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CONGRATULATIONS

LEADERS & DEALMAKERS

DEAL *of the* YEAR

OUTSTANDING FIRM *of the* YEAR

WINNERS CIRCLE • 2019

July 12, 2019: Washington DC. Global M&A Network honored the winners of the inaugural USA M&A Awards at the privately hosted gala and dinner ceremony held at the historic Mayflower Hotel.

Over 950 eligible deals were evaluated, and ultimately selected as the winner of the “DEAL of the YEAR” awards in various categories.

“We honored the successes of top players and congratulate them on their vision and excellence. We wish all the winners continued success the year ahead.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, at Global M&A Network.

ROGER CARLILE, Chief Executive Officer, Founder, Ankura Consulting Group, received the U.S.A Corporate Growth & Strategy Leader Award of the Year for his vision of building Ankura into a world-class consulting firm.

RONALD D. MILLER, President and Managing Director, Cleary Gull, was awarded the U.S.A Investment Banker Award of the Year. With over 30 years of experience he has completed middle-market transactions valued at approximately \$10 billion.

about:

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LEADERS & DEALMAKERS AWARDS *Recipients of the Year*

ROGER CARLILE

Chief Executive Officer, Founder, Ankura Consulting Group

Recipient of the: U.S.A Corporate Growth & Strategy Leader Award of the Year

Roger has over 30 years of professional services experience, including more than 20 years in senior leadership positions for both publicly owned and private-partnership businesses. Roger has managed client relationships and overseen practices across a broad range of professional services including bankruptcy, investment banking, valuation, due diligence, financial statement audits, and forensic technology. He founded Ankura Consulting Group in 2014.

RONALD D. MILLER

President and Managing Director, Cleary Gull

Recipient of the: U.S.A Investment Banker Award of the Year

Ron is responsible for leading the investment banking department as well as actively managing transactions, business development, and private equity coverage. With over 30 years of transaction experience, he has completed more than 120 merger and acquisition and public and private financing assignments representing approximately \$10 billion of transaction value.

OUTSTANDING FIRMS *of the Year*

U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE-MARKETS

WINNER: GenNx 360 Capital Partners.

U.S.A LENDER *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE-MARKETS

WINNER: Churchill Asset Management.

OUTSTANDING M&A SERVICES FIRMS *of the Year*

USA TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE-MARKETS

WINNER: CohnReznick.

USA VALUATIONS & OPINIONS FIRM *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE-MARKETS

WINNER: Prairie Capital Advisors.

USA TAX & ACCOUNTING FIRM *of the YEAR* • MIDDLE-MARKETS

WINNER: Citrin Cooperman.

USA VDR FIRM *of the YEAR*

WINNER: DFIN.



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OUTSTANDING MIDDLE-MARKET M&A FIRMS *of the Year*

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INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

WINNER: SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

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INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Houlihan Lokey.

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INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Caddo Lake Capital.

U.S.A TECHNOLOGY M&A

INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

WINNER: DC Advisory.

ESOP INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*

WINNER CSG Partners.

U.S.A HEALTHCARE M&A

LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Bass Berry Sims, plc.

TECHNOLOGY M&A

LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Fenwick & West LLP

ESOP

LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Evaluation Standards: Outcome based on closed transactions exclusive per industry sector; (2) Expertise and record of executing deals, and top clients served per industry sector.

League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.



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INDUSTRIES

MIDDLE MARKETS, DEAL *Award Winners*

U.S.A CONSUMER • *Sub-Sectors*

U.S.A CONSUMER GOODS & SERVICES DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: ACON Investments acquires Goody from Newell Brands.

Winner: ACON Investments.

U.S.A CONSUMER RETAIL & SERVICES DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Sale of SFTF (dba Ashley Furniture Homestores) to SFTF Employee Stock Ownership Trust.

Winner: CSG Partners.

U.S.A FOOD & BEVERAGE DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Kar's Nuts, a portfolio company of Palladium Equity Partners acquires Morley Candy Makers (d/b/a Sanders Fine Chocolatiers®)

Winner: KPMG Corporate Finance.

U.S.A ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL *of the* YEAR • Middle Markets

WINNER: Southwest Gas Holdings, subsidiary, Centuri Construction acquires Linetec Services.

Winner: Foley & Lardner.

U.S.A INDUSTRIALS • *Sub-Sectors*

U.S.A AUTO & SERVICES DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Roll-Rite acquired by Safe Fleet.

Winners: Cleary Gull, KPMG Corporate Finance

U.S.A INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: Maxim Crane Works acquires B&G Crane.

Winner: FTI Consulting.

U.S.A MATERIALS & MANUFACTURING DEAL *of the* YEAR

WINNER: BlueArc Capital Partners and Merit Capital acquisition and merger of Choice Brands Adhesives and Slocum Holdings.

Winners: Dentons, BlueArc Capital Partners.



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MIDDLE MARKETS, DEAL *Award Winners*

U.S.A HEALTHCARE • *Sub-Sectors*

U.S.A HEALTHCARE SERVICES *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Evolent Health acquires New Century Investment from and NCIS Holdings, Inc.

Winner: Bass, Berry & Sims.

U.S.A HEALTHCARE IT *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Allen Technologies acquisition by Periscope Equity.

Winner: Cleary Gull.

U.S.A PHARMA & DEVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Emergent BioSolutions acquisition of PaxVax.

Winner: Emergent BioSolutions.

U.S.A TMT • *Sub-Sectors*

U.S.A IT & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: GCOM Software acquires Three Sigma Software.

Winner: DC Advisory.

U.S.A TECH DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Dropbox acquires HelloSign.

Winner: Fenwick & West.

U.S.A TELECOM & SERVICES DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Cotton Creek Capital acquires Y-COM.

Winner: Caddo Lake Capital.



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U.S.A MIDDLE MARKET DEAL Awards

U.S.A PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: GenNX360 Capital Partners acquires Precision Aviation Group.

Winner: GenNX360 Capital Partners.

U.S.A ACQUISITION FINANCE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Commercial Metals Company financing for acquisition of U.S rebar steel mill and fabrication assets from Gerdau.

Winner: Haynes and Boone, LLP.

U.S.A ESOP DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: JRM Holdings acquisition by JRM Employee Stock Ownership Trust.

Winners: CSG Partners, Stout Risius Ross.

U.S.A DISTRESSED M&A DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Pachanga (d/b/a FIKA) Chapter 11 restructuring and sale of assets to lenders.

Winner: SSG Capital Advisors.

U.S.A RECAPITALIZATION DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Device42 recapitalization.

Winner: DC Advisory.

U.S.A SPONSOR FINANCE DEAL *of the YEAR*

WINNER: National Credit Center, a SNH portfolio company growth capital funding.

Winner: Monroe Capital.

CROSS BORDER M&A DEAL, Awards

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Small Market, Transaction Size Below \$250 million.*

WINNER: Bonhill Group acquires assets of InvestmentNews from Crain Communications.

Winner: Dentons LLP.

CROSS BORDER DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Mid-Market, Transaction Size Above \$250 million, Below \$1 billion.*

WINNER: Farfetch acquires Stadium Goods.

Winner: Fenwick & West, LLP.



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DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT

DEAL Awards

U.S.A DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT

DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle-Market.*

WINNER: Ankura acquires Navigant's Disputes, Forensics and Legal Technology (DFLT) segment and the Transaction Advisory Services (TAS) groups.

Winners: Ankura, and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey.

U.S.A DIVESTITURE & CRAVE-OUT

DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion.*

WINNER: Consolidated Edison (Con Edison) acquires U.S. operating solar assets and battery storage projects from Sempra Energy.

Winner: Troutman Sanders.

U.S.A CORPORATE

M&A DEAL Awards

U.S.A CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle-Market*

WINNER: TopBuild acquires United Subcontractors.

Winner: Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

U.S.A CORPORATE DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$ 1 billion.*

WINNER: Pebblebrook Hotel Trust merger with LaSalle Hotel Properties.

Winner: Pebblebrook Hotel Trust.

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DEAL Awards

U.S.A DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Middle-Market*

WINNER: AquaVenture acquires AUC Group from Argosy Private Equity.

Winner: Capstone Headwaters.

U.S.A DEAL *of the YEAR* • *Large, Transaction Size Above \$1 billion.*

WINNER: Plantronics acquires Polycom.

Winner: Foley & Lardner, LLP.