May 5, 2022, New York: Global M&A Network recognized the achievements of successful dealmakers, outstanding firms as well as the best-growth delivering transactions during the Annual USA M&A Middle Market Atlas Awards celebrations, held virtually again this year on May 4, 2022.

“We kept the tradition of honoring outstanding firms, deals and dealmakers from the lower and middle market transactional communities. The winners exemplify excellence for executing transactions during very competitive deal activity of the past year. We appreciate their participation and wish them continued success.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

MATT PLOOSTER, Founder & CEO at Bridgepoint Investment Banking, was awarded the “Leadership Achievement” accolade; JUAN MEJIA, Managing Partner, Drake Star Partners as the recipient “M&A Investment Banker” from the mid-market financial advisory industries.

L Catterton won the “USA Growth Equity Firm” while Monomoy Capital won the “USA Private Equity Firm” for the 1st time. Audax Private Debt awarded the “Private Credit Lender” accolade.

Churchill Asset Management, Monroe Capital and Twin Brook Capital Partners were winners in unique categories of “Lender of the Year” for awards per respective deal size sweet-spots.

“Outstanding M&A Investment Banks and Legal Advisors” award winners in various categories of awards included – Capstone Partners, CSG Partners, Fenwick & West, Harris Williams, Hyde Park Capital Advisors, Leonis Partners, Loeb & Loeb LLP, PMCF Investment Bank, Provident Healthcare, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders as the winner of USA M&A Law Firm award.

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

Host: Global M&A Network is a privately owned diversified digital media and conference connecting company. The company also produces the industry’s most coveted – The M&A Atlas branded awards worldwide - from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington DC, Hong Kong, Shanghai, New Delhi, 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.

Matt Plooster
Founder & CEO
Bridgepoint Investment Banking

Recipient Of:
LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Juan D. Mejia
Managing Partner
Drake Star Partners

Recipient Of:
INVESTMENT BANKER DEALMAKER of the YEAR AWARD

OUTSTANDING INVESTORS & LENDERS

GROWTH EQUITY INVESTOR of the YEAR WINNER: L Catterton

PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR of the YEAR WINNER: Monomoy Capital

PRIVATE CREDIT LENDER of the YEAR WINNER: Audax Private Debt

LENDER of the YEAR WINNER: Churchill Asset Management

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OUTSTANDING INVESTORS & LENDERS

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

LENDER of the YEAR ● SMALL CAP
WINNER: Twin Brook Capital Partners

OUTSTANDING ADVISORS

USA M&A
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Capstone Partners

USA M&A
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders

USA M&A PRIVATE EQUITY
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Harris Williams & Company

USA TRANSACTIONS
ADVISOR of the YEAR
WINNER: CohnReznick

USA SPAC
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Loeb & Loeb
(offering and de-spac deals, deal size below $500 mm)

USA M&A BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Hyde Park Capital Advisors

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OUTSTANDING ADVISORS

ESOP
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: CSG Partners

HEALTHCARE ● BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Provident Healthcare Partners

INDUSTRIALS ● BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: PMCF Investment Bank

TECH ● BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Leonis Partners

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

LOWER MID-MARKETS

DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets
WINNER: True acquires Hobbs & Towne.
Deal Team Winner: Hyde Park Capital Advisors acted for Hobbs & Towne.

DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Mid-Markets
WINNER: Trulieve Cannabis acquires Keystone Shops.
Deal Team Winner: Cherry Bekaert LLP served as a transaction advisor.

MIDDLE MARKETS

DEAL of the YEAR • Small Middle Markets (deal size: $100 – $200 million.)
WINNER: Bombe Asset Management acquires majority stake in The Parking REIT (Mobile Infrastructure)
Deal Team Winners: Bombe Asset Management, Mobile Infrastructure.

DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets
WINNER: EverTrue merger with ThankView.
Deal Team Winner: Horizon Partners served as the exclusive financial advisor to EverTrue and ThankView.

LARGE MIDDLE MARKETS

DEAL of the YEAR • Upper Mid-Markets
WINNER: Pacvue sale to Assembly.
Deal Team Winner: Drake Star Partners served as sole advisor to Pacvue.

DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid-Markets (deal size above $500 and below $1 billion)
WINNER: Repay Holdings acquires BillingTree.
Deal Team Winner: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP legal counsel to Repay.

Spotlight

FEMALE-FOUNDER
INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: L Catterton led growth investment in Savage X Fenty.
Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

SPAC
DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Mountain Crest Acquisition Corp combination with Playboy Enterprises.
Deal Team Winner: Mountain Crest Acquisition Corp, Loeb & Loeb, LLP as legal advisor to Mountain Crest.

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INDUSTRIES
M&A DEAL Award Winners

BUSINESS SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Renovus Capital Partners acquires LeapPoint.
Deal Team Winner: Cherry Bekaert served as the transaction advisor to the buyer.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: WIlsquare Capital acquisition of TekBrands.
Deal Team Winner: Bridgepoint Investment Banking as an advisor to TekBrands.

CONSUMER SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Perfect Power Wash sale to Incline Equity Partners.
Deal Team Winner: MelCap Partners solely advised Perfect Power Wash.

EDUCATION & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: NCK Capital sale of Ogle School to RLJ Equity Partners.
Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners exclusive advisor to NCK Capital.

EDTECH & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Providence Strategic Growth investment in Nepris.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners financial advisor to PSG.

HEALTH CARE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Marietta Eye Clinic partnership with Covenant Physician Partners, portfolio company of KKR.
Deal Team Winner: Provident Healthcare Partners as the financial advisor.

TELEHEALTH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: 23andme acquires Lemonaid Health.
Deal Team Winners: 23andme, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, legal advisor to the buyer, and Fenwick & West, LLP as legal counsel to Lemonaid Health.

MANUFACTURING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Altamira Material Solutions, a portfolio company of Edgewater Capital Partners acquires Precision Fluorocarbon.
Deal Team Winner: EdgePoint Capital as exclusive financial advisor to Precision Fluorocarbon.
INDUSTRIES
M&A DEAL Award Winners

PLASTICS & PACKAGING DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Jadcore owned by the Doti family and Stonehenge Partners sale to Revolution Company.
Deal Team Winner: PMCF Investment Bank sole advisor to the sellers.

INDUSTRIAL TECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Littelfuse acquires Carling Technologies.
Deal Team Winner: Carter Morse & Goodrich exclusive advisor to Carling Technologies.

INDUSTRIAL DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: The Eastern Company sale of Frazer & Jones to Fidelis Holding.
Deal Team Winner: MelCap Partners served as an to Eastern Company on its divestiture.

FINTECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: North American Bancard acquisition of Signature Payments.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners served as the financial advisor.

GOV TECH & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
Deal Team Winner: Ascend Capital Group acted as sole advisor to Municode.

INDUSTRIAL IT & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Accel KKR acquires GPS Insight and subsequent merger with InSight Mobile Data and Rhino Fleet Tracking.
Deal Team Winner: DC Advisory sole advisor to GPS Insight and Bregal Sagemount.

PUBLISHING & MEDIA DEAL of the YEAR
Deal Team Winner: Oaklins DeSilva & Phillips advised Workman Publishing on its sale.

TECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Black Knight acquires Top of Mind Networks from Primus Capital.
Deal Team Winner: Vaquero Capital acted as an advisor to Primus Capital and Top of Mind.

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CORPORATE M&A DEAL Award Winners

SMALL MID-MARKETS

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets
WINNER: Airlite Plastics acquired Cosmetic Specialties International.
Deal Team Winner: Bridgepoint Investment Banking sole buy-side advisor to Airlite Plastics.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Mid-Markets
WINNER: Upperline Health merger with Extremity Healthcare Incorporated.
Deal Team Winner: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP legal counsel to Extremity Healthcare.

MID-MARKETS

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Small Mid-Markets (deal size range $100 million - $250 million.)
WINNER: Consumers Petroleum of Connecticut sale of Wheels of CT store assets to Global Partners.
Deal Team Winner: Carter Morse & Goodrich sole sell-side advisor.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets (deal size range $250 million - $500 million.)
WINNER: 3D Systems acquires Volumetric Biotechnologies.
Deal Team Winner: Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP legal counsel to 3D Systems.

LARGE MID-MARKETS

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid-Markets (deal size range $500 million - $1 billion.)
WINNER: Billcom acquires invoice2go
Deal Team Winner: Fenwick & West LLP legal advisor to Billcom.

ESOP DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: AlaTrade Foods sale to Employee Stock Ownership Plan.
Deal Team Winner: CSG Partners as financial advisor.

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LOWER MID-MARKETS

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets
Deal Team Winner: Ascend Capital Group as an exclusive financial advisor to ShadowDragon.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • Small Mid-Markets
WINNER: GreyLion Capital investment in Webconnex.
Deal Team Winner: Vaquero Capital acted as an advisor to Webconnex.

MID-MARKETS

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets
WINNER: L Catterton investment in Beauty Industry Group.
Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid-Markets
WINNER: OceanSound Partners strategic investment in Digital Management Holding.
Deal Team Winner: DC Advisory advised OceanSound Partners.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL Award Winners

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid-Markets
WINNER: Monomoy Capital crave-out acquisition of Trinity Highway Products from Trinity Industries.
Deal Team Winner: Monomoy Capital.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Middle-Markets
WINNER: Vance Street Capital acquires Polara Enterprises.
Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners as a sell-side advisor.

LOWER MID-MARKETS

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Small Mid-Markets
Deal Team Winner: CIBC Cleary Gull acted as sole advisor to Revival Animal Health.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets
WINNER: Torque Capital Group acquires Cable Manufacturing & Assembly.
Deal Team Winner: EdgePoint Capital served as an advisor to Cable Manufacturing.

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