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AWARDS recipients of the Year
about the award: Dealmaker awards are presented to seasoned professionals for successfully executing growth transactions, expertise, influence and, must have advised in a deal of the year winning transaction.

EMILIO AMENDOLA
Co-President and Co-Founder
A&G Realty Partners
Recipient Of: GROWTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

GEORGE ACKERT
Senior Managing Director, Co-Head of Financial Sponsor Group
Evercore
Recipient Of: M&A INVESTMENT BANKER of the Year

LOREN SCHLACHET
Managing Partner, Co-founder, Head of Riverside Micro-Cap Fund
The Riverside Company
Recipient Of: PRIVATE EQUITY DEALMAKER of the Year

ROBERT KOVEN
Co-founder and Managing Director
Leonis Partners
Recipient Of: BOUTIQUE M&A LEADERSHIP AWARD of the Year

OUTSTANDING • middle markets
FIRM, award winners:

AMERICAS
PRIVATE CREDIT FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Audax Private Debt

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LENDER of the Year • mid-market
WINNER: Churchill Asset Management

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LENDER of the Year • small mid-market
WINNER: Monroe Capital

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PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM, award winners:

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PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: The Riverside Company

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GROWTH EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: L Catterton

MEXICO
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: PC Capital

USA
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year • small mid-market
WINNER: Blackford Capital

USA
LENDER of the Year
WINNER: Victory Park 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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LAW FIRM, award winners:

AMERICAS
LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

USA
LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Holland & Knight LLP

HEALTHCARE
LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

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

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INVESTMENT BANK & SERVICES, award winners:

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INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Stifel Financial

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INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Benchmark International

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INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Harris Williams & Co

BRAZIL
INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Banco Bradesco BBI

CANADA
INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Canaccord Genuity

USA
INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Generational Equity

Boutique Categories:

CROSS BORDER INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: BDA Partners

HEALTHCARE
INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Provident Healthcare Partners

TECHNOLOGY
INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Vaquero Capital

DUE DILIGENCE & VALUATIONS ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: Cherry Bekaert LLP

TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: CohnReznick LLP

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DEAL AWARDS winners:

**DEAL of the YEAR • small market**
**WINNER:** LifeSpeak acquires Wellbeats.
*Deal Team Winner:* LifeSpeak, and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP served as counsel to LifeSpeak.

**DEAL of the YEAR • small mid-market**
**WINNER:** Wilnat, Inc. (“KGM”) sale to Compass Group Equity Partners.
*Deal Team Winners:* Wilnat owners - Tim and Nancy Wood of KGM, and their advisor - Benchmark International.

**DEAL of the YEAR • lower mid-market**
**WINNER:** Shur-Co sale to Behrman Capital.
*Deal Team Winner:* CIBC Cleary Gull advisor to Shur-Co.

**DEAL of the YEAR • middle-market**
**WINNER:** Capstone Partners acquisition by Huntington Bancshares.
*Deal Team Winner:* Capstone Partners.

**DEAL of the YEAR • large**
**WINNER:** Canadian Pacific Railway acquires Kansas City Southern.
*Deal Team Winner:* Evercore as financial advisor to the board of Canadian Pacific Railway.

LATIN AMERICA

DEAL AWARDS winners:

**DEAL of the YEAR**
**WINNER:** QuintoAndar Servicios acquires Navent Group from Riverwood Capital.
*Deal Team Winner:* Greenberg Traurig, LLP served as legal counsel to the sellers.

**DEAL of the YEAR • large**
**WINNER:** Eve Holding merger with Zanite Acquisition Corp.
*Deal Team Winner:* Bradesco BBI served as financial advisor to Eve.

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CROSS-BORDER DEAL AWARDS winners:

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● small markets
WINNER: Wildmoka acquisition by Backlight, a portfolio company of PSG.
Deal Team Winner: Drake Star Partners advisors to the sellers.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● small mid-markets
WINNER: Shimano sale of PEARL iZUMi USA to United Sports Brands, company of Bregal Partners.
Deal Team Winner: BDA Partners sole advisor on the sale.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● lower mid-markets
WINNER: Cibes Lift Group acquires Bella Elevator.
Deal Team Winner: CIBC Cleary Gull exclusively advised Cibes Lift.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● middle-markets
WINNER: The Crème Shop sale to LG Household & Health Care (“LG H&H”).
Deal Team Winner: Palm Tree LLC served as an advisor on the sale of The Crème Shop.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● large
WINNER: Vonage Holdings acquired by Ericsson.
Deal Team Winner: Vonage Holdings.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS winners:

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● middle-markets
WINNER: Corsair acquires Aurora Payments.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners advised Aurora Payments.

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR ● large
WINNER: The Riverside Company sale of Lexipol to GTCR.
Deal Team Winners: The Riverside Company and Vaquero Capital as sell-side advisor.

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GROWTH EQUITY DEAL AWARDS winners:

GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • small markets
WINNER: L Catterton invests in Ben & Frank.
Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • lower mid-markets
WINNER: Genesee Scientific receives investment from LLR Partners.
Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners advised Genesee Scientific.

GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR • middle markets
WINNER: Critical Start strategic investment by Vista Equity Partners.
Deal Team Winner: DC Advisory advised Critical Start.

AMERICAS CORPORATE DEAL AWARDS winners:

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • large
WINNER: Trulieve Cannabis acquires Harvest Health & Recreation.
Deal Team Winners: Canaccord Genuity acted as exclusive financial advisor to Trulieve, and Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP acted as the US counsel to Harvest Health.

MIDDLE MARKETS segments:

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • large mid-markets
WINNER: Celsius Holdings strategic partnership and investment by PepsiCo.
Deal Team Winners: Holland & Knight LLP served as legal, and Stifel Financial as financial advisor to Celsius.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • middle markets
WINNER: Xometry acquires of Thomas (Thomasnet.com®).
Deal Team Winner: DC Advisory served as exclusive advisor to Thomas.

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR • small markets
WINNER: Brunswick Corporation, subsidiary Advanced Systems Group acquires RELiON Battery.
Deal Team Winner: Generational Equity advisor to RELiON Battery.

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DISTRESSED DEALS OF THE YEAR

**DISTRESSED DEAL of the YEAR • small market**
**WINNER:** NITROcrete sale of assets to an affiliate of Cryogenic Industrial Solutions.
**Deal Team Winners:** SSG Advisors acted as the investment banker to NITROcrete on the sale, Province served as financial advisor to the unsecured creditors committee.

**DISTRESSED DEAL of the YEAR • lower mid-market**
**WINNER:** Aztec Events & Tents and Shaffer Sports (Aztec/Shaffer) restructuring and sale to Arena Events, Summit Investment Management and affiliates of American General Life Insurance Company.
**Deal Team Winners:** Carl Marks Advisors advised the sellers, and Greenberg Traurig LLP acted as the legal advisor to the unsecured creditors committee.

**DISTRESSED DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Market**
**WINNER:** Pareteum Corporation sale of assets to Circles MVNE and Channel Venture Group.
**Deal Team Winners:** King & Spalding LLP and Togut, Segal & Segal LLP served as legal counsels, and FTI Capital Advisors as investment banker to the debtors, Pareteum.

**DISTRESSED DEAL of the YEAR • Large**
**WINNER:** Eagle Hospitality Trust sale of 14 assets to various entities including Monarch Alternative Capital.
**Deal Team Winners:** Monarch Alternative Capital, FTI Consulting advisor to the debtors, & Province as financial advisor to the creditors group.

**U.S.A.**

**U.S.A. DEAL AWARDS winners:**

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**SPAC DEAL of the YEAR**
**WINNER:** Khosla Ventures Acquisition Co. II merger with Nextdoor.
**Deal Team Winners:** Fenwick & West LLP acted as the legal, and Evercore as the financial advisor to Nextdoor.

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**GROWTH EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR**
**WINNER:** L Catterton growth investment in Alliance Animal Health.
**Deal Team Winner:** L Catterton.

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DEAL AWARDS, winners:

**DEAL of the YEAR ● large**
**WINNER:** Neenah merger with Schweitzer-Mauduit International (Mativ).
**Deal Team Winners:** Mativ, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP legal advisor to Neenah, King & Spalding LLP as counsel to Schweitzer-Mauduit International.

**DEAL of the YEAR ● large mid markets**
**WINNER:** VSP® Vision Care acquired iCare Health Solutions from Pine Tree Equity Partners.
**Deal Team Winner:** Holland & Knight, LLP as counsel to Pine Tree Equity Partners.

**DEAL of the YEAR ● middle markets**
**WINNER:** WE Transport sale to Beacon Mobility, a portfolio company of Audax Private Equity.
**Deal Team Winner:** Carl Marks Securities as sell-side advisor.

**DEAL of the YEAR ● lower mid markets**
**WINNER:** Aqua-Leisure Recreation, portfolio company of Blackford Capital acquires Airhead Sports.
**Deal Team Winner:** Blackford Capital.

**DEAL of the YEAR ● small markets**
**WINNER:** FCMC sale to YOUNG & Associates, a portfolio company of CIVC Partners.
**Deal Team Winner:** Hyde Park Capital Advisors as exclusive sell-side advisor to FCMC.

U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY
DEAL AWARDS winners:

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● middle markets**
**WINNER:** Blue Point Capital sale of Kendall Vegetation Services to Sterling Investment Partners.
**Deal Team Winner:** Blue Point Capital Partners.

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● lower middle markets**
**WINNER:** Gladstone Investment Corporation acquires Dema Plumbing and merger with Mai Mechanical.
**Deal Team Winner:** GLC Advisors & Co served as exclusive financial advisor to Dema Plumbing.

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR ● small markets**
**WINNER:** McNally Capital acquires The Smith & Oby Company.
**Deal Team Winners:** McNally Capital, MelCap Partners as the sole financial advisor to Smith & Oby, CohnReznick as transaction advisor.

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INDUSTRY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

CONSUMER DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Manitobah Mukluks sale to Endeavour Capital.
Deal Team Winner: Canaccord Genuity advised Blue Moose Clothing Company o/a Manitobah Mukluks.

EDUCATION DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Blueprint Education, a portfolio company of New Harbor Capital acquisition of Rosh Review.
Deal Team Winners: Reed Smith LLP as legal counsel to the buyers, Capstone Partners advisor on the sale.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Stifel Financial acquires Vining Sparks.
Deal Team Winners: Stifel Financial, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP legal advisor to Stifel.

FIN TECH DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Stax Payments acquires CardX.
Deal Team Winner: Leonis Partners as the sell-side financial advisor.

ENERGY SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Private Capital Raise of Oil & Gas Equipment Manufacturer.
Deal Team Winner: Chiron Financial exclusive advisor to Oil & Gas Equipment Manufacturer.

INDUSTRIALS DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Industrial Growth Partners recapitalized The Prince & Izant Company.
Deal Team Winner: EdgePoint Capital as exclusive financial advisor to Prince & Izant.

LOGISTICS DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: XCaliber Container sale to LongWater Opportunities.
Deal Team Winner: Benchmark International served as the sell-side advisor.

UTILITIES DEAL of the YEAR
Deal Team Winner: Generational Equity advisor to the seller, Tesco Controls.
Winner Circle acknowledgement: King & Spalding, LLP.

PHARMA & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
Deal Team Winner: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP counsel to Collegium.

HEALTH CARE DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Solaris Health, portfolio company of Lee Equity, acquires Advanced Urology Institute.
Deal Team Winner: Provident Healthcare Partners sole advisor to Advanced Urology Institute.

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HEALTH CARE DEAL of the YEAR • small markets
WINNER: Trinity Hunt Partners investment in SpineOne.
Deal Team Winner: GLC Advisors & Co advisor to the seller, Tesco Controls.

TECH, IT & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: NTT DATA acquires Postlight.
Deal Team Winner: Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP legal counsel to its long-time client, NTT.

MEDIA DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: AmatoMartin Partners acquires Clipper Magazine from Vericast.
Deal Team Winner: Cherry Bekaert as transaction advisor.

REMINDER: Enter Your Nominations for:

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