

# AMERICAS & GLOBAL

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**January 31, 2024:** Global M&A Network recognized the achievements of successful dealmakers, outstanding firms and the best-growth delivering transactions during the 15th Annual Americas and Global Markets M&A Atlas Awards celebrations.

“We recognized the stellar achievements of best performing firms, deals and dealmakers, who exemplify excellence for executing transactions, especially during this past year of trying times. We value their participation and wish them continued success for the year to follow.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, Global M&A Network.

Thoma Bravo received the outstanding “Americas Private Equity Firm” accolade, L Catterton won the “Global Growth Equity Firm”; McNally Capital and Blue Point Capital Partners won the USA Private Equity Firm in two unique categories. Audax Private Debt, Churchill Asset Management, Monroe Capital and Victory Park Capital were winners in the distinct categories of lender awards.

Cherry Bekaert received the outstanding “Accounting & Due Diligence & Valuations” honors; Generational Equity won the “Valuations Firm” accolade, while Prairie Capital received the “Fairness Opinion” firm honors. FGS Global was the winner of “Global Public Relations” firm award.

“Outstanding M&A Investment Bank” award winners in the unique Americas, regional, specialty, markets were –Vinci Partners, Piper Sandler, Harris Williams, Technology Holdings, Westcove Partners, Vaquero Capital.

“Outstanding M&A Law Firm” award winners in the unique Americas, Global, specialty, markets were – Goodwin Procter, Greenberg Traurig, Sheppard Mullin and Fenwick & West.

The evening honored **Al Melchiorre**, Founder, President, CEO of MelCap Partners and **Jim Masetti**, Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP among “Americas Leader & Dealmaker” professional awards.

The “Deal of the Year” awards were honored for both the Americas and Global Markets program this year.

### 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 gala celebrations and winner trophy-presentation ceremony.

### host:

Global M&A Network is a diversified digital media and conference connecting company. The company produces the world’s most prestigious - Turnaround Atlas Awards, Women Leaders & Dealmaker Awards, and the M&A Atlas branded awards programs worldwide - from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, to London.

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### INVESTORS & LENDERS

#### OUTSTANDING FIRM, *award winners:*

AMERICAS  
PRIVATE EQUITY  
FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER: Thoma Bravo.**

GLOBAL  
GROWTH EQUITY  
FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER: L Catterton.**

AMERICAS  
PRIVATE DEBT  
LENDER *of the Year* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER: Audax Private Debt**

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AMERICAS  
LENDER *of the Year* • *Lower Mid-Market*  
**WINNER: Monroe Capital**

AMERICAS  
LENDER *of the Year* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER: Churchill Asset Management**

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AMERICAS  
DIRECT CREDIT  
FIRM *of the Year* • *Mid-Market*  
**WINNER: Victory Park Capital**

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U.S.A  
PRIVATE EQUITY  
FIRM *of the Year* • *Lower Mid-Market*  
**WINNER: Blue Point Capital Partners**

U.S.A  
PRIVATE EQUITY  
FIRM *of the Year* • *Family Capital*  
**WINNER: McNally Capital**

*Firm Performance Standards: (1) Notable 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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### M&A SERVICES

#### OUTSTANDING FIRMS, *award winners:*

##### AMERICAS

ACCOUNTING & DUE DILIGENCE FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Cherry Bekaert LLP

##### AMERICAS

FAIRNESS OPINION FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Prairie Capital Advisors

##### AMERICAS

VALUATIONS FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Generational Equity

##### GLOBAL

PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM *of the Year*

**WINNER:** FGS Global

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### M&A INVESTMENT BANK • *middle markets*

#### OUTSTANDING FIRMS, *award winners:*

##### BRAZIL

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Vinci Partners

##### U.S.A

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Piper Sandler

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##### PRIVATE EQUITY M&A • *Global*

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Harris Williams & Co

##### BOUTIQUE • *Global*

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Technology Holdings

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##### HEALTHCARE BOUTIQUE • *Americas*

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Westcove Partners

##### TECH BOUTIQUE • *Americas*

INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*

**WINNER:** Vaquero Capital

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**M&A LAW FIRM** • *middle markets*  
**OUTSTANDING FIRM**, *award winners:*

GLOBAL  
LAW FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER:** Goodwin Procter

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

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AMERICAS  
HEALTHCARE  
LAW FIRM *of the Year*  
**WINNER:** Sheppard Mullin LLP

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

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### AMERICAS DEALMAKERS

**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.*

**ALBERT D. MELCHIORRE**  
President, CEO and Founder  
MelCap Partners

Recipient Of: BOUTIQUE M&A LEADERSHIP AWARD *of the Year*

**JAMES J. MASETTI**  
Partner, Head of Semiconductor Industry Group  
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Recipient Of: M&A LAWYER *of the Year*

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### AMERICAS PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS, winners:

#### PRIVATE EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • Large (size: above \$1 billion)

**WINNER:** Thoma Bravo and Sunstone Partners acquire UserTesting.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Thoma Bravo** buyout of UserTesting, and subsequent merger with UserZoom, which Thoma Bravo acquired in April 2022; **Fenwick & West LLP** represented the video-based human insight company, UserTesting; and **FGS Global** served as communications firm to Thoma Bravo.

*Acknowledgement:* **Goodwin Procter LLP** acted as legal counsel to Sunstone Partners.

#### PRIVATE EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Fulcrum Capital Partners sale of Kore Outdoor to Ironbridge Equity Partners.

*Deal Team Winner:* **CIBC US Middle Market** served as an advisor to Montreal, Quebec-based Kore Outdoor, a manufacturer and distributor of paintball-related products globally.

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### GLOBAL INVESTOR DEAL AWARDS, winners:

#### GROWTH EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Magnetar Capital investment in CoreWeave.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Magnetar Capital** funding of CoreWeave, a specialized cloud provider built for large-scale GPU-accelerated workloads.

*Acknowledgement:* **DLA Piper** represented Magnetar.

#### GROWTH EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • Lower Mid-Markets

**WINNER:** L Catterton investment in Planted.

*Deal Team Winner:* **L Catterton** funding in Planted, a Swiss foodtech startup known for its clean-label biostructured meat.

#### GROWTH EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • Small Markets

**WINNER:** Growth Capital Partners investment in Container Solutions.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Drake Star Partners** acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Container Solutions, a specialist cloud services provider.

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### GLOBAL INVESTOR DEAL AWARDS, winners:

#### GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Investor Group including Morrison & Co acquire Lyntia Networks.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Morrison & Co** partnered with AXA Investment Management and Swiss Life Asset Managers to acquire Spain-based provider of fibre optic network Lyntia Networks. **Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP** served as legal advisors to Morrison & Co.

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#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mega*

**WINNER:** Citrix Systems acquired by Vista Equity Partners and Evergreen Coast Capital.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Goodwin Procter LLP** represented the software management company, Citrix.

#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large Mid Market*

**WINNER:** Cinven acquisition of TaxAct from Blucora and subsequent merger with Drake Software.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Haynes and Boone, LLP** represented its long-standing client Blucora.

#### GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Market*

**WINNER:** Everstone Group sells majority stake in Sahyadri Hospitals Group to Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Khaitan & Co** represented Singapore based Everstone sell India-based Sahyadri.

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### U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • *Small Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** Blue Point Capital Partners acquires Europa Eyewear.

**Deal Team Winner:** **Blue Point Capital Partners** investment in a family-owned designer and manufacturer of proprietary eyewear frames, Europa Eyewear.

#### U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY

**DEAL of the YEAR** • *Lower Middle Markets*

**WINNER:** Premier Plastic Surgery Partners with investment by Corbel Capital Partners.

**Deal Team Winners:** **EdgePoint** as the exclusive financial advisor to Blackhawk Plastic Surgery & MedSpa, Clevens Face & Body Specialists, and the Spiegel Center; **Greenberg Traurig LLP** advised physician-led specialists in combination to form Premier Plastic Surgery Partners; **Sheppard Mullin** represented Los Angeles-based Corbel Capital.

#### U.S.A. PRIVATE EQUITY

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

**WINNER:** InTandem Capital Partners acquires OrthoNebraska.

**Deal Team Winner:** **Goodwin Procter LLP** advised InTandem Capital Partners investment in OrthoNebraska, Nebraska's first hospital dedicated to the care of the orthopedic patient.

**Acknowledgement:** **Audax Private Debt** provided a unitranche credit facility to the acquisition.

### GLOBAL STRATEGIC DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### GLOBAL CORPORATE M&A

**DEAL of the YEAR** • *Large*

**WINNER:** Mondelēz International acquires Clif Bar & Co and, separately Chipita S.A.

**Deal Team Winner:** **Fenwick & West LLP** represented family- and employee-owned, maker of nutritious energy bars, Clif Bar; **Shearman & Sterling LLP** advised Greece-based Chipita, producer of salty and sweet snacks in Central and Eastern Europe.

#### GLOBAL CORPORATE M&A

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

**WINNER:** ESG acquires Pandell Technologies.

**Deal Team Winner:** **Vaquero Capital** advised Pandell, a Calgary-based a next-generation SaaS land and financial application for the energy sector sale to UK-based ESG.

**Acknowledgement:** **DLA Piper** served as legal counsel to ESG.

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### AMERICAS STRATEGIC DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### AMERICAS CORPORATE M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Storage Structures acquired by merger by Central States Manufacturing.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Prairie Capital Advisors** as exclusive advisor to Storage Structures, a provider of innovation and design for self-storage and the patented Alpha Framing System.

#### AMERICAS CORPORATE M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Jackson Healthcare® acquires LRS Healthcare®.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Bridgepoint Investment Banking** acted as the sole advisor to Omaha-based, provider of medical staffing, LRS Healthcare; and **Dvorak Law Group** served as legal counsel to LRS.

#### AMERICAS CORPORATE M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Darden Restaurants acquires Ruth's Hospitality Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP** advised its long-standing client, Darden.

#### AMERICAS CORPORATE M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Mega

**WINNER:** CVS Health acquires Oak Street Health.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Shearman & Sterling LLP** represented CVS Health.

### SPECIAL SITUATIONS & DISTRESSED DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### GLOBAL SPECIAL SITUATIONS M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Small

**WINNER:** Party City Holdings sale of Granmark to Impulsora Euro S.A. de C.V.

*Deal Team Winner:* Capstone Partners' Special Situations Investment Banking (SSIB) group advised Granmark, a wholly owned, Mexican subsidiary of Party City Holdings.

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### SPECIAL SITUATIONS & DISTRESSED DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### GLOBAL SPECIAL SITUATIONS

##### M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Pareteum Corp sale of assets to Circles MVNE and Channel Ventures.

*Deal Team Winner:* **DLA Piper** represented Circles MVNE, a subsidiary of Singapore-based multinational telecommunications company Circles Global; and FTI Capital Advisors and FTI Consulting group served as financial and restructuring advisors to the debtors, Pareteum.

#### GLOBAL SPECIAL SITUATIONS

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

**WINNER:** Quadrum Development Corporation, subsidiary of Quadrum Global acquires The Williamsburg Hotel from 96 Wythe Acquisition.

*Deal Team Winners:* **A&G Real Estate Partners** as an advisor to the debtors on sale of Williamsburg Hotel; and **Morrison Cohen** as bankruptcy counsel to Quadrum Development, purchase of Brooklyn's Williamsburg Hotel.

*Acknowledgement:* **Haynes and Boone, LLP** Real Estate Practice Group assisted the London-based hospitality company, Quadrum Global. **CohnReznick** as financial advisor to the Chapter 11 Trustee.

### SPECIAL SITUATIONS & DISTRESSED DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### AMERICAS DISTRESSED M&A

##### DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets

**WINNER:** CION Investment Corporation acquires substantially all assets of David's Bridal.

*Deal Team Winner:* **A&G Real Estate Partners** as an advisor to the debtors.

#### AMERICAS DISTRESSED M&A

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

**WINNER:** Nova Wildcat Shur-Line sale of assets to a joint venture between Gordon Brothers Commercial & Industrial and Nations Capital Inc.

*Deal Team Winners:* **SSG Capital Advisors** acted as the investment banker to consumer products company Nova Wildcat Shur-Line and subsidiaries, d/b/a H2 Brands; and **Carl Marks Advisors** as restructuring advisors to the debtors.

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### SPECIAL SITUATIONS & DISTRESSED DEAL AWARDS winners:

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

**WINNER:** Borrego Community Health Foundation sale to Desert AIDS Project.  
*Deal Team Winners:* **Ankura Consulting Group** as restructuring advisor; along with **Dentons US LLP** as legal counsel to the debtors Borrego Community Health; **Facktor Healthcare Consulting** financial advisors to the buyers Desert AIDS Project; and, **FTI Consulting** advised creditors group.

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

**WINNER:** Renibus Therapeutics Inc acquires IP and related assets of Tricida Inc.  
*Deal Team Winners:* **SierraConstellation Partners** as restructuring advisor to the debtors; and **Greenberg Traurig, LLP** represented the convertible noteholders.

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

**WINNER:** Monster Beverage Corporation acquires Bang Energy from Vital Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
*Deal Team Winner:* **Huron Consulting Group** as restructuring financial advisor to the debtors.

### CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets

**WINNER:** discoverIE Group plc acquisition of Magnasphere Corporation.  
*Deal Team Winner:* **TKV 6 Strategies** exclusive financial advisor to Magnasphere, a US-based manufacturer of magnetic sensors and switches for industrial applications to UK-based discoverIE.

#### CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Tremor International (Nexxen) acquires Amobee from Singtel.  
*Deal Team Winner:* **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP** advised Tremor, a global leader in video, data and connected TV advertising, in purchase of US-based marketing technology unit Amobee from Singapore-based Singtel.  
*Acknowledgement:* **Goodwin Procter LLP** legal advisor to Amobee.

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### CROSS BORDER M&A

DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### CROSS BORDER

M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Large Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Smithfield Foods sale of Saratoga Food Specialties business to Solina Group, portfolio company of Astorg.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP** legal advisor to Smithfield Foods.

#### CROSS BORDER

M&A DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** AUCTUS Capital Partners sale of PharmaLex to AmerisourceBergen (Cencora).

*Deal Team Winners:* **Noerr** acted as legal advisor to Munich-based private equity firm AUCTUS Capital on the sale of PharmaLex, which offers development and licensing services for drugs and medical products; and **Harris Williams** served as financial advisor to German-based PharmaLex.

### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets

**WINNER:** AMTIVO, a portfolio company of Charterhouse Capital Partners acquires Orion Registrar.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Generational Equity** acted as financial advisor to Orion, a provider of auditing and certification services.

#### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Mid Markets

**WINNER:** Hitachi Industrial Equipment Systems, a subsidiary of Hitachi acquires Telesis Technologies from Crimson Investments and Bertram Capital Management.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Capstone Partners** as a sell-side advisor to Telesis.

#### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

**WINNER:** LG H&H, an affiliate of LG Group acquires The Crème Shop.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Palm Tree** as the exclusive financial advisor to Los Angeles-based The Crème Shop in its sale to Koean, LG Household & Health Care.

#### GLOBAL M&A

DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Philip Morris International acquires Swedish Match AB.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Philip Morris International** as nominee, and **DLA Piper**, legal advisor to PMI is a leading international tobacco company working to deliver a smoke-free future.

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### REGIONAL DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Operatec Lda Financing.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Chiron Financial** as financial advisor to Operatec, an oil and gas service provider in Angola, Africa.

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#### AMERICAS DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** BrightPath Early Learning, North American division of Busy Bees acquires Kid Works Creative Learning Centers.

*Deal Team Winner:* **MelCap Partners** as the exclusive investment banker and financial advisor to Kid Works in the sale of the Company.

*Acknowledgement:* **Dentons US LLP** as legal advisor.

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#### AMERICAS DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** VillageMD acquires Summit Health-CityMD from Warburg Pincus.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Sheppard Mullin** represented VillageMD in the merger as well as the antitrust and healthcare regulatory aspects of the transaction.

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#### ASIA PACIFIC DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Fujitsu acquisition of Enable Professional Services.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Technology Holdings** acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Australian, Enable Professional Services on its strategic sale to Japan-based Fujitsu.

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#### ASIA PACIFIC DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Bandhan Financial Holdings consortium group including GIC and ChrysCapital acquired IDFC Asset Management and IDFC AMC Trustee Company Limited from IDFC Limited.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Khaitan & Co** served as legal advisor to the Bandhan Financial consortium.

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#### EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** secunet Security Networks AG acquires SysEleven GmbH.

*Deal Team Winner:* Drake Star Partners served as sole financial advisor to SysEleven.

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### REGIONAL DEAL AWARDS winners:

#### EUROPE

##### DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Eagle Football Holdings acquires Olympique Lyonnais Groupe.

*Deal Team Winner:* **DLA Piper** as legal advisor to the Eagle Football group of companies, a London-based group founded by US digital entrepreneur and football enthusiast John Textor.

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#### LATIN AMERICA

##### DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Bioceres Crop Solutions merger with Marrone Bio Innovations.

*Deal Team Winner:* **ROTH Capital Partners** as sell-side advisor to Marrone Bio.

#### LATIN AMERICA

##### DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Rede D'Or São Luiz acquires Sul América.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Vinci Partners** acted as financial advisor to Brazil hospital chain Rede.

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### U.S.A DEAL

#### AWARDS winners:

##### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR • Small Markets

**WINNER:** Bluesight, the Medication Intelligence™ Company acquires Medacist Solutions Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Provident Healthcare Partners** as the exclusive adviser to Medacist, a pioneer in drug diversion analytics; and **Robinson+Cole LLP** acted as the legal counsel to Medacist.

*Acknowledgement:* **Thoma Bravo** as an growth investor in Bluesight, the hospital pharmacy supply chain software; **Piper Sandler** financial advisor to Bluesight; **Monroe Capital** provided financing.

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

**WINNER:** HMP Global acquires Neuroscience Education Institute (NEI).

*Deal Team Winners:* **Navagant** as exclusive investment banking advisor to NEI Global, **CohnReznick LLP** provided transaction advisory services, and **Troutman Pepper** served as the legal advisor to its client HMP Global, a omnichannel healthcare education and events company.

##### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR • Lower Middle Markets

**WINNER:** Squaresmouth sale to Specialty Program Group, a subsidiary of Hub International.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Holland & Knight LLP** represented the buyers.

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

**WINNER:** SRS Distribution acquires Sunniland Corporation.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Hyde Park Capital** sole financial advisor to Sunniland, founded in 1884 is a distributor of residential & commercial roofing products, and professional grade fertilizers.

#### U.S.A. DEAL of the YEAR • Large

**WINNER:** Energy Power Partners sale of landfill natural gas facilities to NextEra Energy Resources, subsidiary of NextEra Energy.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Holland & Knight LLP** served as legal advisor to Energy Power Partners.

### AMERICAS INDUSTRY • middle markets AWARDS winners:

#### CONSUMER DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** L Catterton led-growth investment in GlossGenius.

*Deal Team Winner:* **L Catterton**

#### HOSPITALITY & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Xperience Restaurant Group, a portfolio company of Z Capital Group acquires RM Restaurant Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Generational Equity** advisor to RM Restaurant Group on its sale; and **CohnReznick LLP**.

#### RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** American Tire Distributors sale of National Tire Distributors to Groupe Touchette.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP** legal advisor to ATD on the sale.

#### ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** ProFrac Holding acquires Eagle Ford sand mining operations of Monarch Silica, and "Performance Proppants".

*Deal Team Winners:* **Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, P.C** legal advisor to Monarch Silica on sale of Eagle Ford assets; and the energy investment banking team of **Piper Sandler** served as a sell-side advisor to Monarch Silica, Rev Energy as well as a buy-side advisor to ProFrac on its acquisition of "Performance Proppants".

#### BUSINESS SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** TYLin acquires Greeley and Hansen.

*Deal Team Winner:* **ROTH Capital Partners** acted as an advisor to Greeley and Hansen.

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

**WINNER:** Monroe Capital acquires Horizon Technology Finance Management.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Monroe Capital** in its purchase of venture capital debt manager, HTFM.

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### AMERICAS

**INDUSTRY** • middle markets

**AWARDS winners:**

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

**WINNER:** Multi Parts acquired by Radial Equity Partners.

*Deal Team Winner:* **EdgePoint** served as the exclusive financial advisor to Multi Parts.

#### INDUSTRIALS TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Aldinger Company acquired by Incline Equity Partners.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Capstone Partners** acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Aldinger.

#### MANUFACTURING DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Patrick Industries acquisition of Transshield from Ancor Capital and Midwest Mezzanine Fund.

*Deal Team Winners:* **CIBC US Middle Market Investment Banking** formerly CIBC Cleary Gull served as an advisor to Transshield, and **Sheppard Mullin** as legal advisor.

#### GOV.TECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** McNally Capital acquires Xcelerate Solutions.

*Deal Team Winner:* **McNally Capital** investment in the defense technology services company Xcelerate.

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

**WINNER:** Commercial Metals Company acquires Roane Metals Group.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Carl Marks Securities** acted for the metal recycling company Roane Metals; and **Haynes and Boone LLP** served as legal advisor to its long-standing client, Commercial Metals.

#### HEALTH CARE DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** Newport Healthcare, a portfolio company of ONEX acquires PrairieCare.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Bridgepoint Investment Banking** acted as the sole advisor to psychiatric health services, PrairieCare; and **Holland & Knight LLP** represented Newport Healthcare.

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

**WINNER:** Bank's Apothecary and merger with Terrapin Pharmacy and Ganse Apothecary.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Westcove Partners** served as the exclusive financial advisor to Bank's Apothecary in its merger with Terrapin Pharmacy and Ganse Apothecary, portfolio companies of WindRose Health Investors.

#### MEDIA & MARKETING DEAL *of the YEAR*

**WINNER:** MarketStar Holdings acquires Regalix.

*Deal Team Winners:* **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP** represented Regalix, a global marketing and revenue operations company; and **Dentons** cross-border team advised MarketStar, a family office-backed global business-to-business sales organization.

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

**WINNER:** ICCS & Co acquired by NexusTek, portfolio company of Abry.

*Deal Team Winner:* **Drake Star Partners** served as an exclusive advisor to ICCS, a provider of IT, cybersecurity, and cloud services.

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Forum to focus on transactional topics – Private Equity  
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Introducing the “**Woman Leaders & Dealmakers Awards**”, to celebrate the accomplishments of highly respected and brilliant woman from the industry.

World’s most prestigious industry award will honor achievements from the European, Africa and Middle East M&A transactional communities.

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**Woman Leaders & Dealmakers Awards** once again celebrates the accomplishments of highly respected and brilliant woman from across United States.

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