



## **23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARDS WINNERS**

### **I. SECTOR DEALS OF THE YEAR**

#### **REAL ESTATE DEAL OF THE YEAR**

##### **Restructuring of PREIT**

DLA Piper

PJT Partners

Houlihan Lokey

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Paul Hastings LLP

#### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEAL OF THE YEAR**

##### **Acquisition of AtLink Services by Element8 and Digital Alpha**

Generational Group

Generational Capital Markets

Condon Tobin Sladek Thornton Nerenberg PLLC

Lerman Senter PLLC

E8 Technology Investment Group

#### **UTILITIES DEAL OF THE YEAR**

##### **Recapitalization of JDC Power Systems by Madison River Capital**

Carl Marks Securities

Holland & Knight LLP

Coviello Weber & Dahill LLP

JDC Power Systems

DLA Piper

Madison River Capital LLC

Finn Dixon & Herling LLP

Morgan Stanley

## **MATERIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR**

### **Sale of Sandin Manufacturing to MultiTech Industries, an Argonaut Private Equity portfolio company**

Dresner Partners Investment Banking	Sandin Manufacturing
Argonaut Private Equity	

## **ENERGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$75MM)**

### **Restructuring and Sale of Project Element**

Spencer Fane LLP	Chabina Energy Partners
Alliance Capital Management, LLC	Compeer Financial
BrownWinick Law Firm	Datasite
Cardinal Ethanol, LLC	

## **ENERGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$75MM)**

### **Acquisition of Republic Tube LLC by Tenaris**

Chamberlain, Hrdlicka	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
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## **FINANCIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$500MM)**

### **Debt Refinancing of C3 Rentals**

Ankura Capital Advisors	Morris, Manning & Martin LLP
C3 Rentals, LLC	WhiteHawk Capital Partners
Holland & Knight LLP	

## **FINANCIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM)**

### **Restructuring of PREIT**

DLA Piper	PJT Partners
Houlihan Lokey	Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
Paul Hastings LLP	

## **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY DEAL OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$50MM)**

### **Acquisition of Allstate Can by Ohio Art**

Capstone Partners

Ohio Art

Huntington Bank

Parcrest Advisors

## **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

### **Financing of Kappa**

Palm Tree LLC

Whitehorse Capital

## **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$1B)**

### **Acquisition of POLYWOOD by Arsenal Capital Partners and BayPine**

Piper Sandler & Co.

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough

Arsenal Capital Partners

Oxford Financial Group

BayPine

POLYWOOD

Cardinal Equity Partners

## **CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)**

### **Restructuring of Thrasio**

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

AlixPartners LLP

Morrison & Foerster LLP

Centerview Partners LLC

Province, Inc.

Cole Schotz P.C.

## **CONSUMER STAPLES DEAL OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$100MM)**

### **Sale of Kosmos Q to L2 Capital**

Generational Group

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

Elizabeth Morgan & Associates

Valley Oak Financial PLC

L2 Capital Partners, LP

Withum Smith+Brown, PC

## **CONSUMER STAPLES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)**

**Sale of Southeastern Grocers, Inc. To ALDI Inc., and the sale of the Pharmacy and Fresco y Más business to non-affiliated ALDI entities**

FTI Consulting	Ernst & Young, LLP
ALDI	RBC Capital Markets
Baker & McKenzie LLP	Southeastern Grocers
Deutsche Bank Securities	Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

## **HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

**Restructuring of Curitec, LLC**

Dentons US LLP	Curitec, LLC
MACCO Restructuring Group, LLC	Norton Rose Fulbright
Ankura Consulting Group, LLC	Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, P.C.
US Department of Justice	Godes & Preis, LLP

## **HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

**Recapitalization of Pyx Health by TT Capital Partners**

Bass, Berry & Sims PLC	TT Capital Partners
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP	WeissBrown
Triple Tree	

## **HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$1B)**

**Sale of MSDR by AMN Healthcare**

Nolan & Associates	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
AMN Healthcare	RSM US LLP
DRW Healthcare Staffing	Sheppard Mullin
Medical Search International, Inc.	Wells Fargo

## **HEALTHCARE/LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)**

### **Acquisition of Seagen by Pfizer**

Deloitte Consulting LLP

Seagen

Pfizer

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

## **INDUSTRIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

### **Acquisition of Amped Electric by Evolution Strategy Partners**

Evolution Strategy Partners

Purpose Equity

Amped Electric

UHY LLP

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP

## **INDUSTRIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

### **Formation of Better Protection by Abry Partners**

Lancor

Assurant Fire Protection

Abry Partners

## **INDUSTRIALS DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)**

### **Sale of Suntec Concrete to the Suntec Concrete Employee Stock Ownership Trust**

CSG Partners

Stout Risius Ross, LLC

Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Suntec Concrete

Prudent Fiduciary Services

Vedder Price

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

### **Acquisition of The Lumery by Accenture**

Technology Holdings

The Lumery

Accenture

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

### **Sale of Sawyer to DaySmart, a Parthenon Capital and LLR Partners PortCo**

Leonis Partners

Shanahan

Sawyer

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$1B)**

### **Strategic Majority Investment in Sayari by TPG Growth**

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP

William Blair & Company, L.L.C.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)**

### **Sale of Adenza to Nasdaq**

Thoma Bravo

Nasdaq

Adenza

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

### **Acquisition of certain SCSR LLC assets by Wipfli LLP**

Northern Edge Advisors LLC

Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

SCSR, L.L.C

Wipfli LLP

Dwyer Murphy Calvert LLP

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

### **Sale of Business Development Resources, Inc. to Southfield Capital, LP**

Dvorak Law Group, LLC

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

Betts Austin Johnson PLLC

Uplift Partners

KPMG

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)**

### **Sale of Secure Collateral Management, LLC**

EdgePoint

McDermott Will & Emery LLP

Fishman Haygood L.L.P.

Secure Collateral Management

## **II. FIRMS OF THE YEAR**

### **ACCOUNTING/DUE DILIGENCE FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**PKF O'Connor Davies**

### **SMALL BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Wofford Advisors**

### **MID SIZE BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**MelCap Partners, LLC**

### **LARGE BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Leonis Partners**

### **COMMUNICATIONS FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Joele Frank, Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher**

### **CONSULTING FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Vector Advisory Services, LLC**

### **INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Generational Group**

### **LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, P.C.**

### **LENDER FIRM OF THE YEAR**

**Churchill Asset Management**

## **PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM OF THE YEAR (UP TO \$5B AUM)**

VSS Capital Partners

## **PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM OF THE YEAR (OVER \$5B AUM)**

Monomoy Capital Partners

## **VALUATION FIRM OF THE YEAR**

Empire Valuation Consultants

## **III. PRODUCT/SERVICE OF THE YEAR**

Portfolio Protect, Portfolio Cyber Risk Services, Alliant | M&A

## **IV. PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR**

### **INVESTMENT BANKER OF THE YEAR**

Kendall Stafford, Managing Partner, Benchmark International

### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Tracy Hansen, Partner, Practice Lead, SBI Growth Advisory

### **SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

Jawad Hussain, Partner, MorganFranklin Consulting

### **LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR**

Jamie Edmonson and Rachel Jaffe Mauceri, Partners, Robinson & Cole LLP



## **V. FINANCING OF THE YEAR**

### **DEBT FINANCING OF THE YEAR (UNDER \$100MM)**

#### **Consolidation of Financing for Promise Holdings and Refinancing of a Critical Acquisition**

Chiron Financial LLC

Paceline Equity

Cadence Bank

Promise Holdings

### **DEBT FINANCING OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)**

#### **Financing of Vivos Holdings, LLC, a subsidiary of Emprise Group, Inc. (formerly Vi-Jon Holding, Inc.)**

Armory Group

Vivos Holdings, LLC

Emprise Group, Inc.

## **EQUITY FINANCING OF THE YEAR**

#### **Initial Public Offering and Secondary Offering of ODDITY Tech Ltd. by L Catterton**

L Catterton

ODDITY Tech Ltd.

## **VI. RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR**

### **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

#### **Restructuring and Sale of Soft Surroundings Holdings, LLC**

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

Otterbourg P.C.

Drivetrain, LLC

Province, Inc.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Riemer & Braunstein LLP

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

SierraConstellation Partners, LLC

Kelley Drye & Warren LLP

The Law Office of Liz Freeman

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Winstead PC

## **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

### **Restructuring of Mariner Health Central Inc. and Affiliates**

Robinson+Cole	Province
Mariner Health Central Inc.	Raines Feldman Littrell LLP
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP	Sheppard Mullen Richter & Hampton LLP
Pillsbury Winthrop	SierraConstellation Partners, LLC

## **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$250MM)**

### **Restructuring of DCL Holdings**

Province, Inc.	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP
Morris James LLP	

## **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (\$250MM TO \$1B)**

### **Restructuring of Careismatic Brands**

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP	Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Careismatic Brands	

## **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (\$1B TO \$5B)**

### **Restructuring of Amyris Inc.**

Intrepid Investment Bankers	Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
Ankura Consulting Group, LLC	Paul Hastings LLP
CR3 Partners	PwC
Goodwin Procter LLP	The Michel-Shaked Group
Jefferies Group LLC	White & Case LLP

## **RESTRUCTURING OF THE YEAR (OVER \$5B)**

### **Restructuring of Voyager Digital Ltd.**

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	Kirkland & Ellis LLP
ArentFox Schiff LLP	McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Berkeley Research Group, LLC	Moelis & Company, LLC
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

## **VII. CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEALS OF THE YEAR**

### **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$25MM)**

#### **Acquisition of ITR Economics by Crowe LLP**

Dvorak Law Group, LLC

Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC

ButcherJoseph & Co.

OnPoint LLC

Crowe LLP

### **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$25MM TO \$50MM)**

#### **Sale of Applied BioMath to Certara, Inc.**

Mirus Capital Advisors

Katz, Nannis + Solomon

Certara, Inc.

Morse Law

### **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$75MM)**

#### **Sale of the Scrap Metal Division of Wall Recycling to Foss Recycling**

GulfStar Group

Foss Recycling

Allied Industrial Partners

Tuggle Duggins & Meschan

Alvarez & Marsal

Wall Recycling

Driver, McAfee, Hawthorne & Diebenow

Windham Brannon

First Citizens Bank

### **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$75MM TO \$100MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Neuroscience Education Institute by HMP Global**

Navagant

Neuroscience Education Institute

Armstrong Teasdale

RSM LLP

CohnReznick LLP

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

HMP Global

## **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$250MM)**

### **Acquisition of Mirador, Inc. by Institutional Capital Network, Inc.**

Duncan Bergman Mandell	Mirador, Inc.
Goodwin Proctor LLP	Morgan Stanley
iCapital	Raymond James

## **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$250MM TO \$1B)**

### **Acquisition of the Sansum Clinic by Sutter Health**

ECG Management Consultants	Bain & Company
Sansum Clinic	Sutter Health

## **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$1B TO \$5B)**

### **Acquisition of Tenet's Coastal South Carolina Hospitals by Novant Health**

Novant Health	RBC
Deloitte	Sidley Austin LLP
Chartis	Tenet Healthcare
Guidehouse	

## **CORPORATE/STRATEGIC DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$5B)**

### **Acquisition of Hostess Brands by The J.M. Smucker Co.**

FTI Consulting	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
BofA	RBC
Hostess Brands	The J.M. Smucker Co.
Morgan Stanley	Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

## **VIII. CROSS BORDER DEALS OF THE YEAR**

### **CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$50MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Push Technologies SL by Cendyn**

Benchmark International

Cendyn

Accel-KKR CO LLC

Push Technologies SL

### **CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$100MM)**

#### **Restructuring of Gamida Cell Ltd and Gamida Cell Inc.**

Cooley LLP

Highbridge Capital Management, LLC

Blank Rome LLP

Meitar Law Offices

Gamida Cell Ltd.

Herzog Fox & Neeman

Paul Hastings LLP (professional formerly at King & Spalding)

### **CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$1B)**

#### **Acquisition of Australian Oilseeds by EDOC SPAC**

CohnReznick LLP

EDOC Acquisition Corp

Australian Oilseeds (Pty) Ltd.

### **CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)**

#### **Initial Public Offering of L Catterton's Investment in BIRKENSTOCK**

L Catterton

BIRKENSTOCK

## **IX. PRIVATE EQUITY DEALS OF THE YEAR**

### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$25MM)**

#### **Acquisition of I-Deal Optics, Inc. by Highland Rim Capital**

Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc.	Holland & Knight LLP
Clark Hill	I-Deal Optics
Connor Group	Main Street Capital Holdings, LLC
Grossman Yanak & Ford, LLP	Servis First
Highland Rim Capital	

### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$25MM TO \$50MM)**

#### **Acquisition of 2000 Industries Group by Venquest Capital Partners**

Generational Group	Venquest Capital Partners
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### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$75MM)**

#### **Sale of Garner Industries, Inc. to Shoreview Capital**

Bridgepoint Investment Banking	GMB Capital Partners
Dykema	Koley Jessen
First National Bank of Omaha	UHY LLP
FORVIS	

### **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$75MM TO \$100MM)**

#### **Investment in Identiti by Keystone Capital**

CIBC Capital Markets	Keystone Capital
DLA Piper	Kroll
Identiti Resources Ltd.	Quarles & Brady LLP

## **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$250MM)**

### **Acquisition of Adapt2 Solutions by Blackstone Energy Transition Partners & Vista Equity Partners**

Crutchfield Capital

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Alvarez & Marsal

The Blackstone Group

Foley & Lardner LLP

Vista Equity Partners

## **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$250MM TO \$500MM)**

### **Acquisition of National Safety Apparel by Blue Point Capital Partners**

Blue Point Capital Partners

National Safety Apparel

## **PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM)**

### **Acquisition of USA DeBusk LLC by H.I.G. Capital**

Holland & Knight LLP

McDermott Will & Emery LLP

H.I.G. Capital

USA DeBusk LLC

## **X. M&A DEALS OF THE YEAR**

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$10MM TO \$25MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Wave Central by Codan Communications**

UHY Advisors, Inc.

Near Earth LLC

Codan Limited

Wave Central

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$25MM TO \$50MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Yates Line Construction by GridTek Utility Services**

Romanchuk & Co.

Jones Walker LLP

CBIZ

SLR Consulting

GridTek Utility Services

Yates Line Construction

iDeals

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$50MM TO \$75MM)**

#### **Acquisition of a majority stake of Aggne by Wipro**

Technology Holdings

Wipro

Aggne

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$75MM TO \$100MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Banyan Security, Inc. by SonicWall, Inc.**

Saul Ewing LLP

Goodwin Procter LLP

SonicWall, Inc.

Banyan Security, Inc.

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$100MM TO \$250MM)**

#### **Strategic Investment in Kaseware by The Riverside Company**

Ascend Capital Group

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Jones Day

The Riverside Company

Kaseware Inc.

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$250MM TO \$500MM)**

#### **Acquisition of Sunniland Corporation by SRS Distribution**

Hyde Park Capital

SRS Distribution

Shutts & Bowen LLP

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$500MM TO \$1B)**

#### **Acquisition of Waupaca Foundry**

Monomoy Capital Partners

Waupaca Foundry

Bain Capital

### **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (\$1B TO \$10B)**

#### **Take-Private Sale of Avantax, Inc. by Aretec Group, Inc.**

Haynes and Boone, LLP

PJT Partners

Avantax, Inc.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Cetera Financial Group



## **M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$10B)**

### **Acquisition of Seagen by Pfizer**

Deloitte Consulting LLP

Seagen

Pfizer

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

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