



U.S.A • MIDDLE MARKETS

CONGRATULATIONS: WINNERS 2021

May 26, 2021, New York: Global M&A Network recognized the achievements of successful dealmakers, outstanding firms and the best-growth delivering transactions during the Annual USA M&A Atlas Awards celebrations, held virtually this year on May 25 – 26, 2021.

“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.

“Outstanding M&A Investment Bank” award winners included – Capstone Partners, Harris Williams, Caddo Lake Capital, Provident Healthcare, CSG Partners, Leonis Partners, and B. Riley Securities won the first ever SPAC Investment Bank firm award. “Outstanding M&A Law Firm” award winners included - Fenwick & West, Haynes and Boone, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders, and Loeb & Loeb LLP for the first ever SPAC Law 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.



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3rd ANNUAL VIRTUAL CEREMONY: MAY 25-26, 2021

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

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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: CohnReznick

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 Bekaert

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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

BOUTIQUE • 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.

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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.*

WINNER: Shore Capital Partners acquires Northeast Health Services.

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: Vincer 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.*

WINNER: PropTech Acquisition Corporation acquires Porch.com.

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*

WINNER: The Douglas Company sale of Douglas Construction Group, Employee Stock Ownership Trust.

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.

LESIURE & 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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INDUSTRIES

M&A DEAL Awards Winners

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*

WINNER: Encore Vet Group acquires Coral Springs Animal Hospital.

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*

WINNER: Atlanta Oral & Facial Surgery and Bay Area Oral Surgery Management in strategic partnership with Blue Sea Capital, form Beacon Oral Specialists.

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 Ridgmont 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*

WINNER: Nintex, a portfolio company of Thoma Bravo, TA Associates and Udata Partners acquires K2 Software, backed by Francisco Partners, FTV Partners, and Azure Capital Partners.

Deal Team Winner: Nintex, and Spurrier Capital Partners as sole strategic advisor to K2.

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