U.S.A MIDDLE MARKETS ● *8th Annual*

Networking Gala Dinner, Ceremony: December 8, 2026, NYC.

i-NOMINATE LAST CHANCE: **OCTOBER 16, 2026 (NO EXTENTIONS GRANTED)**

SEND COMPLETED FORMS to: nomination@globalmanetwork.com or FAX (USA): 212.918.9066

World's most prestigious, the USA Middle Markets M&A Atlas Awards honors best value-creating deals, outstanding firms, legendary leaders & dealmakers exclusively from the small to middle-market corporations, investors and transactional communities.

PRESTIGE: Winning the independently governed awards, equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" standing in the industry, validating the firm and team leadership since winners are selected based on "deals criteria" and expertise.

► **GAIN Advantage, NOMINATE:** We encourage you to nominate on behalf of your organization, colleagues, and clients to gain advantage of being considered first, and early notification about your winner status. There are no fees to nominate in any number of awards categories.

► **ELIGIBILITY:** Deals must be closed in the timeframe: **July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026**. Forms must be fully completed to qualify and for expeditated consideration.

► **INDEPENDENT GOVERANCE & Process: Prestige** emanates from the integrity and objectivity of the process. Winners are judged by point-indexed scoring method based on the transaction criteria that includes pre-and-post execution outcomes; style/negotiation; sector complexities; regulation/jurisdictions; stakeholder/community value impact; leadership; brand strength; etc.

Significantly, the process does not involve industry partners or vendors to insure a 100% conflict-free process. We do not accept awards gala sponsorship from deal advisors to avoid any "pay for play" influences. Firm winners are selected from the shortlist immaterial of league table rankings, and based on evaluative standards including execution record, expertise, leadership, client service and performance improvements, etc.

► **AWARDS GALA CEREMONY: Winners** are honored during the staged gala ceremony in conjunction with the Day Forum. As always winners must register at the VIP level and participate at staged ceremony to accept their prized, custom trophy. *(See VIP registration benefits below.)*

► **WINNER TROPHY *Presentation Polices*:**
Outstanding Firms: Firm representative can accept the prized winner trophy.
Leaders & Dealmakers: Award recipients must personally accept their accolade at the ceremony.
Deal Awards Winners: Naturally each deal consists of several advisors. Trophy presented - (1st) nominees, (2) corporate or private equity buyers or sellers, (3) buy-side advisors; (4th) sell-side lead advisors.
Note: *Firms that are part of several award-winning transactions must register deal-team members who worked on the winning transaction to accept their deal awards winner trophy.*

TERMS: By submitting the entry form, the nominee agrees and accepts the following in its entirety:
A. Global M&A Network (GM&AN) reserves the right to re-classify entries and/or eliminate awards categories.
B. Winners must attend the gala dinner as part of the "winner-circle", and accept their prized winner trophy.
C. GM&AN may include the winners in its news releases, marketing, and online materials.
D. GM&AN does not disclose any data/private info on the entry forms to any external parties.

VIP i-REGISTER, TOP 5 BENEFITS: (1) Access to the day forum including related food/beverage, etc., (2) Speaker invites at discretion of GM&AN, per expertise; (3) Evening networking cocktail party, dinner, staged ceremony; (4) Prized custom winner trophy – by firm name, award category; (5) Licensing rights, promo materials – logos, etc. *(Please note, we recommend early confirmation since it takes over 2 weeks to customize the trophy.)*

i-Participate & Profit: ► **USA GROWTH + DEALS FORUM** ● December 8, 2026, NYC.
i-Nominate, Celebrate: ► **WOMAN LEADERS & TOP DEALMAKERS AWARDS** ● December 9, 2026, NYC.
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DEAL AWARDS FORMS ▼

USA M&A DEAL *Categories: (Deal Size, below $1 billion)*

(1) Deal *of the Year*
(2) Buyout Deal *of the Year (PE acquisition, exclude add-on, recap, etc.)*
(3) Growth Equity Deal *of the Year (includes minority inv.)*
(4) Distressed M&A Deal *of the Year*
(5) Restructuring *of the Year*

USA MIDDLE MARKETS M&A INDUSTRY DEAL *Categories: (Deal Size, below $ 500 million)*

(1) Consumer Deal *of the Year (Goods, Services, Food & Bev)*
(2) Energy Deal *of the Year (Oil, Gas, Renewable, Power, etc.)*
(3) Financial Deal *of the Year (includes FinTech)*
(4) Healthcare Deal *of the Year (includes pharma, devices, etc.)*
(5) Industrials Deal *of the Year (includes resources, logistics, etc.)*
(6) Real Estate Deal *of the Year*
(7) TMT Deal *of the Year (Tech, Telecom, Media, etc.)*
(8) Infrastructure Deal *of the Year*

NOMINATION: One form per deal for consideration in all applicable categories.

NOMINEE: Person filling and submitting this form. "**C**": Company; "**N**": Name.

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
Email:	Tel:

PART A: DEAL INFORMATION:

(1) Transaction:
(2) Category suggest one per your "wish" (note deal will be evaluated for all deal categories):

(3) Deal Size (Required: **Actual** or rounded in increments of $25 million.):
(4) Deal Close Date (month/year):
(5) Sector:

PART B: NOMINEE: DEAL TEAM LEADER Required. ("N": Name. *"Leader" is primary advisor to deal/assignment.)*

N:	Title:
Email:	Tel:

PART C: EXTERNAL REFERENCE. Required. ("**C**": Company; "**N**": Name. *Hint, Client reference is best.)*

N:		Title:
C	Tel	Email

PART D: PRIMARY ADVISORS Required. (Nomination will not be considered if deal-team advisors are not listed. Use "N/A" only if there are no other advisors for the deal such as investment bank, TAS, legal, etc. advisors.)

BUY-SIDE Investment Bankers, Lawyers, Accounting/Due Diligence Advisors, *as applicable:*

C:	N:	E:
C:	N:	E:
C:	N:	E:

SELL-SIDE Lead Investment Bankers, Lawyers, Accounting/Due Diligence Advisors, *as applicable:*

C:	N:	E:
C:	N:	E:
C:	N:	E:

OPTIONAL: Top ONE reasons why the transaction creates value and is a worthy winner, one sentence!

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OUTSTANDING INVESTORS AWARDS FORMS ▼

USA INVESTORS *Categories:*

Private Equity Investor *of the Year* ● *Middle Markets & Lower Middle Markets* ***(Generalist, excludes industry/sector specialist.)***
Lender *of the Year* ● *(various distinct categories.)*

Private Equity Investor *by* Industry Focus
Average investment deal size must be below $500 million.

(1) Consumer
(2) Industrials
(3) Healthcare/Life Sciences
(4) Tech & Services
(5) Real Estate

NOMINATION: One form per firm for consideration of all categories. Forms must be fully completed.
We encourage your nominations for consideration. Secondly, Global M&A Network will release short list of firm finalists.

NOMINEE: Person filling in and submitting this form. "**C**": Company; "**N**": Name.

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
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PART A: FIRM Information

(1) Nominated Firm:
(2) Award Category:
(3) Firm Headquarters, City:
(4) Total Number and approximate Value of deals closed: July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026.
(5) List top acquisition or investment transactions closed: July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026.

PART B: PRACTICE HEAD Required. **("C": Company; "N": Name.)**

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
E:	Tel:

PART C: EXTERNAL REFERENCE Required. ("**C**": Company; "**N**": Name. *(Hint, Client reference is best.)*

N:		Title:
C	Tel	E

OPTIONAL. Describe in **2 short** sentences reasons why the nominated firm is a worthy winner.
Hint: Include testimony from clients or peers. (25 words or less. DO NOT exceed the word limit.)

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M&A FINANCIAL & LEGAL AWARDS FORMS ▼

M&A Investment Bank & Law Firm *of the Year* (*sweet spot 100 – 500m*)
Private Equity M&A Investment Bank & Law Firm *of the Year* (*sweet spot 100 – 500m*)

SPECIALIST *by* INDUSTRY:

ESOP Investment Bank *of the Year*
Energy M&A Investment Bank & Law Firm *of the Year*
Healthcare M&A Investment Bank & Law Firm *of the Year*
Distressed M&A Investment Bank *of the Year*
Tech M&A Investment Bank & Law Firm *of the Year*

M&A SERVCIES FIRM AWARDS FORMS ▼

Accounting & Tax Firm *of the Year*
Public Relations Firm *of the Year*
Valuations Firm *of the Year*

NOMINATION: One Form per Firm for consideration of all categories. Forms must be fully completed.
We encourage you to nominate and gain advantage per our consideration. Secondly, Global M&A Network will release list of firm finalists. League table rankings do not factor in the selection of the winner.

NOMINEE: Person filling and submitting the form. "C": Company; "N": Name.

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
Tel:	E:

PART A: FIRM Information

Nominated Firm:
Award Categories:
Firm Headquarters, City:
Total Number and Value of deals closed: July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026.
List top 2 transactions closed: July 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026.
DEAL 1:

DEAL 2:

PART B: PRACTICE HEAD Required. **("C": Company; "N": Name.)**

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
Tel:	E:

PART C: EXTERNAL REFERENCE Required. ("**C**": Company; "**N**": Name. *(Hint, Client reference is best.)*

N:		Title:
C	Tel	E

OPTIONAL. Describe in **2 short** sentences, top reason why the nominated firm is a worthy winner.
Hint: Include testimony from clients or peers. (25 words or less. DO NOT exceed the word limit.)

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LEADERS & DEALMAKER AWARDS FORMS ▼

Prestigious accolade is presented to a single deal-team leader on behalf of the firm for closing an outstanding, value-generating transaction. The nominee must attend the gala ceremony to accept the winner trophy.

M&A Investment Banker
or M&A Lawyer
or M&A Services Provider

NOMINATION: One Form per Dealmaker nominee. Forms must be fully completed.

NOMINEE: Person filling in and submitting the form. "C": Company; "N": Name.

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
Tel:	E:

PART A:

(1) Nominee Full Name:
(2) Nominee Title:
(3) Company
(4) Nominee Phone:
(5) Nominee Email:
(6) List top transaction closed by the nominee in 2025-2026.

PART B: PRACTICE HEAD Required. **("C": Company; "N": Name.)**

C:	Firm Type:
N:	Title:
Tel:	E:

PART C: EXTERNAL REFERENCE Required. ("**C**": Company; "**N**": Name. *(Hint, Client reference is best.)*

N:		Title:
C	Tel	E

OPTIONAL. Describe below why the nominee firm is a worthy winner. Hint: Include testimony from clients or peers. (50 words or less. DO NOT exceed the word limit.)

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