
“We kept the tradition of honoring eminent firms and top performing dealmakers from the lower and middle market transactional communities. While the past year was unpredictable, we were able to honor the winners who exemplify excellence for executing transactions. We appreciate their participation and wish them continued success.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

G. COOK JORDAN, Jr., co-founder and managing principal at Jordan Knauff & Company was awarded the “Lifetime Achievement” accolade; DAVID GROVE, managing partner, founder of Vaquero Capital received the “M&A Leadership” award, and ALEXANDER PETERSEN, managing director at Corporate Finance Associates honored as the recipient “Boutique M&A Investment Banker” from the mid-market financial advisory industries.

L Catteron won the “Private Equity Firm” award, Churchill Asset Management, Monroe Capital and Twin Brook Capital Partners were winners of the varied categories of “Lender of the Year” awards.

Donnelly Financial Solutions – DFIN won the VDR firm accolade, FTI Strategic Communications won the Public Relations firm award this year; CohnReznick won the TAS firm in the core mid-market segments while Cassel Salpeter & Co won the Fairness Opinion firm award for the 1st time. Anchin won the Accounting & Tax firm accolade for the first time along with Cherry Bekaert won the Due Diligence firm award, and Prairie Capital Advisors was awarded the Valuations firm accolade. KPMG won the first ever SPAC Transactions Advisory Services firm award.


Full Details including “Deal of the Year” winners: https://globalmanetwork.com/press-center/

about: World’s most prestigious, the independently governed M&A Atlas Awards exclusively honors excellence in the categories of deals, teams, and outstanding firms. Winners are officially announced and honored during the virtual winner celebration ceremony this year.

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Host: Global M&A Network is a diversified digital media and conference connecting company. The company produces the industry’s most coveted – The M&A Atlas branded awards worldwide - from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, to London.
LEADERS & DEALMAKERS AWARD Recipients of the Year

About the award: Dealmaker team awards are presented to seasoned professionals for successfully executing growth transactions, expertise in identifying value-creating transactions, part of awards winning deal and significantly, record of getting the deals done.
Listed Alphabetical.

G. COOK JORDAN, Jr.
Co-Founder and Managing Principal
Jordan Knauff & Company

Recipient Of:
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

DAVID GROVE
Managing Partner and Founder
Vaquero Capital

Recipient Of:
LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ALEXANDER PETERSEN
Managing Director, Healthcare Corporate Finance Associates

Recipient Of:
BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR
OUTSTANDING FIRM

award winners:

PRIVATE EQUITY ● FIRM of the Year
WINNER: L Catterton

LENDERS, award winners:

LENDER of the YEAR
WINNER: Churchill Asset Management

LENDER of the YEAR ● MID-MARKETS
WINNER: Monroe Capital

LENDER of the YEAR ● LOWER MID-MARKETS
WINNER: Twin Brook Capital Partners

Firm Performance Evaluation Standards: (1) Notable middle-market transactions – acquisitions, portfolio add-on, and exit sale, closed in the stated timeframe; (2) Team expertise and leadership, demonstrable record of investments and exits transactions.

OUTSTANDING M&A ADVISORS & SERVICES

award winners:

TRANSACTIONS ● MID-MARKETS
ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: CohnRaznick

FAIRNESS OPINION
ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: Cassel Salpeter & Co

ACCOUNTING & TAX
ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: Anchin

DUE DILIGENCE
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Cherry Bekarl

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OUTSTANDING M&A ADVISORS & SERVICES

award winners:

SPAC TAS
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: KPMG
(compliance, financial reporting, audit, tax, de-spac transactions)

VALUATIONS
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Prairie Capital Advisors

VIRTUAL DATA ROOM
FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Donnelley Financial Solutions (DFIN)

PUBLIC RELATIONS
FIRM of the Year
WINNER: FTI Strategic Communications

OUTSTANDING LAW FIRMS
INDUSTRIES M&A

award winners:

ENERGY M&A
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Haynes and Boone, LLP

HEALTHCARE M&A
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, LLP

SPAC
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Loeb & Loeb, LLP
(overall, including de-spac deals, average size below $250 mm)

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

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OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANK award winners:

INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Capstone Partners

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Harris Williams & Co

BOUQUET • GENERALIST INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR • GENERALIST
WINNER: Caddo Lake Capital

INDUSTRIES, Boutique & Middle-Markets award winners:

ESOP INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: CSG Partners

HEALTHCARE M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Provident Healthcare Partners

SPAC INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: B. Riley Securities
(underwriters, M&A and de-spac transactions in mid-market segments, value below $500 million)

TECHNOLOGY M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Leonis Partners

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DEAL Awards

DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MARKET Segments Below $25 million.
WINNER: Ripe acquired by Hungry Marketplace.
Deal Team Winner: M+A Squared advised Ripe on its sale.

DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKET Segments Above $25 - $75 million.
WINNER: Future Infrastructure Holdings, a portfolio company of Tower Arch Capital, acquires Pride Utility Construction.
Deal Team Winner: Caddo Lake Capital represented the buyers.

DEAL of the YEAR • MID MARKET Segments Above $75 - $100 million.
WINNER: Rite Aid acquires Bartell Drugs.
Deal Team Winner: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders as legal counsel to Rite Aid.

DEAL of the YEAR • MID MARKET Segments Above $100 - $250 million.
WINNER: Gryphon Investors majority investment in 3CLOUD.
Deal Team Winner: Drake Star Partners served as sole financial advisor to 3CLOUD.

DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE MID MARKET Segments Above $250 to less than $1 billion.
WINNER: Silver Peak acquired by Hewlett Packard Enterprise.
Deal Team Winner: Edgepoint Capital Advisors, served as sell side advisor to Omega Sea.

CORPORATE M&A DEAL Awards Winners

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MARKET Segments Below $25 million.
WINNER: Sale of Diabetics Supply Center of the Midlands to AdaptHealth.
Deal Team Winner: Bridgepoint Investment Banking as a financial advisor to Diabetics Supply Center.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • SMALL MARKET Segments Above $25 - $100 million
WINNER: Westchester General Hospital sale to Sanitas USA, subsidiary of Keralty.
Deal Team Winner: Cassel Salpeter & Co as a financial advisor to the sellers.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • MIDDLE MARKET Segments Above $100 - $500 million.
WINNER: Asure Software sale of Workspace Management unit to FM:Systems.
Deal Team Winner: Asure Software.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • LARGE MID MARKET Segments Above $500 million to $1 billion.
WINNER: Pacific Premier Bancorp acquires Opus Bank.
Deal Team Winner: Holland & Knight LLP as a legal counsel to Pacific Premier Bancorp.
GROWTH EQUITY DEAL Award Winners

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKET Segments Range Below $100 million.
WINNER: L Catterton strategic investment in FlashParking.
Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR ● MID MARKET Segments Range $100 - $200 million.
WINNER: LLR Partners acquires majority stake in Geoforce.
Deal Team Winners: Vaquero Capital advised Geoforce.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR ● MID MARKET Segments Range $200 - $500 million.
WINNER: Audax Private Equity strategic growth investment in Global Nephrology Solutions.
Deal Team Winner: Holland & Knight as legal advisor to Global Nephrology.

RECAPITALIZATION DEAL Award Winners

RECAP DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKET Segments Below $50 million.
WINNER: BRC Recovery Family of Programs recapitalization by Veronis Schuler Steveson and NewSpring Capital.
Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners as a financial advisor to BRC Recovery.

RECAP DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKET Segments Range $50 - $100 million.
WINNER: DBI recapitalization by Spire Capital.
Deal Team Winner: Bridgepoint Investment Banking as a financial advisor to DBI.

RECAP DEAL of the YEAR ● MIDDLE MARKET Segments Range $100 - $500 million.
WINNER: Energy Distribution Partners recap by Pritzker Private Capital along with Concentric Equity Partners and Duchossois Capital Management.
Deal Team Winner: Jordan Knauff & Co as a financial advisor to Energy Distribution Partners.

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PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL Award Winners

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKET Segments Range Below $50 million.
Deal Team Winner: Edgepoint Capital Advisors represented Northeast Health Services.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● MIDDLE MARKET Segments Range $50 - $200 million.
WINNER: Liberty Hall Capital Partners acquisition of Comply365.
Deal Team Winner: Spurrier Capital Partners represented Liberty Hall Capital Partners.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● MIDDLE MARKET Segments Range $200 - $500 million.
WINNER: Trive Capital sale of AEVEX Aerospace to Madison Dearborn Partners and CoVant Management.
Deal Team Winner: Haynes & Boone, LLP represented Trive Capital and AEVEX.

SPAC DEAL Award Winners

SPAC M&A DEAL Awards

SPAC M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● MIDDLE MARKET Segments Range Below $200 million.
WINNER: Vincera Pharma merger with LifeSci Acquisition Corp, sponsor Lifesci Capital.
Deal Team Winner: Loeb & Loeb LLP represented Lifesci Capital.

SPAC M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● LARGE MID MARKET Segments Range $200 - $500 million.
Deal Team Winner: PropTech Acquisition sponsor, Hennessy Capital

Transaction Size: Size of the fund raised and cash in the trust account during merger plus any private placement amount. Anticipated or implied enterprise value does not determine deal size and is not a factor in evaluating the merits of the transaction.

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ESOP DEAL
Awards Winners

ESOP DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKET Segments Below $100 million
Deal Team Winner: Prairie Capital Advisors as a financial advisor.

ESOP DEAL of the YEAR ● MIDDLE MARKET Segments Above $100 million
WINNER: Western Global Airlines sale to Employee Stock Ownership Trust.
Deal Team Winner: CSG Partners as a financial advisor.

INDUSTRIES
M&A DEAL Awards Winners

CONSUMER DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Spectrum Brands Pet, subsidiary of Spectrum Brands acquires Omega Sea aquatics brands.
Deal Team Winner: Edgepoint Capital Advisors, served as sell side advisor to Omega Sea.

EDUCATION & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Polaris Partners growth investment in TransACT Communication.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners served as the exclusive financial advisor to TransACT.

LEISURE & LODGING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: MarineMax acquires SkipperBud's and its affiliate, Silver Seas Yachts.
Deal Team Winner: Holland & Knight, LLP represented MarineMax on its acquisition.

RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Franchise Group acquires American Freight Group from The Jordan Company.
Deal Team Winner: B. Riley Financial advised and provided financing to Franchise Group, Harris Williams & Co, consumer group advised the sellers.

ENERGY PRODUCTS & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: The Kendall Group acquires Forberg Scientific.
Deal Team Winner: PM Corporate Finance, industrials team served as exclusive advisor to Forberg Scientific.

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FINTECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Serent Capital acquires ePayPolicy.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners advised ePayPolicy on the investment.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKET Segments Below $50 million
Deal Team Winner: Corporate Finance Associate served as exclusive advisor on the sale.

HEALTHCARE SERVICES of the YEAR ● MID MARKET Segments Above $50 to $250 million
Deal Team Winner: Provident Healthcare Partners served as the exclusive financial advisor to Atlanta Oral & Facial Surgery.

HEALTHCARE IT of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKET Segments Below $50 million
WINNER: OTech Group sale to HealthMark Group, a portfolio company of Ridgemont Equity Partners.
Deal Team Winner: CIBC Cleary Gull advised its client OTech Group.

HEALTHCARE IT of the YEAR ● MID MARKET Segments Above $50 to $250 million
WINNER: Marlin Equity Partners investment stake in Revenue Well Systems.
Deal Team Winner: Vaquero Capital as financial advisor, and Foley & Lardner LLP as legal advisor to RevenueWell.

PHARMACY SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: CarepathRx acquires Exact Care Pharmacy.
Deal Team Winner: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, healthcare team served as a legal advisor.

AERO & DEFENSE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Raptor Scientific, a portfolio company of L Squared acquires Sensor Concepts.
Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners as financial advisor to Sensor Concepts.

MANUFACTURING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Milwaukee Forge acquisition of Mercer Forge.
Deal Team Winner: CIBC Cleary Gull served as financial advisor to Milwaukee Forge.

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INDUSTRIES
M&A DEAL Awards Winners

PLASTICS & PACKAGING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: MPE Partners recapitalization of Teel Plastics.
Deal Team Winner: PM Corporate Finance Plastics & Packaging Group served as exclusive investment banker to Teel Plastics.

IT DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: ASGN Inc acquires Federal division of Blackstone Technology Group.
Deal Team Winner: DC Advisory served as financial advisor to Blackstone Technology Group on the sale.

TECH & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
Deal Team Winner: Nintex, and Spurrier Capital Partners as sole strategic advisor to K2.