

CONGRATULATIONS

12th ANNUAL WINNERS CIRCLE *of the Year*

January 23, 2021: Winners of the world's most prestigious were honored during the 12th Annual Ceremony – held virtually on January 22, 2021.

The independently governed awards, recognized excellence in categories of transactions, outstanding firms, top U.S.A professionals and legendary leaders.

"The award validates excellence, tireless work of professionals and firms from the industry. Winners should take pride for effectuating successful restructurings, proving their creativity, expertise and differentiated talents." said, Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor at Global M&A Network.

Gabriel de Alba, partner at Catalyst Capital, received the Leadership Award honors, **Jill Nicholson**, partner at Foley & Lardner was awarded the Women Leadership accolade. **Sam Maizel**, partner, Dentons US LLP, **Allen Wilen**, partner, EisnerAmper, and **Edwin Sarmiento**, senior manager, E&Y Peru were honored in professional categories of lawyer, consultant, and transactions advisor.

Firm award winners in the USA middle market and boutique categories included B. Riley Advisors, ToneyKorf Partners, Miller Buckfire/Stifel, Squire Patton Boggs US LLP, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, and A&G Realty Partners as the "Restructuring Real Estate Firm", award.



PRESTIGE: Winning the independently governed awards, equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" standing in the industry, validating the firm and team excellence.

Host: Privately and women-owned, Global M&A Network is media, events connecting and producer of the world's most prestigious Turnaround Atlas Awards, M&A Atlas Awards and Women Atlas Awards branded programs.



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LEADERS & PROFESSIONAL AWARDS *Recipients*

TURNAROUND *Leadership Award*



GABRIEL de ALBA

Managing Director, Partner
The Catalyst Capital Group

Gabriel is responsible for managing various portfolio companies at Catalyst. He is currently the chairman of the board of directors of Therapure Biopharma, Gateway Casinos & Entertainment and Sonar Entertainment. Catalyst is Canadian based private equity firm primarily investing in distressed and underperforming companies. Over the years, Gabriel has successfully invested, turnaround companies, and executed exits such as Geneba Properties, World Color Press, among others.

WOMAN *Leadership Award*



JILL NICHOLSON

Partner
Foley & Lardner LLP

Jill is a partner and trial lawyer and served as the immediate past chair of the firm's national Bankruptcy & Business Reorganizations Practice for eight years. She is also a member of the firm's Real Estate Practice. She counsels a number of Fortune 500 companies regarding best practices with respect to bankruptcy and insolvency issues. Over the past ten years, Jill has won several Transactions of the Year awards at the prestigious, Turnaround Atlas Awards.

EMERGING MARKETS *Transactions Advisor*



EDWIN SARMIENTO

Senior Manager
Ernst & Young, Peru

Edwin is member of the International Transaction and Tax Services focusing on cross-border M&A connected to the Peruvian market. He is a lawyer graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP). Edwin and the E&Y Peru team advised on several special situations M&A transactions including the sale of Odebracht subsidiary in Peru - Empresa de Generacion Hullaga to China Three Gorges.

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U.S.A PROFESSIONAL AWARDS *Recipients*

RESTRUCTURING

Lawyer of the Year



SAMUEL R. MAIZEL

Partner, Head of Firms Healthcare Restructuring Practice
Dentons US LLP

Sam advises on restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy, in- and out-of-court in all industries, with specific emphasis on healthcare. Most recently Sam and the team at Denton's served as the lead bankruptcy counsel to Verity Health System of California, Inc., and 15 related companies, the second largest hospital bankruptcy in American history.

TURNAROUND

Consultant of the Year



ALLEN WILEN

Partner, National Director of the Financial Advisory Services Group
EisnerAmper LLP

Allen advises insolvent and troubled companies, including in turnaround and crisis situations, purchasers in the acquisition of assets within the bankruptcy arena. Most recently Allen and team from EisnerAmper served as the chief restructuring officer and financial advisors to Philadelphia Academic Health System, resulting in the sale of St. Christopher Hospital for Children to affiliate of Tower Health and Drexel University.

about: Leaders Award is the highest honor given to a c-level executive in admiration of their long-standing accomplishments, managerial skills, as well as influence and contributions made to advance and grow their respective organizations, industries, and economy.

about: Professional awards honors industry professionals from the restructuring industries for their record of executing transactions of behalf of the clients. The award recipient must win transactional awards to be considered of this category.

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OUTSTANDING FIRMS
AWARD *Winners of the Year*

REAL ESTATE
RESTRUCTURING
ADVISOR of the YEAR
WINNER: A&G Realty Partners

TURNAROUND CONSULTING • *Middle Markets*
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: B.Riley Advisors (formerly Glass Ratner Capital Group)

BOUTIQUE
TURNAROUND CONSULTING
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: ToneyKorf Partners

RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Miller Buckfire / Stifel

RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Squire Patton Boggs US LLP

DELAWARE RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP

RESTRUCTURING • *Middle Markets*
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Evaluation Criteria: (1) Track record as a lead advisor on restructuring transactions; (2) Notable transactions completed over the calendar year 2019; (3) Team leadership, experience, and expertise. Delaware Law firm evaluation is based on serving as a local legal advisor on top bankruptcy related transactions closed in 2019.

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TURNAROUND

Award Winners:

Standards: Best value-creating restructuring transactions, may be judicial or out of court, financial or operational. The restructured company must survive in part or per core operations post restructuring; or as an acquired asset by investors.

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* • SMALL MID-MARKETS (*Value below \$100 million.*)

WINNER: Destination Maternity Corporation Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets.
about: Destination Maternity, a NASDAQ listed specialty maternity apparel and accessories brand filed to restructure under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code to effectuate store closings and sale. Marquee Brands along with Hilco Merchant Resources and Gordon Brothers Retail Partners acquired select assets. The company operates as Motherhood Maternity and Pea in Pod, e-commerce business as part of Marquee Brands.

Winners Circle: Greenhill & Co as financial advisor to the debtor. *Acknowledgement:* Cooley LLP and Cole Schotz PC, legal counsel to creditors committee.

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* • SMALL MID-MARKETS

WINNER: Hollander Sleep Products dual-track reorganization under Chapter 11 and Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act in Canada and sale.

about: Hollander Sleep Products one of the largest bed pillow and mattress pad manufacturer in North America restructured and was successfully sold to Center Lane Partners..

Winners Circle: Carl Marks Advisory Group as chief restructuring officer to Hollander Sleep Products, Keen Summit Capital as real estate advisor. *Acknowledgement:* Pachulski Stand Ziehl & Jones, LLP legal advisor to Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors.

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* • LARGE MID-MARKETS

WINNER: The NORDAM Group restructuring and strategic investment from The Carlyle Group.

about: Tulsa, OK privately owned, aerospace manufacturing and services company filed for chapter 11 due to contract dispute. The NORDAM Group was successfully restructure, de-leveraging balance sheet, secure investment from The Carlyle Group all the while, the family-owners were able to keep control of the company.

Winners Circle: Huron Consulting Group served as chief restructuring officer. *Acknowledgement:* Pachulski Stand Ziehl & Jones, LLP legal advisor to Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors.

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR* • LARGE (*Value above \$1 billion.*)

WINNER: i-Heart Media restructuring.

about: iHeart, formerly known as Clear Channel, is the country's largest radio company along with music streaming service, a large concert business, and a 90% stake in Clear Channel Outdoor. The company with \$16.1 billion in legacy debt. Through restructuring the company significantly reduced its debt to \$5.75 billion and separated Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings to an independent company.

Winners Circle: Finsbury as a communication advisor on behalf of i-Heart Media.

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IMPACT, *Award Winner.*

Standards: Restructuring transaction that positively impacts community, stakeholders, and local markets.

**NON-PROFIT
RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR**

WINNER: The College of New Rochelle Chapter 11 restructuring and acquisition by The Freemasons (Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund).

Winners Circle: Getzler Henrich & Associates served as chief restructuring officer, A&G Realty Partners as the real estate advisor on the sale, and Cullen and Dykman LLP as legal counsel.

Acknowledgement: Carl Marks as an advisor to the lenders.

**OUT of COURT
RESTRUCTURING**, *Award Winners:*

Standards: Best value-creating non-judicial restructuring.

**OUT of COURT
RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MARKETS.** *(Value Below \$100 million.)*

WINNER: Integrated Equipment restructuring and private placement of credit facility.

Winners Circle: Chiron Financial as an exclusive financial advisor.

**OUT of COURT
RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MID-MARKETS.**

WINNER: Restructuring of Coordinated Health and sale of assets to Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Winners Circle: CohnReznick served as the chief restructuring officer to Coordinated Health.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: Trident Holding Company restructuring.

Winners Circle: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP as legal advisor to Trident, and Togut, Segal & Segal LLP as co-counsel.


Acknowledgement: Winston Strawn LLP and Sidley Austin, LLP as legal advisors to equity sponsors.

PRE-PACK RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Halcón Resources financial restructuring (Battalion Oil Corporation).

Winners Circle: FTI Consulting a restructuring advisor to Halcon.

Standards: Best value-creating in or out of court restructuring. Entity must survive in part or per core operations.

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PRIVATE EQUITY

ACQUISITION, Award Winners:

Standards: Best value-creating recap, 'loan to own'/credit bid, portfolio company add-on or direct acquisition of troubled assets in or out of court proceedings by private equity and alternative asset managers.

PRIVATE EQUITY

ACQUISITION DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS Segments. (Value below \$100 million.)

WINNER: The Anderson Group acquires Fosbel.

Winners Circle: The Anderson Group. *Acknowledgement:* Squire Patton Boggs, US LLP.

PRIVATE EQUITY

ACQUISITION DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Stearns Holdings restructuring and takeover by The Blackstone Capital Partners.

Winners Circle: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP as legal advisor to Stearns, including Jay Goffman, currently as the Vice Chairman of Restructuring Group at Rothschild.

CHAPTER 11

Award Winners:

Standards: Best value-creating Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. Transaction size is based on capital structure pre-restructuring.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS (Value below \$100 million.)

WINNER: Think Finance restructuring.

Winners Circle: Teneo Capital as chief restructuring officer to the debtors, Cole Schotz PC as legal advisor to litigation trust. *Acknowledgement:* Squire Patton Boggs, US LLP as litigation counsel.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Senior Care Centers restructuring.

Winners Circle: Polsnielli PC legal counsel to the debtors, Greenberg Traurig, LLP as legal advisor to creditors group. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting as an advisor to creditors, Haynes and Boone LLP as legal advisor to lenders.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS (Value below \$100 million.)

WINNER: Legacy Reserves Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winners Circle: Sidley Austin LLP legal advisor to the debtors, Pillsbury as a nominee. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting and Miller Buckfire/Stifel as an advisors to the creditors.

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SPECIAL SITUATION M&A Award Winners:

Standards: Best value-creating sale of troubled assets in course of restructuring, in or out of court from North Americas region.

SMALL MID MARKETS Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value below \$25 million.)

WINNER: Loot Crate Chapter 11 restructuring sale of assets to National Entertainment Collectibles Association.

Winners Circle: FocalPoint Securities as financial advisor, and Cooley LLP as legal advisor.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value above \$25 and up to \$50 million.)

WINNER: Philadelphia Academic Health System restructuring and sale of St. Christopher Hospital for Children to affiliate of Tower Health and Drexel University.

Winners Circle: EisnerAmper LLP as chief restructuring officer, SSG Capital Advisors as financial advisor on the sale. *Acknowledgement:* Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP as local counsel.

MIDDLE MARKETS Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value above \$50 and up to \$100 million.)

WINNER: Sizmek Technologies Sec. 363 sale of assets including DSP Direct business to Zeta Global, AdServer business to Amazon.com and Peer39 business to O3 Industries.

Winners Circle: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP as legal counsel. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Capital Advisors, and Cooley LLP.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value range above \$100 to \$200 million.)

WINNER: Contango Oil & Gas Company acquires the assets of White Star Petroleum.

Winners Circle: Haynes and Boone lawyer to the buyer. *Acknowledgement:* Winston & Strawn LLP.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value range \$200 up to \$500 million.)

WINNER: Aceto Corporation sale Chemical Business assets to New Mountain Capital and sale of Pharmaceutical assets to Shore Suven Pharma.

Winners Circle: B. Riley Advisors to creditors, McGuireWoods LLP to the lenders.

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LARGE Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value above \$500 million to \$1 billion.)

WINNER: Merger of Apex Environmental Resources led by Prophet Equity with The Action Environmental Group owned by Summer Street Capital Partners to form Interstate Waste Services.
Winners Circle: Prophet Equity.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Deal value above \$1 billion.)

WINNER: Sears Holdings restructuring and sale of substantially all assets to ESL Investments.
Winners Circle: M-III Partners, LP, chief restructuring officer to Sears. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP.

**CROSS BORDER
SPECIAL SITUATION M&A
DEAL, Award Winners:**

SMALL MID MARKETS Segments

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Value: Below 50 million USD.)

WINNER: Achaogen sale of ZEMDRI® (plazomicin) assets to Cipla, “plazomicin” rights in Greater China to QiLu Antibiotics Pharma and IP and distribution rights to Xuanzhu Biopharmaceutical.
Winners Circle: Cassel Salpeter as financial advisor on the sale to Achaogen.

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • (Value: \$50 to \$100 million.)

WINNER: Saint Gobain Group carve-out acquisition of mortars division from Celima Group.
Winners Circle: E&Y Peru as financial and transaction advisor.

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Cascades acquires substantially all the assets of Orchids Paper Products Company including Fabrica de Papel.
Winners Circle: Polsinelli PC as legal advisor to the debtors, and Winston & Strawn LLP.

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE (above \$1 billion)

WINNER: China Three Gorges consortium acquires Empresa de Generacion Hullaqa from Odebracht.
Winners Circle: E&Y Peru as financial and transaction advisor to the buyer, China Three Gorges.

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INDUSTRY, Awards Winners

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RETAIL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Select Things Remembered Stores restructuring and sale of assets to Enesco, portfolio company of Balmoral Funds (Things Remembered).

Winners Circle: Miller Buckfire/Stifel, Keen-Summit Capital Partners and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP as legal advisor to the buyer.

RESTAURANT & HOSPITALITY RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: RUI Holdings (Restaurants Unlimited) restructuring and sale of certain assets to Landry's.

Winners Circle: Carl Marks Advisors to the debtor. *Acknowledgement:* Shearman & Sterling, legal advisor to buyer, Cole Schotz PC as local co-counsel to the buyer.

FOOD & BEVERAGE RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: NORPAC Foods Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets to Oregon Potato Company and processing facilities to Lineage Logistic.

Winners Circle: SierraConstellation as chief restructuring officer to NORPAC Foods.

HOSPITALITY & REAL ESTATE RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: CBCS Washington Street restructuring and financing by Hana Financial.

Winners Circle: Teneo Capital as financial advisor to the debtor.

ENERGY *Sub-Sector Segments*

ENERGY SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* • MID-MARKET (Value below \$1 billion.)

WINNER: Shale Support Global restructuring.

Winners Circle: Greenberg Traurig LLP *Acknowledgement:* B. Riley Advisors and Foley & Larder, LLP.

POWER & UTILITIES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* • MID-MARKET (Value below \$1 billion.)

WINNER: Agera Energy restructuring and sale of assets to Constellation, a subsidiary of Exelon.

Winners Circle: B. Riley Advisors, McGuire Woods as legal counsel to the buyer. *Acknowledgement:* Shearman & Sterling, legal advisor to buyer, Cole Schotz PC as local co-counsel to the buyer.

ENERGY RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* • LARGE (Value above \$1 billion.)

WINNER: Weatherford International multi-jurisdiction restructuring.

Winners Circle: Mayer Brown LLP and Shearman & Sterling as legal advisor to lenders.

Acknowledgement: Miller Buckfire/Stifel, and Haynes and Boone LLP as legal advisor to the lender.

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HEALTHCARE Sub-Sector Segments

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • (Value below \$200 million.)

WINNER: Milford Hospital restructuring and acquisition by Yale New Haven Health.

Winners Circle: ToneyKorf Partners as chief restructuring officer.

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • (Value above \$200 million.)

WINNER: Verity Health System of California restructuring and sale of Saint Louise Regional Hospital and O'Connor Hospital to Santa Clara County.

Winners Circle: Dentons US LLP as legal advisor to Verity Health Systems.

PHARMA RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Synergy Pharmaceuticals restructuring and sale of assets including rights to TRULANCE® and intellectual property to Bausch Health Companies.

Winners Circle: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP and Togut Segal & Segal LLP as legal advisors. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor.

MANUFACTURING RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: HDR Holding (Schramm) restructuring and sale of assets to GenNx 360 Capital Partners.

Winners Circle: FocalPoint Partners and Winston & Strawn LLP.

METALS RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Republic Metals Corporation Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets to Ashai Holdings.

Winners Circle: Paladin Management Group as chief restructuring advisor, SSG Capital Advisors on the sale, and Ernst & Young to the buyer. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor.

BASIC RESOURCES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • (Value below \$500 million.)

WINNER: Cloud Peak Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of nearly all operating assets to Navajo Transitional Energy Company.

Winners Circle: Mayer Brown, LLP and Arent Fox as legal advisors. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor.

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BASIC RESOURCES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • (Value above \$500 million.)

WINNER: Blackjewel sale of assets under Chapter 11 bankruptcy code.

Winners Circle: Squire Patton Boggs US LLP as legal advisor to Blackjewel. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor.

FINANCIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: RAIT Financial Trust restructuring and acquisition by Fortress Investment Group.

Winners Circle: M-III Partners LP as chief restructuring officer to RAIT.

MEDIA RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: LBI Media Chapter 11 reorganization.

Winners Circle: Squire Patton Boggs US LLP as legal advisor to creditors group. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor. Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

MARKETING & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Anna Holdings (Acosta) pre-pack restructuring.

Winners Circle: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, legal advisor to the restructuring directors. *Acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting.

Accepting **YOUR Nominations –**

TURNAROUND ATLAS AWARDS • 13th Annual
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Categories –

- **Transactions** – your top deals, closed anytime: January 2020 to January 31, 2021.
- Outstanding Firm – categories of Global/Large, Middle-Markets, etc.
- Leaders & Professional awards.

Please note there are no fees to nominate for any number of categories.

As always, winners are officially announced during the virtual ceremony and must register and participate during the ceremony. All the benefits offered in the past are tailored for the virtual celebrations, and your prized trophy is shipped after the awards ceremony.

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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.

WINNERS TROPHY PRESENTATION, *Information*

Transaction Awards: Each deal consists of several advisors. Trophy is presented –

- (1) Nominees; followed by corporate or private equity buyer;
- (2) Debtor side advisors – legal, financial, consultant, etc.
- (3) Creditor side advisors by role played, example secured lenders, ad hoc groups, etc.;
- (4) Significance of the transaction by category, size or the firm's involvement.

Firms winning multiple transactional awards must register the person who worked on the award-winning transaction and participate to be eligible for receipt of the trophy. Firm's that did not submit nominations, trophy is presented solely at the discretion of Global M&A Network. Additional trophies can be purchased by the firm after the release of "winner circle" announcement.

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.

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