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**January 29, 2022:** Global M&A Network recognized the achievements of successful dealmakers, outstanding firms and the best-growth delivering transactions during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Americas M&A Atlas Awards celebrations, held virtually again this year on January 26-27, 2021.

“Once again we honored eminent firms and top performing dealmakers from the North and South Americas, 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.

**David Barkus**, Partner at Holland & Knight, LLP awarded the “M&A Leadership” accolade, **David Savard**, Managing Director at National Bank Financial Markets, received the M&A Investment Banker award, and **Mike Firmage**, Managing Director at Horizon Partners, won the Boutique Investment Banker of the Year award.

L Catterton won the “Americas Private Equity Firm” award for investments in Brazil, Canada, U.S.A markets; H.I.G Capital won the “Brazil Private Equity Firm”, PC Capital won the “Mexico Private Equity Firm”, GTCR was the winner of the “USA Private Equity Firm”, while McNally Capital received the USA Private Equity Firm in the small-mid market segments. accolade.

Churchill Asset Management, Monroe Capital and Twin Brook Capital Partners were winners of the Americas and USA Lender of the Year, awards.

DealRoom won its first ever award for Tech Products & Services Firm of the Year, CohnReznick won the Transactions Advisory Firm, Cherry Bekaert received “Due Diligence & Valuations” firm award for the first time, while Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP won the “Accounting & Tax Firm” accolade.

“Outstanding M&A Firm Advisory” award winners included – Harris Williams, Vinci Partner, EdgePoint, Prairie Capital Advisors, Provident Healthcare, Vaquero, Fenwick & West, and Troutman Pepper.

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**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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## LEADERS & DEALMAKERS

### AWARDS *Recipients of the Year*

*about the award: Dealmaker team awards are presented to seasoned professionals for successfully executing growth transactions, expertise, influence and as part of awards winning deal.*

#### DAVID A. BARKUS

Partner, Co-Leader Corporate, M&A and Securities Group,  
Holland & Knight, LLP (Miami, USA)

Recipient Of: M&A LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### DAVID SAVARD

Managing Director & Head, Mergers and Acquisitions & Private Capital Advisory  
National Bank Financial Markets (Montreal, Canada)

Recipient Of: M&A INVESTMENT BANKER of the Year

#### MIKE FIRMAGE

Co-founder and Managing Director  
Horizon Partners (San Francisco, USA)

Recipient Of: BOUTIQUE M&A INVESTMENT BANKER of the Year

## OUTSTANDING

### PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM, *award winners:*

AMERICAS PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** L Catterton

*For transactions closed in North and South Americas.*

BRAZIL PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** H.I.G Capital Partners

MEXICO PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** PC Capital

USA PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** GTCR

USA PRIVATE EQUITY • *Small Mid-Market*  
FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** McNally Capital

*Firm Performance 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.*

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## **OUTSTANDING**

**LENDERS**, *award winners:*

AMERICAS

LENDER *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Churchill Asset Management

AMERICAS LENDER

SMALL MID-MARKETS *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Monroe Capital

USA LENDER

SMALL MID-MARKETS *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Twin Brook Capital Partners

## **OUTSTANDING M&A**

**MIDDLE MARKETS**

**ADVISORS & SERVICES**, *award winners:*

DUE DILIGENCE & VALUATIONS

ADVISOR *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Cherry Bekaert LLP

TRANSACTIONS

ADVISOR *of the Year*

**WINNER:** CohnReznick LLP

ACCOUNTING & TAX

FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP

TECH PRODUCT & SERVICES

FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** DealRoom

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MIDDLE MARKETS M&A  
FIRM, award winners:**

PRIVATE EQUITY  
DEALS INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Harris Williams & Co**

BRAZIL  
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Vinci Partners**

BOUTIQUE  
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: EdgePoint**

ESOP • BOUTIQUE  
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Prairie Capital Advisors**

HEALTHCARE • BOUTIQUE  
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Provident Healthcare Partners**

HEALTHCARE M&A  
LAW FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP**

TECHNOLOGY • BOUTIQUE  
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Vaquero Capital**

TECHNOLOGY M&A  
LAW FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Fenwick & West, LLP**

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DEAL AWARDS winners:

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

**WINNER:** Zynga acquires Echtra Games.

*Deal Team Winner:* Drake Star Partners served as an exclusive financial advisor to Echtra, a San Francisco-based game studio consisting of developers whose members have previously worked on genre-defining titles including Diablo, Diablo II, the Torchlight franchise.

**DEAL of the YEAR** • *Middle-Market*

**WINNER:** EBS Healthcare sale to The Stepping Stones Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* Capstone Partners represented EBS, a Pennsylvania based, national provider of clinic, school, and home-based therapeutic services to children with special needs, autism, and developmental/behavior issues. Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP served as legal advisor to The Stepping Stones Group, a portfolio company of Five Arrows Capital Partners.

*Winner Circle Acknowledgement:* Polsinelli PC represented EBS..

**DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large, Above \$1 billion*

**WINNER:** GTCR and Reverence Capital Partners acquisition of Wells Fargo Asset Management from Wells Fargo & Co.

*Deal Team Winner:* GTCR. Crave-out acquisition of Wells Fargo Asset Management, rebranded as Allspring Global Investments, with more than \$587 billion in assets under management and serving institutional and wealth management clients.

## CROSS-BORDER

DEAL AWARDS winners:

**CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR** • *Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** Real Food Blends acquired by Nutricia, subsidiary of Danone.

*Deal Team Winner:* EdgePoint Capital Advisors advised Real Food Blends, provider of real foods for people with feeding tubes, founded in 2012 by Julie and Tony Bombacin.

**CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large (Size: above \$1 billion)*

**WINNER:** Etsy acquires Depop.

*Deal Team Winner:* Fenwick & West, LLP represented Brooklyn-based e-commerce company, Etsy on its purchase of London-based, Depop, the community-powered fashion marketplace app.

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## SPAC

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### SPAC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** OPES Acquisition Corp merger with BurgerFi International.

*Deal Team Winner:* OPES Acquisition Corp, and Loeb & Loeb, LLP represented OPES in its combination with BurgerFi International, approximately 125 “better burger concept” restaurants domestically and internationally. Ticker symbol “BFI” trading on The Nasdaq Stock Exchange.

### SPAC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Large (Size: above \$500 million)

**WINNER:** Bespoke Capital Acquisition Corp merger with Vintage Wine Estates.

*Deal Team Winner:* Bespoke Capital Partners sponsor of Bespoke Acquisition Corp.

Vintage Wine Estates, Inc trading on Nasdaq Global Market ticker symbol “VWE” and Toronto Stock Exchange under the new symbols “VWE.U” and “VWE.WT.U”.

## BRAZIL

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### BRAZIL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** H.I.G. Capital acquires Desktop Sigmanet.

*Deal Team Winner:* H.I.G. Capital.

Founded in 1997, Desktop based in state of São Paulo offers fiber optic internet and triple-play services (internet, TV, and fixed line). Desktop completed IPO listing on São Paulo Stock Exchange, with proceeds to fund additional acquisitions.

### BRAZIL DEAL of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets (Size: below \$200 million)

**WINNER:** Grupo Espacolaser IPO on B3 and acquisition of subsidiaries and 20 franchise stores across Brazil.

*Deal Team Winner:* Vinci Partners represented Espacolaser.

Founded in 2004, Espacolaser is the largest laser hair removal company in Brazil. L Catterton invested in the company in 2017.

### BRAZIL DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets (Size: \$200 - \$500 million)

**WINNER:** TOTVS acquires RD Station.

*Deal Team Winner:* TOTVS.

TOTVS the largest retail management platform in Brazil successfully purchased RD Station, focused on marketing automation and CRM solutions from investors including Redpoint eventures and Astella Investimentos. The transaction ranks as one of the largest software M&A deals in Latam region.

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## MEXICO

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### MEXICO PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** PC Capital investment in Medios Cattri and concurrent acquisition of Lightbox.

*Deal Team Winner:* PC Capital.

Founded in 2008, Medios Cattri based in Mexico simultaneous purchase of Lightbox based in USA, consolidated two companies in the Digital Out of Home advertising in the United States and Mexico.

### MEXICO M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Smithfield Foods acquisition stake in Granjas Carroll de Mexico.

*Deal Team Winner:* Hunton Andrews Kurth, LLP represented its long standing client, Smithfield.

Wholly owned subsidiary of WH Group, Smithfield Foods is a pork producer and food processor based in Virginia, in the United States.

## CANADA

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### CANADA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** Novacap in partnership with Investissement Québec acquires Logibec from GI Partners.

*Deal Team Winner:* National Bank Financial as buy-side advisor.

Founded in 1982, Montreal-based Logibec is among Canada's largest healthcare technology companies serving clinical, operational, and business needs of complex healthcare organizations.

### CANADA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Middle Markets (Size: below \$100 million)*

**WINNER:** Deschenes Group acquires Powrmatic of Canada.

*Deal Team Winner:* Capstone Partners as advised Powrmatic of Canada, a portfolio company of Stamm International Corporation on the sale.

Founded in 1945, Powrmatic of Canada based in Montreal, Quebec a distributor of residential, commercial and industrial supplies to the HVACR, Electrical, and Hearth industries.

### CANADA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large Mid-Markets (Size: above \$500 million and below \$1 billion)*

**WINNER:** HEXO Corp acquires Redecan.

*Deal Team Winner:* HEXO Corp.

Ottawa-based, HEXO is a licensed producer of innovative products for the global cannabis market, with a brand portfolio including HEXO, UP Cannabis, Original Stash, Bake Sale, Redecan, Namaste, and REUP brands, and the medical market in Canada, Israel and Malta.

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## U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR ● Small

**WINNER:** Stratford-Cambridge Group acquires Jet Edge Waterjet Systems.

*Deal Team Winner:* CIBC Cleary Gull advised Jet Edge Waterjet System, a portfolio company of Spell Capital Partners.

Jet Edge based in St. Michael, MN, manufactures ultra-high pressure waterjet cutting systems, related pumps, and spare parts for precision cutting, surface preparation, and coating removal.

### U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● Small Middle Markets (Size: above \$50 to below \$100 million)

**WINNER:** Incline Equity Partners acquires Edko.

*Deal Team Winner:* EdgePoint Capital Advisors advised Edko based in Bossier City, LA.

Edko is a utility-focused vegetation management services company which assists its customers in planning and implementing comprehensive and effective herbicide-based treatment programs.

### U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● Middle Markets

**WINNER:** MiddleGround Capital acquires Attala Steel Industries.

*Deal Team Winners:* CohnReznick, and Eversheds Sutherland LLP advised MiddleGround Capital.

MiddleGround Capital makes control equity investments in lower middle market North American companies in the B2B industrial and specialty distribution sectors. Attala Steel Industries is a leading manufacturer and distributor of specialty steel foundation components for ground-mounted utility-scale solar PV installations.

## U.S.A

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR ● Small Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Austin Gastroenterology partnership and investment with GI Alliance Partners, a portfolio company of Waud Capital Partners.

*Deal Team Winner:* Provident Healthcare Partners as sole advisor to Austin Gastroenterology.

Founded in January 2001 through the merger of two successful regional practices, Austin Gastroenterology is group of physicians in Central Texas specializing in gastroenterology care.

### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR ● Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Cano Health acquires University Health Care.

*Deal Team Winner:* Holland & Knight, LLP represented University Health Care.

University and its affiliates based in Miami, have a 25-year history of providing comprehensive, dependable primary care to communities in South Florida. Cano Health also based in Miami operates in Florida, Texas, Nevada, and Puerto Rico.

### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR ● Large (Size: above \$1 billion)

**WINNER:** Capstead Mortgage merger with Benefit Street Partners Realty Trust, managed by managed by Benefit Street Partners, a subsidiary of Franklin Templeton (Franklin BSP Realty Trust).

*Deal Team Winner:* Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP served as an advisor to Capstead Mortgage.

Founded in 1985, Capstead Mortgage is Dallas based mortgage REIT company.

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## AMERICAS CORPORATE

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets (Size: below \$100 million)

**WINNER:** Patterson Veterinary, subsidiary of Patterson Companies acquires Miller Veterinary Supply.

*Deal Team Winner:* Bridgepoint Investment Banking served as sole financial advisor to “Miller”.

Founded in 1920, Miller Veterinary Supply is a family-owned veterinary distribution wholesaler.

### CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** RE/MAX Holdings acquires the North America regions of RE/MAX INTEGRA.

*Deal Team Winner:* Capstone Partners advised RE/MAX INTEGRA, real estate sub-franchisor of the RE/MAX brand, on the divestiture of the Company’s North America regions.

Founded in 1973 in Denver, CO, RE/MAX, LLC operates as a franchisor of real estate and mortgage brokerage services in the United States, Canada, and internationally

### CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Large (Size: above \$1 billion)

**WINNER:** Torchlight Energy Resources acquires Meta Material.

*Deal Team Winner:* ROTH Capital Partners advised Torchlight on reverse merger transaction.

Meta based in Halifax, Nova Scotia designs and manufactures advanced materials and performance functional films which are engineered to control light and other forms of energy.

## AMERICAS GROWTH EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

### GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Falfurrias Capital Partners acquisition stake in Chargeback Gurus.

*Deal Team Winner:* Leonis Partners exclusively advised Chargeback Gurus.

Chargeback Gurus based in McKinney, Texas is financial technology and services company of trusted advisors to Fortune 500 merchants. Falfurrias Capital is a Charlotte-based private equity firm.

### GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** TA Associates investment in PDQ.

*Deal Team Winner:* Horizon Partners served as an advisor to PDQ.

Founded in 2001, PDQ is Utah based provider of software for system administrators and IT professionals. Founded in 1968, TA is a global growth private equity firm headquarter in Boston.

### GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Large (Size: above \$ 500 million)

**WINNER:** GreyLion Capital and Stone Point Capital investment in Hyphen Solutions.

*Deal Team Winner:* Vaquero Capital.

Hyphen Solutions provides cloud-based residential construction management software. GreyLion Capital (formerly known as PWP Growth Equity) focuses on investing in high-growth businesses in the lower middle market. Stone Point Capital is a financial services-focused private equity firm.

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## AMERICAS PRIVATE EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

### PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** L Catterton acquires Kodiak Cake from shareholders including Sunrise Strategic Partners, Trilantic North America.

*Deal Team Winner:* L Catterton.

Founded in 1982, Kodiak offers 100% whole-grain, protein-powered pancake and waffle mixes, frozen waffles and pancakes, oatmeal, baking mixes, and a variety of snacking products.

L Catterton is world's largest consumer-focused private equity firm founded in 1989.

### PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large Mid-Markets*

**WINNER:** Apax Partners acquires Herjavec Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* Momentum Cyber served as a sole financial and Dentons US LLP as a legal advisor to the Herjavec Group.

Founded in 2003 by Robert Herjavec, the namesake company provides cybersecurity products and services to enterprise organizations.

Apax Partners is a global private equity firm investing in four global sectors of Tech & Telco, Services, Healthcare and Consumer.

### PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large (Size: above \$1 billion)*

**WINNER:** New Mountain Capital acquires Ascensus Specialties.

*Deal Team Winners:* KeyBanc Capital Markets advised Ascensus and provided debt finance.

The Bellevue, Washington-based, Ascensus Specialties is a provider of specialty materials for use in critical life sciences and specialties markets and applications. Wind Point Partners, the Chicago based firm and former majority shareholder reinvested in the Company in a "joint control partnership" with New Mountain Capital, the New York based private equity firm.

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### DISTRESSED M&A

DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Connections Community Support Programs sale of assets to Inperium.

*Deal Team Winners:* EisnerAmper LLP as Chief Restructuring Officer to the debtor, SSG Capital Advisors, financial advisor and Chipman Brown Cicero & Cole, LLP as legal advisor to the debtors. Polsinelli PC served as counsel to the Unsecured Creditors Committee.

Founded in 1985, Connections is a Delaware based 501(c)3 not for profit provider of substance use and mental health treatment programs and services for adults and children.

#### DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Paper Source sale of assets to an affiliate of Elliott Investment Management.

*Deal Team Winners:* SSG Capital Advisors investment banker, A&G Real Estate Partner as the real estate advisor to Paper Source, Carl Marks Advisors served as financial advisor to the secured lender.

Founded in 1983, Paper Source sells fine paper products, gifts, crafts, custom invitations, greeting cards, etc. through its 130+ retail locations, e-commerce and wholesale network.

#### DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Cirque du Soleil Entertainment sale to creditor group led by The Catalyst Capital.

*Deal Team Winners:* The Catalyst Capital and National Bank Financial.

Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group based in Montreal, QC, is world leader in live entertainment.

## RESTRUCTURING

AWARDS winners:

#### RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Astria Health Chapter 11 reorg.

*Deal Team Winners:* Dentons US LLP represented Astria Health, Polsinelli PC counsel to unsecured creditor committee.

The Astria Health system is based in the heart of the state of Washington's wine country, Yakima Valley, is the largest non-profit healthcare system based in Eastern Washington.

#### RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Rubies Costume Company Chapter 11 reorg.

*Deal Team Winners:* Togut, Segal & Segal LLP legal, SSG Capital Advisors investment banker to Rubie's Costume, Arent Fox LLP legal, CohnReznick LLP advisors to the Unsecured Creditors Committee.

Rubie's is a family-owned and operated designer, manufacturer and distributor of costumes and related accessories based in New York.

#### RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Centric Brands Chapter 11 reorg.

*Deal Team Winners:* Mayer Brown LLP. *Acknowledgment:* Ropes & Gray, LLP counsel to debtor.

Centric Brands is a lifestyle brand collective that designs, sources, markets, and sells quality products.

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## AMERICAS INDUSTRY

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

### CONSUMER SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Camelot Education sale to FullBloom.

*Deal Team Winner:* DC Advisory represented Camelot and its financial sponsor, The Riverside Company. Camelot provides K-12 education programs, partnering with school districts to serve special needs students. FullBloom offers education and behavioral health solutions across the country.

### FOOD & BEVERAGE DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** UTZ Brands acquires Truco Enterprises.

*Deal Team Winner:* Harris Williams advised Truco, a portfolio company of Insignia Capital Group. Texas-based Truco makes tortilla chips, salsa and queso under the ON THE BORDER brand. Pennsylvania-based, Utz manufactures a diverse portfolio of savory snacks under popular brands including Utz®, Zapp's®, Golden Flake®, Good Health®, Boulder Canyon®, Hawaiian® Brand, and Tortiyahs! ® among others.

### ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Illuminar Energy sale to JP Energy Resources.

*Deal Team Winner:* Chiron Financial represented Illuminar Energy, a privately held retail electric provider in ERCOT as a result of debts incurred from winter storm, Uri.

### FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** iLendingDIRECT sale to J.C. Flowers & Co.

*Deal Team Winner:* ROTH Capital served as sell-side advisor to iLendingDirect. Founded in 2006, iLending is a national leader in automotive refinancing. Founded in 1998, J.C. Flowers invests in financial services industries, globally.

### FIN TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Saylent Technologies sale to MeridianLink.

*Deal Team Winner:* Leonis Partners served as an advisor to Saylent on its sale. Founded in 2006, Saylent provides data analytics and marketing solution insights to financial institutions. MeridianLink, a portfolio company of Thoma Bravo offers Digital Banking solutions.

### BUSINESS SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Equifax® acquires HIREtech.

*Deal Team Winner:* Drake Star Partners represented HIREtech on the sale. HIREtech is technology-focused human capital management and employer tax incentive firm. Atlanta-based, Equifax is a global data, analytics, and technology company.

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### INDUSTRIALS IT DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Rockwell Automation acquires Fiix.

*Deal Team Winner:* KeyBanc Capital Markets advised Fiix.

Founded in 2008, Fiix, a Toronto-based company specializing in artificial intelligence-enabled computerized management systems (CMMS). Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Rockwell Automation is a global leader in industrial automation and digital transformation.

### MANUFACTURING DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** L.W. Allen sale to S.J. Electro Systems.

*Deal Team Winner:* CIBC Cleary Gull represented L.M. Allen, a portfolio company of Gen Cap America. L.W. Allen designs, manufactures, distributes, installs and integrates water and wastewater control systems. S.J. Electro Systems (SJE) is portfolio company of Audax Private Equity.

### MATERIALS DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** The Cary Group sale of Raw Materials and Specialty Chemicals business to Maroon.

*Deal Team Winner:* Prairie Capital Advisors served as the sole financial advisor to The Cary Group.

Founded in 1895, the Illinois-based, The Cary Company offers Containers & Packaging, Spill Control Products and Industrial Filtration Solutions. Marron Group, subsidiary of Barentz International, is a distributor of specialty chemicals and ingredients across North America.

### TRANSPORT & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** McNally Capital sale of ITS Logistics to GHK Capital Partner.

*Deal Team Winner:* McNally Capital.

Reno, Nevada-based ITS Logistics is a third-party logistics provider of services in supply chain management, transportation, warehousing, and brokerage logistics industries. Formed by the McNally family, McNally Capital invests specifically in founder and management-owned companies.

### HEALTH CARE DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** PG Dental merger with Allied Dental (Prosmile).

*Deal Team Winner:* CohnReznick advised the buyers.

Portfolio company of TriSpan Opportunities, PG Dental offers non-clinical business services. Allied Dental is portfolio company of Riverside Partners, providing non-clinical administrative services to dental practices in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

### HEALTH SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** TEAM Services Group acquires 24 Hour Home Care.

*Deal Team Winner:* Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP counsel to the sellers.

Founded in 2008, the Los Angeles-based, 24 Hour Home Care offers services to seniors and children with disabilities. TEAM Services Group is a portfolio company of Alpine Investors.

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Winners Circle, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual



## AMERICAS INDUSTRY

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

### SOFTWARE & IT DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Sigga Technologies acquisition stake by Gemspring Capital.

*Deal Team Winner:* DC Advisory represented Sigga Technologies.

Headquartered in Sugar Land, TX, Sigga was founded Belo Horizonte, Brazil in 200, is Enterprise Asset Management software solutions to asset-intensive enterprises globally. Westport, Connecticut based private equity firm, Gemspring's investment will help Sigga to accelerate geographic expansion and new product development.

### TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Data Migration Resources merger with Syniti.

*Deal Team Winner:* Bridgepoint Investment Banking as financial advisor.

Portfolio company of Bridge Growth Partners, Syniti, is an enterprise data management company based in Boston.

## REMINDER:



*Enter Your Nominations for:*

## U.S.A. TOP WOMEN DEALMAKERS

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremony, Virtual April 8, 2021.*

Singularly honoring A-List of most talented, respected, and brilliant women dealmakers from private equity, venture capital, investment banks, legal, and restructuring transactional communities.

### 2022 NEW, Champion Categories:

Diversity & Inclusion Atlas Award

SHE *for* SHE Atlas Award

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**i-Nominate Deadline: February 28, 2022.**

There are no fees to submit nominations.

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