe Capital

LENDER *of the YEAR* | SMALL MARKETS

Owl Rock Capital
Seina Lending
Twin Brook Capital Partners

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OUTSTANDING M&A ADVISORS, *Distinguished Finalists:*

AMERICA INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

DC Advisory
Evercore
Houlihan Lokey
Lincoln International
Piper Sandler Companies
RBC Capital

AMERICA LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

DLA Piper
Jones Day
Latham & Watkins
Sidley Austin
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

LATIN AMERICA INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Banco BTG Pactual
Itau Unibanco
Bradesco BBI
Morgan Stanley
Rothschild
Santander Corp & Investment Banking

LATIN AMERICA LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

Baker McKenzie
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
Jones Day
Shearman & Sterling
Sullivan & Cromwell
Simpson Thacher

PRIVATE EQUITY DEALS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR* | MID-MARKETS

Harris Williams
Houlihan Lokey
KPMG Corporate Finance
Lincoln International
William Blair

PRIVATE EQUITY DEALS LAW FIRM *of the YEAR* | MID-MARKETS

Goodwin Procter
Kirkland & Ellis
Paul Hastings
Ropes & Gray
Sidley Austin

Evaluative Criteria:

- (1) Principal advisor on notable transaction completed;*
 - (2) Firm expertise, execution track record, team leadership and importantly, client service.*
- Middle-Markets as deals valued below \$ billion.*
Kindly note, league tables are immaterial for winner selection process.
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OUTSTANDING M&A SERVICES FIRMS

Distinguished Finalists:

VIRTUAL DATA ROOM

FIRM *of the* YEAR

Merrill

Intralinks

Donnelley Financial Solutions

TRANSACTIONS

ADVISOR *of the* YEAR

Deloitte

E&Y

KPMG

PwC

TRANSACTIONS

ADVISOR *of the* YEAR | SMALL MID-MARKETS

Anchin, Block & Anchin

Baker Tilly Virchow Krause

CohnReznick

RSM

PUBLIC RELATIONS

FIRM *of the* YEAR

Finsbury

FTI Strategic Communications

Joele Frank

Kekst CNC

Sard Verbinen

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COUNTRY OUTSTANDING M&A ADVISORS, *Distinguished Finalists:*

BRAZIL

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Banco BTG Pactual
Itau Unibanco
Bradesco BBI
BR Partners
Vinci Partners

CANADA

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

BMO Capital
CIBC World Markets
Canaccord Genuity
RBC Capital
Scotiabank

MEXICO

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Citigroup Global Markets
PC Capital
RIÓN
Santander Corp & Investment Banking
Vace Partners

U.S.A.

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Capstone Headwaters
CIBC/Cleary Gull
Houlihan Lokey
R.W Baird
Stifel
Truist (former SunTrust & BB&T)

Evaluative Criteria:

(1) Principal advisor on notable transaction completed involving counterparties by region;

(2) Firm expertise, execution track record, team leadership and importantly, client service.

Middle-Markets as deals valued below \$ billion. Kindly note, league tables are immaterial for winner selection process.

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BOUTIQUE SPECIALISTS M&A INVESTMENT BANKS, *Distinguished Finalists:*

**BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR***
Corporate Finance Associates
Financial Technology Partners (FT Partners)
igc partners
PM Corporate Finance
ROTH Capital

**CROSS BORDER
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR***
BDA Partners
GCA
Drake Star Partners

**FINANCIAL SERVICES
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR***
Financial Technology Partners (FT Partners)
Keefe Bruyette & Woods / Stifel
Piper Sandler

**HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR***
Cain / Keybank
MTS Health Partners
Provident Healthcare Partners

**TECHNOLOGY
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR***
Horizon Capital
Leonis Partners
Vaquero Capital

Evaluative Criteria:

- (1) Principal advisor on notable transaction completed exclusive by industry sector;*
 - (2) Firm expertise, execution track record specific to industry sector, team leadership and importantly, client service.*
- Investment Banks evaluated by focus on industry sector, and deal value mostly below \$250 million.
Kindly note, league tables are immaterial for winner selection process.*
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OUTSTANDING M&A LAW FIRM, Distinguished Finalists:

FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW FIRM of the YEAR

Alston & Bird
Sidley Austin
Sullivan & Cromwell
Willkie Farr & Gallagher

HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES LAW FIRM of the YEAR

Cooley
McDermott Will & Emery
Ropes & Gray
Troutman Pepper

INDUSTRIALS & ENERGY LAW FIRM of the YEAR

Jones Day
Haynes & Boone
Shearman & Sterling
Stikeman Elliot

TECHNOLOGY LAW FIRM of the YEAR

Fenwick & West
Goodwin Procter
Gunderson Dettmer
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

Evaluative Criteria:

- (1) Principal advisor on notable transaction completed exclusive by industry sector;*
 - (2) Firm expertise, execution track record specific to industry sector, team leadership and importantly, client service.*
- Middle Markets qualified as deals valued mostly in range below \$500 million for law firms.*
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INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE & SELECTION *Process*

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.

VIRTUAL WINNERS CIRCLE *Celebration*

Winners of the prestigious awards are honored and must participate at the virtual ceremony this year held during the virtual forum. Following will prepare you to enjoy, connect and celebrate your achievements.

Date & Time: **November 16-17, 2020.**
Time: Eastern Standard Time, New York, USA
See Program for Timings for each categories of Awards.

Access: Prior confirmation is required.
Top 5 Registration Privileges:

1. Access to 3 days of Virtual Forum and Awards Ceremony Celebrations.
2. i-Participate, speak at Americas Growth + Deals Forum based on invite, qualification and availability.
3. Connect and gain intelligence during the virtual forum.
4. Win the industry's most coveted "M&A Atlas Trophy".
5. Promote – includes related publicity materials – logos, photos.

WINNER *Information*

Transaction Awards: Naturally each deal consists of several advisors. Trophy is presented 1st to Corporate or private equity buyer, and nominee; (2) followed financial, legal or key deal advisors.

NOTE: If no deal team representative or advisor accepts winner trophy at the gala for the award-winning transactions, then the category is removed, and not considered a winner.

Outstanding Firm Award Winners: Announced from short-list of top contenders for each unique category. Only one firm is honored as a winner per category of award.

Dealmaker Awards: Recipient must personally attend the gala ceremony to accept their trophy accolade.

SEC RULES & DISCLAIMER

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 'Touting Initiative' Rules: 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" results. (3) Participation at the events, and delegate registration fees for the networking gala dinner has no effect on winner selection since participating/attending firms' have no input on how the winners are selected.

Advertising & Promotional: GM&AN vets all winner related info for accuracy, thereby avoiding misrepresentation, or false claims. Unverified or incomplete information leads to disqualification.

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