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Congratulations Winners Circle



December 10, 2025: Global M&A Network recognized the accomplished leaders, dealmakers, outstanding firms and the best-value creating transactions during the jointly held the 7th Annual USA Middle Market and 16th Annual Global M&A Atlas Awards gala celebrations.

“We honored illustrious leaders, best performing firms, deals and dealmakers, who exemplify excellence from the transactional communities. 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.

Scott Dahnke, Global CEO of the largest consumer-focused private equity firm **L Catterton**, and **Frank Aquila**, Senior M&A Partner at **Sullivan & Cromwell LLP** were awarded the “Global Leader” and “Global M&A Leader”, *along with*

Amitabh Johri, Group Chief Financial Officer, GCC at **Aster DM Healthcare**, largest integrated healthcare provider in GCC received the “Emerging Markets M&A Leader”, *and*

Tom Blaige, Chairman and CEO of **Blaige & Co**, received the “USA Boutique M&A Investment Banker of the Year”, accolade.

H.I.G Capital received the outstanding “Global Private Equity Firm” accolade in mid-market segment, **L Catterton** awarded the inaugural “Global Consumer Private Equity Firm”, and **Thoma Bravo** won the inaugural “Global Technology Private Equity Firm” prestigious honors. **McNally Capital** and **Blackford Capital** won the “USA Private Equity Firm” awards in unique categories of lower and small market segments. **Golub Capital**, **Churchill Asset Management** and **Monroe Capital** were winners in the three distinct categories of USA Lender of the Year, awards.

“**Outstanding M&A Investment Bank**” award winners in separate Global and USA awards program included – Ascend Capital Group, Benchmark International, Bridgepoint Investment Banking, CSG Partners, Drake Star Partners, Generational Group, Provident Healthcare Partners and TH Global,

“**Outstanding M&A USA Law Firm**” award winners in distinct categories included Fenwick & West, Goodwin Procter, Holland & Knight and Troutman Pepper Locke.

“**Outstanding M&A Services**” award winners in separate Global and USA awards program included Cherry Bekaert for Accounting & Due Diligence, FGS Global. Public Relations Firm, and Generational Group, for Valuations.

There were several firms winning among 54 best-value creating “Deal of the Year” awards – across USA and Global Markets programs in various categories of transactional awards.

about: World’s most prestigious, the independently governed M&A Atlas Awards exclusively honors excellence in the categories of deals, outstanding firms, leaders and dealmakers. Winners are honored during the gala celebrations and prized 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 – the M&A Atlas, Turnaround Atlas Awards, and Women Leaders & Dealmaker Awards branded awards programs worldwide - from New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Mumbai, to London.

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Recipient Of: GLOBAL LEADER

Award of the Year

SCOTT DAHNKE

Global CEO, L Catterton

about: Mr. Dahnke has a broad range of business experience in private equity, consulting, operating management, and finance. Prior to joining L Catterton over 20 years ago, he was a Managing Director at DB Capital Partners, the private equity arm of Deutsche Bank. He was a Managing Director at AEA Investors, where he led that firm's investing efforts in the consumer sector prior to DB Capital. His early career also includes experience in the Merger Department of Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Recipient Of: GLOBAL M&A LEADER

Award of the Year

FRANCIS J. AQUILA

Senior M&A Partner, Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP

about: Mr. Aquila has been universally recognized as one of the world's leading merger and acquisitions lawyers. During his career, Frank has advised on deals totaling more than \$1.5 trillion in value. Frank's clients rely on him for advice on M&A, governance, ESG, activism, proxy contests, and a range of matters affecting corporate policy and strategy.

Recipient Of: EMERGING MARKETS M&A LEADER

Award of the Year

AMITABH JOHRI

Group Chief Financial Officer, Head of Strategic Initiatives, GCC, Aster DM Healthcare

about: Mr. Johri responsible for Strategic Growth Initiatives, Fund Raising, M&A and Integration, as well as core Finance responsibilities of CFO for GCC business. He has over twenty-six years (26) of experience spread across Big 4 Consulting Firms – KPMG; Wipro and last served with Quattro Global Services as EVP & Group CFO, and thereafter President - Strategic Initiatives responsible for Re-structuring Strategic Divestitures of the Businesses.

about: "Leadership Awards" highest accolade presented to high-ranking executives in admiration of their personal successes and, significantly in their abilities to inspire teams in achieving shared goals and extraordinary outcomes for their firms, clients and respective industries.

Recipient Of: USA BOUTIQUE M&A BANKER

Award of the Year

TOM BLAIGE

Chairman and CEO, Blaige & Co

about: Tom is a transaction strategist with unmatched expertise in the plastics sector and strong deal process capabilities. Blaige & Company to bring premier value to any client, whether it's a public company, private company, a private equity investor, or a financial institution.

about: Dealmaker Awards are presented to seasoned professionals for successfully executing award-winning deals, their differentiated expertise, influence and, over twenty years of closing game-changing transactions.

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GLOBAL OUTSTANDING INVESTORS, award winners:

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY
FIRM *of the Year (mid-market segments)*
WINNER: **H.I.G. Capital**

GLOBAL CONSUMER
PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR *of the Year*
WINNER: **L Catterton**

GLOBAL
TECH PRIVATE EQUITY INVESTOR *of the Year*
WINNER: **Thoma Bravo**

USA OUTSTANDING INVESTORS, award winners:

USA
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year (lower-mid market)*
WINNER: **McNally Capital**

USA
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the Year (small market)*
WINNER: **Blackford Capital**

USA OUTSTANDING LENDERS award winners:

USA
LENDER *of the Year • lower mid-market*
WINNER: **Monroe Capital**

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

USA
LENDER *of the Year • large mid-market*
WINNER: **Golub 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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OUTSTANDING GLOBAL & USA M&A ADVISORY FIRM, *award winners:*

USA
ACCOUNTING & DUE DILIGENCE FIRM *of the Year*
WINNER: **Cherry Bekaert**

USA
VALUATION FIRM *of the Year*
WINNER: **Generational Group**

GLOBAL M&A
PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM *of the Year*
WINNER: **FGS Global**

GLOBAL OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANKS

GLOBAL
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year • lower mid-market*
WINNER: **Benchmark International**

CROSS-BORDER BOUTIQUE
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: **TH Global Capital** *(Formerly known as Technology Holdings)*

USA OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANKS

USA
INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year • lower mid-market*
WINNER: **Generational Equity**

USA
BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: **Bridgepoint Investment Banking**

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USA OUTSTANDING M&A INVESTMENT BANKS

USA
BOUTIQUE ESOP INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: CSG Partners

USA
BOUTIQUE HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: Provident Healthcare Partners

USA
BOUTIQUE TECH & SERVICES INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: Ascend Capital Group

USA
BOUTIQUE TMT INVESTMENT BANK *of the Year*
WINNER: Drake Star Partners

USA OUTSTANDING M&A LAW FIRMS

U.S.A.
LAW FIRM *of the Year*
WINNER: Troutman Pepper Locke LLP

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

USA
HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES
LAW FIRM *of the Year*
WINNER: Goodwin Procter LLP

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

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GLOBAL M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

GLOBAL M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small Markets

WINNER: Alchemist, a portfolio company of Horizon Capital acquires RAIN Group.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Navagant.**

GLOBAL M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Lower Mid Markets

WINNER: Holcim Group acquires ZinCo GmbH and its subsidiaries in Spain, the UK and the US.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Benchmark International.**

GLOBAL M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Markets

WINNER: Tadano acquires Manitex International, Inc

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.**

GLOBAL M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large

WINNER: H.I.G. Capital sale of BIOVETRA to Agilent Technologies.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **H.I.G Capital.**

EMERGING MARKETS

M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Affinity Holdings separation of Aster DM Healthcare as two standalone entities, the India businesses and sale of majority of GCC businesses to investor group led by Fajr Capital.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Aster DM Healthcare.**

USA M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

USA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small Markets

WINNER: Northeast Box Company sale to Welch Packaging Company.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **MeCap Partners.**

USA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small Mid Markets

WINNER: General Fire and Safety Sale to Summit Fire Protection Co., a subsidiary of SFP Holding, Inc. (Summit Companies).

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Bridgepoint Investment Banking.**

USA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Lower Middle Markets

WINNER: Jabil Inc. acquires Mikros Technologies LLC.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Mirus Capital Advisors.**

USA M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Markets

WINNER: Ecolab acquires Barclay Water Management.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Capstone Partners.**

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CROSS BORDER

M&A DEAL AWARDS winners:

CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small

WINNER: St. Cloud Capital sale of Renters Warehouse to GA Technologies Co.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: SSG Capital Advisors.

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

WINNER: KB Components Group acquires Innotech Precision.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Blaige & Company.

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

WINNER: Wipro acquires Aggne Global.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: TH Global Capital.

CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large

WINNER: Hibbett, Inc. acquired by JD Sports Fashion plc.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Bass Berry & Sims plc.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small

WINNER: Investcorp Technology Partners acquires VEDA.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Drake Star Partners.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Small Mid Markets

WINNER: Keensight Capital acquires Plat4mation along with ServiceNow Ecosystem Ventures.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: TH Global Capital.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Middle Markets

WINNER: L Catterton acquires KIKO Milano from Percassi Family.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large (1-5 billion USD)

WINNER: Apollo Global Management acquires U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Piper Sandler & Co.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • Large (1-5 billion USD)

WINNER: Thoma Bravo acquires Darktrace plc.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Thoma Bravo.

GLOBAL CONSORTIUM

DEAL of the YEAR • Middle Markets

WINNER: Blackstone and Vista Equity Partners acquire Smartsheet.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Fenwick & West, LLP.

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DEAL AWARDS winners:

USA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Lower Middle Markets*

WINNER: Court Square Capital Partners sale of Knipper Health to Frazier Healthcare.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Goodwin Procter LLP.

USA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: L Catterton acquires [solidcore].

Presented to Deal Team Winner: L Catterton.

GLOBAL GROWTH EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

GLOBAL GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: GFOS mbH sale of majority stake to The Riverside Company.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Drake Star Partners.

GLOBAL GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large*

WINNER: KKR acquires majority interest in FGS Global from WPP.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: FGS Global, Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP.

USA GROWTH EQUITY

DEAL AWARDS winners:

USA GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Cap*

WINNER: Centana Growth Partners investment in Cayosoft.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: KPMG Corporate Finance.

USA GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Mid-Market*

WINNER: RF Investment Partners stake in Valley and Home Infusion ("Valley Vital").

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Hyde Park Capital Advisors.

USA GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Lower Mid-Market*

WINNER: The Riverside Company investment in Kaseware.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Ascend Capital Group.

USA GROWTH EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market*

WINNER: Comvest acquires investment stake in Riccobene Associates Family Dentistry from The Beekman Group.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Holland & Knight LLP.

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STRATEGIC M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

GLOBAL STRATEGIC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Lower Middle Markets*

WINNER: PUSHTech sale to Cendyn, a portfolio company of Accel KKR.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Benchmark International.

GLOBAL STRATEGIC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: MedRisk acquires Casualty Claims Solutions business from Conduent Inc (StrataCare).

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Holland & Knight, LLP.

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STRATEGIC M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

USA STRATEGIC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Small Middle Markets*

WINNER: NCS Multistage Holdings, Inc acquires ResMetrics LLC.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Shook Hardy and Bacon LLP.

USA STRATEGIC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Lower Middle Markets*

WINNER: Madison Industries acquires SimX.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Capstone Partners.

USA STRATEGIC M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: HCA Healthcare acquires Catholic Medical Center.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Polsinelli PC.

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SPECIALITY M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

U.S.A.

RECAP DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Blue Point Capital Partners recapitalization of Pinnacle MEP Holdings.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: Blue Point Capital Partners.

U.S.A.

ESOP DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: REI Systems.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: CSG Partners and Polsinelli PC.

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DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

U.S.A. BUYOUT DEAL of the YEAR • *Small*

WINNER: McNally Capital acquires Quiet Professionals in partnership with Nio Advisors.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: McNally Capital.

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

WINNER: Melink Corporation sale to Falcon Affiliates.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: EdgePoint Capital Advisors.

U.S.A. BUYOUT DEAL of the YEAR • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: LFM Capital acquires Tuttle.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Bass Berry & Sims plc.

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PRIVATE EQUITY ADD-ON

DEAL AWARDS *winners:*

U.S.A. PE ADD-ON DEAL of the YEAR • *Small*

WINNER: Aperture, portfolio company of Trinity Hunt acquires NOVUM Consulting Group.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: Chamberlain Hrdlicka, and Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

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

WINNER: CEA CAPA Education Abroad, portfolio company of Infinedi Partners acquires St. Mary's Institute for Educational Excellence ("Atlantis").

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Navagant.

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

WINNER: AWP Safety, a portfolio company of Kohlberg & Company, acquires Integrity Traffic.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Generational Group.

U.S.A. PE ADD-ON DEAL of the YEAR • *Small*

WINNER: Onset Computer sale to LI-COR Environmental, backed by Battery Ventures.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: Mirus Capital Advisors.

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DISTRESSED M&A

DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Small Markets*

WINNER: Ideanomics sale of WAVE Charging to Tillou Management and Consulting.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **SSG Capital Advisors.**

DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Small Mid Markets*

WINNER: FMI Aerostructures sale to Avem Partners.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Configure Partners, Berkeley Research Group and Troutman Pepper Locke.**

DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Lower Mid Markets*

WINNER: Express, Inc. Chapter 11 restructuring and sale to consortium led WHP Global.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Province.**

DISTRESSED M&A DEAL of the YEAR • *Middle Markets*

WINNER: Big Lots, Inc. asset sale to Gordon Brothers Retail Partners.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **A&G Real Estate Partners, and Gordon Brothers Retail Partners.**

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INDUSTRY • middle markets

DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

CONSUMER DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Seaweed Bath Co acquires Andalou Naturals and Mineral Fusion from BWX USA.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **KPMG Corporate Finance, and Polsinelli PC.**

COMMERCIAL SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Lonestar Commercial Interiors acquires McCoy-Rockford, Inc.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Chamberlain Hrdlicka.**

HEALTHCARE DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Strategic partnership between Surgery Partners and 11 Wisconsin based physician owned entities to form Midwest Orthopedic and Musculoskeletal Alliance ("MOMA").

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Hyde Park Capital Advisors.**

PHARMA & DEVICES DEAL of the YEAR

WINNER: Acentus sale to Henry Schein, Inc.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Provident Healthcare Partners, and Robinson + Cole.**

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DEAL AWARDS *winners*:

ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Atlas Energy Solutions acquires Moser Energy Services.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Piper Sandler & Co**, and **Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP**

INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Blackford Capital acquires Security Fire Systems.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Blackford Capital** and **Generational Equity**.

FINANCIAL TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Payroc WorldAccess acquires i3 Verticals.

Presented to Deal Team Winners: **Troutman Pepper Locke** and **Bass Berry & Sims plc**.

GOV.TECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: MyGov Sale to Tyler Technologies.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Ascend Capital Group**.

TECH & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: SoundHound AI, Inc. acquires Amelia.

Presented to Deal Team Winner: **Fenwick & West LLP**.

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