



GLOBAL MARKETS

CONGRATULATIONS: WINNERS CIRCLE

December 10 2021, New York: Global M&A Network recognized the achievements of successful dealmakers, outstanding firms and the best-growth delivering transactions during the combined 12th and the 13th Annual M&A Atlas Awards, Global Markets celebrations, held virtually on December 9, 2021.

“We kept the tradition of honoring outstanding firms and top performing dealmakers from the world wide deal communities. While these past few year have been challenging, we were able to honor the winners who exemplify resiliency and excellence for executing transactions. We especially appreciate their participation and wish them continued success.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

GREGORY BEDROSIAN, Managing Partner & CEO, Drake Star Partners awarded the “Global M&A Leadership” top honors. Mr. Bedrosian’s experience spans domestic, cross-border M&A and private equity transactions across the US, Europe and emerging markets.

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING, MID-MARKET FIRM *Awards*

L Catteron won the “Global Private Equity Firm”; KPMG Corporate Finance won the “Investment Bank” award for the first time; Firm”, Harris Williams won the “Private Equity Investment Bank” accolade again, Unlu & Co was awarded the “Emerging Markets Investment Bank” while BDA Partners won the “Cross-Border Investment Bank” award in the Boutique/Specialist categories.

DFIN won the “Global VDR Firm of the Year” accolade, Grant Thornton won the “Transactions Advisory Firm” award for the first time and Finsbury Glover Hering won the “Global Public Relations Firm” accolade as the firm continues to expand through several acquisitions past few years.

DEAL *Awards*

Thirty-four “Deal of the Year” awards were recognized from the small, middle- to large cap market segments, regional markets, private equity investor and industry/sector awards.

We also had return of “SPAC DEAL” awards given the rise of de-SPAC transactions since Covid-19 pandemic. Winner of the “Global SPAC M&A Deal of the Year” this year is DraftKings merger with SB Tech and Diamond Eagle Acquisition Corp.

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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LEADERSHIP M&A

Achievement Award Recipient:

GREGORY BEDROSIAN

Managing Partner & CEO, Drake Star Partners

Mr. Bedrosian's experience spans domestic, cross-border M&A and private equity transactions across the US, Europe and emerging markets. Prior to Drake Star Partners, Gregory was a co-founder of Renaissance Capital with a focus on emerging markets of Russia, Eastern Europe and Africa and co-founder and General Partner of The Sputnik Fund. He began his career in the merchant banking department of Credit Suisse First Boston in London and the leveraged buyout group of Salomon Brothers (now part of Citigroup) in New York.

OUTSTANDING

MID-MARKET FIRM Awards

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: L Catterton

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: KPMG Corporate Finance

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: Harris Williams

BOUTIQUE / *Specialist Categories*

CROSS BORDER M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: BDA Partners

EMERGING MARKETS INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

Winner: Unlu & Co (Turkey)

SERVICES *Categories*

VDR FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: DFIN

TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR *of the YEAR*

Winner: Grant Thornton

PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM *of the YEAR*

Winner: Finsbury Glover Hering



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GLOBAL M&A DEAL Awards

DEAL of the YEAR • Small Cap

WINNER: NIBE Industrier AB acquires Therm-x.

NIBE Industrier AB and Capstone Partners as financial advisor.

Deal teams: Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP, Delphi.

Mid-Market segments

DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Nippon Paint Holdings acquires Betek Boya ve Kimya Sanayi A.Ş.

Unlu & Co sell side advisor.

Deal teams: Nippon Paint, Bank of America Securities, Akol Law, Nishimura & Asahi, Pekin & Bayer.

DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: L'Oréal acquires Thayers Natural Remedies from Henry Thayer Company.

Anchin sell side transactions advisor.

Deal teams: L'Oréal, Whipstitch Capital, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.

DEAL of the YEAR • Large

WINNER: United Technologies Corporation merger with Raytheon (Raytheon Technologies Corporation).

Shearman & Sterling LLP, Raytheon Technologies.

Deal teams: Citigroup, RBC Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley Evercore, Goldman Sachs, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, LLP



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GLOBAL SPAC

DEAL Award

SPAC M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: DraftKings merger with SB Tech and Diamond Eagle Acquisition Corp. DraftKings, Eagle Equity sponsor of Diamond Eagle Acquisition Corp, Stifel and Herzog Fox & Neeman as advisors to SB Tech.

Deal teams: Goldman Sachs, Raine Group, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, Winston & Strawn LLP, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

CROSS BORDER

DEAL Awards

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Tech Mahindra acquires BORN Group from True North and Zodius Capital. Grant Thornton as financial advisor.

Deal teams: Mahindra,

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Mid-Market*

WINNER: Wei Holding sale to Fosun Jinmei Cosmetics, a subsidiary of Fosun International. KPMG Corporate Finance sell-side advisor to Wei Holding, Fosun Jinmei Cosmetics.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: DocuSign acquires Seal Software. Fenwick & West as legal advisor to Seal Software.

Deal teams: DocuSign, Cooley LLP, Stevens & Bolton LLP.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

WINNER: Uber acquires Careem. Jefferies as a exclusive financial advisor to Careem.

Deal teams: Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati LLP, Uber, Al Tamini Law, ASAR, Clifford Chance, Herbert Smith Freehills, Morrison & Foerster, LLP.



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GLOBAL INVESTORS

DEAL Awards

GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: L Catterton acquisition stake in Odonto Company.
L Catterton.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: 3i Group acquires Sani-Tech West.
Capstone Partners as financial advisor.
Deal teams: 3i Group, Sani-Tech West, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: TA Associates acquires Auction Technology Group (ATG) from ECI Partners and Proxibid from Primus Capital and subsequent merger of ATG and Proxibid.
Vaquero Capital sell-side advisor to Proxibid, TA Associates.
Deal teams: ECI Partners, Primus Capital, GCA Altium, Squire Patton Boggs, Travers Smith LLP, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati LLP.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

WINNER: Hellman & Friedman acquires Checkmarx.
Herzog Fox & Neeman, Stifel as advisors to Checkmarx.
Deal teams: Hellman & Friedman, Insight Partners, Evercore, RBC Capital Markets, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

CONSORTIUM DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: L Catterton-led investor groups including Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Mubadala Investment Company and StepStone Group acquire Truck Hero®.
L Catterton and investors, Jefferies as a sell-side advisor.
Deal teams: CCMP Capital Advisors, Highlander Partners, Robert W. Baird, BofA Securities, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Ropes & Gray LLP, Katten.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Brookfield, British Columbia Investment Management Corporation, GIC acquire Tower Infrastructure Trust (Reliance Jio Infratel) from the Reliance Group.
Khaitan & Co as legal advisor to British Columbia Investment Management Corporation.
Deal teams: Brookfield, BCI, GIC, Reliance Group, ICICI Securities, Ambit Corporate Finance, AZB & Partners, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Nishith Desai Associates.



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GLOBAL CORPORATE

DEAL Awards

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Altria Group acquisition of assets from the Burger Söhne Holding and joint venture for Nicotine Pouch Product (Helix Innovations).

Hunton Andrews Kurth as legal advisor to Altria.

Deal team: Baker McKenzie LLP.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Large

WINNER: Audentes Therapeutics acquisition by Astellas Pharma.

Fenwick & West LLP as legal advisor to Audentes.

Deal teams: Audentes Therapeutics, Centerview Partners, Morgan Stanley, Covington & Burling LLP.

AFRICA

DEAL Awards

AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Harmony Gold Mining Company acquires AngloGold's South African business. Bowmans, as legal advisor to Harmony Gold Mining.

Deal teams: Harmony Gold, UBS, Herbert Smith Freehills, Standard Bank, ENSAfrica.

AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR • Large

WINNER: PepsiCo acquires Pioneer Food Group.

Bowmans legal advisor to PepsiCo, PSG Capital advisor to Pioneer Food.

Deal teams: Pepsi Co, UBS, J.P. Morgan, Centerview, Webber Wentzel.

ASIA PACIFIC (APAC)

DEAL Awards

APAC DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Reliance Brands acquires Hamleys Global Holdings.

Khaitan & Co as legal advisor to Reliance Brands.

Deal teams: Citigroup, Slaughter & May, Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP.

APAC DEAL of the YEAR • Mid-Market

WINNER: SK Engineering & Construction, subsidiary of SK Group acquires EMC Holdings.

BDA Partners as a financial advisor to SK Group.

Deal teams: Affirma Capital, SK Group, Citigroup, Kim & Chang, Lee & Ko.

APAC DEAL of the YEAR • Large

WINNER: Asahi Group acquires Carlton and United Breweries from AB InBEV.

Gilbert +Tobin advises Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Deal teams: Asahi Group, AB InBev, Nomura, Rothschild, Lazard, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Allen & Overy, LLP, Winter & Slattery.



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EUROPE

DEAL Awards

EUROPE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Alexander Technologies Europe sale to Shard Credit Partners.

SSG Capital Advisors, Saxenhammer & Co. Corporate Finance as financial advisors.

Deal teams: Shard Credit Partners, Ryecroft Glenton Corporate Finance, Gateley, Ward Hadaway.

EUROPE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: EQT acquires Freepik Company.

Drake Star Partners as a financial advisor to Freepik.

Deal teams: EQT Partners, Freepik, KPMG, LionTree, Callol, Coca & Asociados, Allen & Overy LLP.

EUROPE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

WINNER: Clarivate acquires CPA Global.

DC Advisory as a financial advisor to CPA Global.

Deal teams: Clarivate, Leonard Green & Partners, Evercore, Goldman Sachs, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP.

AMERICAS

DEAL Awards

AMERICAS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: lululemon athletica acquires MIRROR.

Fenwick & West LLP as legal advisor to lululemon.

Deal teams: lululemon, Barclays, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Cooley LLP.

AMERICAS DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

WINNER: Natura Cosméticos acquires Avon.

Natura Cosméticos S.A.

Deal teams: UBS, Morgan Stanley, Lazard, Goldman Sachs, PJT Partners, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, Cravath Swaine & Moore LLP, Pinheiro Neto, Mattos Filho.



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GLOBAL INDUSTRIES

MID-MARKET DEAL *Awards*

CONSUMER DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Nord Anglia Education, portfolio company of CPPIB and Baring Private Equity Asia acquires People Combine Education India Initiatives Ltd (Oakridge International).

DC Advisory buy-side financial advisor.

Deal teams: Nord Anglia Education, Platinum Partners, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.

FINANCIAL SERVICES & IT DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Insurity, portfolio company of GI Partners acquires VirtualMGA.

Leonis Partners sell side advisor, and Insurity.

ENERGY DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Phoenix Park Gas Processors, a subsidiary of The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago acquired NGL marketing assets of Twin Eagle Liquids Marketing.

Shearman & Sterling LLP advised Phoenix Park Energy.

Deal teams: Phoenix Park Gas Processors, FTI Capital Advisors.

INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Albany International acquires CirComp GmbH.

Capstone Partners and Albany International.

TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Pamlico Capital investment in ISAAC Instruments.

Vaquero Capital sell-side advisor.

Deal teams: Pamlico Capital, Alston & Bird, Gowling WLG, Alvarez & Marsal, Norton Rose Fulbright, Fasken Martin Legault.

HEALTHCARE & IT DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Charlesbank Capital Partners acquires Healthcare Fraud Shield.

Leonis Partners sell-side advisor.

Deal teams: Charlesbank Capital Partners, Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo, P.C.

MEDIA DEAL *of the YEAR DEAL*

WINNER: BC Partners acquires Keesing Media Group.

DC Advisory sell-side advisor.

Deal teams: BC Partners, Ergon Capital, Mediahuis, Kirkland & Ellis, Quore Capital, Baker McKenzie.

TECH DEAL *of the YEAR DEAL*

WINNER: Cognizant Technology Solutions acquires Zenith Technologies.

KPMG Corporate Finance buy-side advisor.

Deal teams: Cognizant, Arthur Cox.