



U.S.A ● Middle Markets

CONGRATULATIONS

DEALMAKERS
OUTSTANDING FIRMS &
DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNERS CIRCLE ● 2024

June 25, 2024: New York. Global M&A Network honored the winners of the 6th Annual USA M&A Awards at the privately hosted gala and dinner ceremony, held last night in New York this year.

“We honored the successes of top performing firms, deals and dealmakers; and congratulate them on their vision and excellence for executing value-creating transactions exclusively from the vibrant small to middle market communities. We wish them lots of luck and success for the year ahead.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, at Global M&A Network.

MICHAEL METZGER, Managing Partner, Drake Star Partners and **HABEEB “HOBBS” GNAIM**, Shareholder, Head of Tax Planning & Business Transactions Group from Chamberlain Hrdlicka were awarded the “Dealmakers of the Year” accolade in the investment bank and legal categories.

VSS Capital Partners and **L Catterton** won “Private Equity Firm” awards in the lower mid-market and mid-market segments respectively, along with 17 additional outstanding firm of the year award categories.

about:

World’s most prestigious, the independently governed M&A Atlas Awards singularly honors excellence in the categories of firms, deals, dealmakers, and leaders.

Global M&A Network is a diversified information media and events connecting company; as well as the producer of world’s most coveted – M&A Atlas Awards, Turnaround Atlas Awards and Top Woman Leaders & Dealmakers Awards from New York, Chicago, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, to London.

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DEALMAKERS AWARD *Recipients of the Year*



MICHAEL METZGER

Managing Partner
Drake Star Partners

Recipient Of:

BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKER
of the YEAR AWARD

about: Michael Metzger is a media and tech investment banker with over 25 years of experience advising on M&A and financing transactions as well as serving Internet and tech companies in operating and corporate development roles. Before joining Drake Star in 2018, Michael was a senior investment banker at Houlihan Lokey's TMT group.



HABEEB "HOBBS" GNAIM

Shareholder, Head of Tax Planning & Business Transactions Group
Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry

Recipient Of:

LAWYER
of the YEAR AWARD

about: Habeeb "Hobbs" has significant experience in all aspects of structuring, negotiating and implementing business acquisitions and dispositions, corporate reorganizations, mergers, conversions, recapitalizations, corporate finance transactions, deferred recognition transactions, admissions of and providing equity incentives for management and key employees, as well as choice of entity considerations, and state tax planning.

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U.S.A OUTSTANDING INVESTORS & LENDERS

PRIVATE EQUITY
INVESTOR *of the YEAR* Lower Mid-Market
WINNER: **VSS Capital Partners**

PRIVATE EQUITY
INVESTOR *of the YEAR* Mid-Market
WINNER: **L Catterton**

LENDERS

PRIVATE CREDIT
LENDER *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **Audax Private Debt**

LENDER *of the YEAR* • LARGE MID-MARKETS
WINNER: **Golub Capital**

LENDER *of the YEAR* • MID-MARKETS
WINNER: **Churchill Asset Management**

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

LENDER *of the YEAR* • SMALL
WINNER: **TPG Twin Brook Capital Partners**

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USA OUTSTANDING M&A ADVISORS

ACCOUNTING & DILIGENCE

ADVISOR *of the* YEAR

WINNER: **Cherry Bekaert Advisory**

TRANSACTIONS

ADVISOR *of the* YEAR

WINNER: **CohnReznick**

INVESTMENT BANK Mid Markets
of the YEAR

WINNER: **Capstone Partners**

INVESTMENT BANK Lower Mid Markets
of the YEAR

WINNER: **Generational Equity**

BOUTIQUE

INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR

WINNER: **MelCap Partners**

PRIVATE EQUITY

INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR

WINNER: **Harris Williams & Co**

PRIVATE EQUITY

LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR

WINNER: **Holland & Knight LLP**

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USA OUTSTANDING M&A SPECIALIST ADVISORS

ESOP • BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **CSG Partners**

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

HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCE
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **Goodwin Procter, LLP**

TMT • BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **Drake Star Partners**

TMT • BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **Ignatious**

TECH & SERVICES
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: **Fenwick & West, LLP**

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DEAL

Award Winners

SMALL MARKETS

DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small*

WINNER: FloSports acquisition of DirectAthletics.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Ascend Capital Group** and **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP** financial and legal advisors respectively to the sellers.

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

WINNER: SMG Industries acquisition of Barnhart Transportation group of companies.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Generational Equity** exclusive advisor to Barnhart Transportation.

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

WINNER: S.G. Torrice sale to Ferguson Enterprises.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Mirus Capital Advisors** sole advisor to S.G. Torrice.

DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: Spring Partners Retail, a joint venture between Global Partners and ExxonMobil acquires 64 Timewise facilities from Landmark Industries

WINNER CIRCLE: **Chamberlain Hrdlicka** legal advisor to Landmark Industries.

BUYOUT

DEAL *Award Winners*

Eligibility private equity acquisition transactions.

BUYOUT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small*

WINNER: Brycor acquired by Kian Capital Partners to form PARC Auto.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Prairie Capital Advisors** advisor to Brycor.

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

WINNER: KLH Capital acquires SelinskyFORCE.

WINNER CIRCLE: **MelCap Partners** advisor to SelinskyForce, KLH Capital.

BUYOUT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid Markets*

WINNER: Fort Point Capital acquires Visu-Sewer, Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: **TKO Miller** exclusive financial advisor to Visu-Sewer.

BUYOUT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large Mid-Markets*

WINNER: L Catterton acquires Thorne HealthTech.

WINNER CIRCLE: **L Catterton, Canaccord Genuity** (CG Sawaya Partners) as financial advisor to Thorne.

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PRIVATE EQUITY

ADD-ON DEAL *Award Winners*

Eligibility private equity portfolio related acquisition transactions.

PE ADD-ON DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Markets.*

WINNER: Integrity First Insurance acquired by OneDigital, a portfolio company of Onex.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Benchmark International**, sell-side advisor.

PE ADD-ON DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Mid Markets.*

WINNER: Transtar Holding, a Blue Point Capital Partners portfolio company, acquires Arch Auto Parts.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Blue Point Capital Partners.**

PE ADD-ON DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Lower Mid-Markets.*

WINNER: Atlanta Heart Specialist partnership with Cardiovascular Associates of America, a portfolio company of Webster Equity Partners.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Provident Healthcare Partners, Goodwin Procter LLP**

PE ADD-ON DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: Altus Community Healthcare, portfolio company of ZT Corporate acquires Exceptional Emergency Center.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Chamberlain Hrdlicka**, and client, **ZT Corporate.**

RECAP DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small.*

WINNER: gFour Marketing recapitalized by Ros Capital Partners.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Hyde Park Capital** financial advisor to gFour.

RECAP DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Lower Mid-Market*

WINNER: Golden Vision Capital Americas recap Hawkes Learning.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Navagant** financial advisor to Hawkes Learning.

PRIVATE EQUITY

DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Markets*

WINNER: Heartwood Partners sale of High Bar Brands to Sentinel Capital Partners.

Deal Team Winner: **Holland & Knight, LLP**

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GROWTH EQUITY

DEAL Award Winners

Eligibility growth or strategic investment transactions.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small.*

WINNER: L Catterton led investment in GOODLES®.

WINNER CIRCLE: **L Catterton.**

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Lower Mid-Markets.*

WINNER: INNO4 strategic investment from ServicePoint, a portfolio company of Mill Point Capital.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Mirus Capital Advisors** financial advisor to INNO4.

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

WINNER: Madhive investment by Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Ignatious** financial advisor to Madhive.

GROWTH INVESTMENT DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Upper Mid-Markets*

WINNER: VSS Capital Partners sells majority interest in GreenSlate to Francisco Partners and minority investment by VSS.

WINNER CIRCLE: **VSS Capital Partners.**

SPECIALITY

DEAL Award Winners

FINANCING DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: CollegeNET, Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Bridgepoint Investment Banking, Dvorak Law Group** as advisors to CollegeNET.

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

WINNER: State of Franklin Healthcare Associates acquired by SOFHA Employee Stock Ownership.

WINNER CIRCLE: **CSG Partners**, and client **SOFHA.**

Acknowledgement: Holland & Knight LLP.

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CORPORATE / STRATEGIC M&A DEAL *Award Winners*

CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small*

WINNER: Sound United, owner of Denon, acquires Nura.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Drake Star Partners** as sole advisor to Nura.

CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Mid Markets*

WINNER: National Convenience Distributors acquires Colonial Wholesale Distributing, Inc.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Carl Marks Securities**, financial advisor to Colonial Wholesale.

Acknowledgement: Holland & Knight LLP as legal advisor to the sellers.

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

WINNER: Wonder Group acquires Blue Apron.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Fenwick & West LLP** legal advisor to the Wonder Group.

Acknowledgement: **Canaccord Genuity** as financial advisor to Blue Apron.

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

WINNER: The Home Depot acquires Home Express Delivery Service (Temco Logistics).

WINNER CIRCLE: **Bridgepoint Investment Banking** to Temco.

INDUSTRIES M&A

DEAL *Award Winners*

CONSUMER *sub-sectors*

CONSUMER & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Audax Private Equity investment in Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers, Inc. 330m

WINNER CIRCLE: **Capstone Partners** financial advisor to Dobbs.

FOOD & BEV DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Ventura Foods sale of Marie's® and Dean's® brand dressing and dip businesses to West Madison Foods, a portfolio company of Brynwood Partners.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP** legal advisor to Ventura Foods.

GROCERY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Sprouts Farmers Market settlement and acquisition of Ron Cohn.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Dvorak Law Group**.

HEALTHCARE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Great Hill Partners sale of Vatica Health to Frazier Healthcare.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Goodwin Procter LLP** as legal advisor to Frazier Healthcare.

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INDUSTRIES M&A DEAL *Award Winners*

INDUSTRIALS & ENERGY *sub-sectors*

INDUSTRIAL DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Capital Extension Crane Lift acquires TDS Erectors & Crane Service

WINNER CIRCLE: **Benchmark International** financial advisor on sale.

TRANSPORT & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Star Truck Rentals, Inc sale to Penske Truck Leasing.

WINNER CIRCLE: **KPMG Corporate Finance** advised Star Truck Rentals.

AERO & DEFENSE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: The Swift Group acquires OPS Consulting.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Capstone Partners** financial advisor to OPS.

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Foxx Equipment Company sale to Empire Group, a portfolio company of Riverarch Capital.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Prairie Capital Advisors** financial advisor to Foxx Equipment.

ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: GEC and Kline Hill Partners Single-asset Continuation Fund Transaction for portfolio company, Estis.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Kline Hill Partners**.

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: NSM Insurance, portfolio company of the Carlyle Group acquires Envisage International.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Navagant** as financial advisor on the sale.

Acknowledgement: Holland & Knight LLP as legal advisor to the buyer.

TMT *sub-sectors*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Cherry Bekaert acquisition of Cordia Partners and Cordia Resources (Cordia).

WINNER CIRCLE: **Cherry Bekaert**.

MEDIA & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Spotify USA sale of House Audio to Penguin Random House Audio.

WINNER CIRCLE: **KPMG Corporate Finance** as the sell-side advisor.

TECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Mainline Information Systems acquisition of Axcelinno.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Ascend Capital Group** as the sell-side advisor.

TELECOM & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Ascend Wireless Networks acquired by Sovereign Capital.

WINNER CIRCLE: **Hyde Park Capital** as the sell-side advisor.

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