



I. SECTOR DEAL OF THE YEAR

HEALTHCARE AND LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$500MM)

Chapter 11 Sale of ATLS Acquisition, LLC, dba
Liberty Medical Supply, Inc. ("Liberty")

Raymond James
Chipman Brown Cicero & Brown, LLP
Ernst & Young
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Lowenstein Sandler PC
Mesirow Financial Consulting LLC
Palm Beach Capital
RSR Consulting, LLC
Stevens & Lee, P.C

HEALTHCARE AND LIFE SCIENCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM)

Acquisition of Griffin-American Healthcare
REIT by NorthStar Realty Finance Corp.

Dechert LLP
Griffin-American Healthcare REIT
NorthStar Realty Finance Corp.
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

**INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION DEAL OF THE YEAR
(FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)**

Acquisition of Zak Incorporated by LAI
International

PCE Investment Bankers
DLA Piper
LAI International
RLJ Equity Partners
Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP
Zak Incorporated

**INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION DEAL OF THE YEAR
(OVER \$100MM TO \$500MM)**

Sale of Enviro Systems, Inc. to Zodiac
Aerospace

Mesirow Financial
Antares International Partners
Deloitte
Firley, Moran, Freer & Eassa
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton
Paul Hastings

**INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION DEAL OF THE YEAR
(OVER \$500MM)**

Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Momentive
Performance Materials

Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Alix Partners, LLP
Dechert, LLP
FTI Consulting, Inc.
Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP
KPMG
Lazard Ltd.
Milbank, Tweed, Hadkley & McCloy
Moelis & Company LLC
Momentive Performance Materials Inc.
(In re MPM Silicones, LLC, et al.)
Ropes & Gray LLP
Valuation Research Corporation
Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, LLP

RETAIL MANUFACTURING AND DISTRIBUTION DEAL OF THE YEAR

Acquisition and Restructuring of The Wet Seal, Inc. and its debtor affiliates by Mador Lending, LLC, an affiliate of Versa Capital Management, LLC

Province, Inc.
FTI
Greenberg Traurig
Houlian
Klehr Harrison
Mador Lending, LLC
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
The Wet Seal, Inc.
Versa Capital Management, LLC

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)

Acquisition of NCB Management Services, Inc. by NCB Employee Stock Ownership Trust

CSG Partners
NCB
Moore & Van Allen, PLLC
Pepper Hamilton
Stout Risius Ross

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)

Acquisition of CompoSecure, LLC, by LLR Partners

Generational Equity
BDO USA LLC
CompoSecure, LLC
DLA Piper
Drinker Biddle
Friedman LLP
Generational Capital Markets, Inc.
LLR Partners

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (B-TO-B) DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)

Acquisition of Ariad Communications by High Road Capital Partners

High Road Capital Partners
Ariad Custom Communication
Babson Capital Management
Blake, Cassels & Graydon
Blue Spire Marketing
Fifth Third Bank
IGS
KPMG
Petsky Prunier
Royal Bank of Canada
Thompson Hine
U.S. Bank

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (B-TO-B) DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)

Acquisition of Controlling Stake in SEKO
Logistics by Greenbriar Equity Group

Raymond James
Greenbriar Equity Group
Horwood Marcus & Berk
SEKO Logistics

TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)

Sale of 38.04% stake in Systran SA to CSLi Co.,
Ltd

BDA Partners
CSLi
Systran S.A.

TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM TO \$250MM)

Divestitures from EMCORE Corporation
(NASDAQ: EMKR)

Raymond James
Ansarada
Citizens Bank RBS
CSP Associates
Deloitte
EMCORE
Hancock Capital Management
KPMG
NeoPhotonics
O'Melveny & Myers
PwC
Schulte Roth & Zabel
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Veritas Capital

TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$250MM TO \$500MM)

Sale of Rx30 by Benchmark International

Benchmark International
Broad and Cassel
Cross Fernandez & Riley
GTCR
Kirkland & Ellis

TECHNOLOGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM)

Acquisition of TransFirst by Vista Equity Partners	FT Partners TransFirst Vista Equity Partners
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MEDIA DEAL OF THE YEAR

Merger/Spin-Off of The E.W. Scripps Company and Journal Communications	BakerHostetler Evercore Partners Inc. Methuselah Advisors Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP Sullivan & Cromwell LLP The E.W. Scripps Company Wells Fargo Securities
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TELECOM DEAL OF THE YEAR

Acquisition of A Wireless by Z Wireless	Allegiance Capital Corp. A Wireless Morrison Cohen, LLP Pennant Park STS Capital Partners Atlantic Street Capital
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ENERGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$1B)

Acquisition of QIC, Inc. by RINA S.p.A.	GulfStar Group QIC Ewing & Jones, PPLC Fredericks Michael & Co. PwC RINA Seyfarth Shaw LLP
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ENERGY DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)

Merger of Navig8 Crude Tankers and General Maritime

Seward & Kissel
Navig8
Crude Tankers
General Maritime

INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND BASIC RESOURCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)

Turnaround and Sale of LC Manufacturing

O'Keefe
BFC, Inc.
Dold Spath Kiriazis
K&S Forge, Inc./LC Manufacturing
Comerica Bank

INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND BASIC RESOURCES DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM)

Sale of Protective Industries, Inc., a Windjammer Capital Portfolio Company, to Berwind Corporation

Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP
Alvarez & Marsal
Berwind Corporation
Dechert LLP
Ernst & Young
Houlihan Lokey Capital
Windjammer Capital Investors

CONSUMER AND RETAIL PRODUCTS DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$500MM)

Acquisition of Wagg Foods by Catterton

Catterton
Latham & Watkins LLP
Alvarez & Marsal
Gordons LLP
HSBC Bank plc
Rothschild
Wagg Foods, Ltd.

CONSUMER AND RETAIL PRODUCTS DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM)

Acquisition of MOM Brands by Post Holdings

Faegre Baker Daniels
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C.
Post Consumer Brands

CONSUMER SERVICES DEAL OF THE YEAR

Acquisition of The RAM Restaurant and Brewery
by The RAM Employee Stock Ownership Trust

CSG Partners
Berntson Porter
Law Offices of Robert E. Lesser
Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene
Genovese & Gluck
The RAM Employee Stock Ownership Trust
(Wilmington Trust)
The RAM Restaurant and Brewery
Washington Trust Bank

REAL ESTATE DEAL OF THE YEAR

Purchase of Veris Gold USA, Inc. assets by
Whitebox Advisors, LLC

Fennemore Craig, P.C.
Dentons Canada, LLP
Dorsey & Whitney, LLP
Ernst & Young
Fasken Martineau
Fox Rothschild LLP
Irwin Lowy, LLP
JCM Holdings III Limited
Whitebox Advisors, LLC

AGRICULTURE DEAL OF THE YEAR

Acquisition of Hesco Inc.
by Healthy Food Ingredients, LLC

Generational Equity
Hesco Inc.
Healthy Food Ingredients, LLC
Horizon Holdings, LLC

II. FIRM OF THE YEAR

VALUATION FIRM OF THE YEAR

Generational Equity

CONSULTING FIRM OF THE YEAR

PwC

LENDER FIRM OF THE YEAR

Ares Direct Lending

INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR

KPMG Corporate Finance LLC

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Hirschler Fleischer

PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM OF THE YEAR

Watermill Group

BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR

J.D. Ford & Company

ACCOUNTING/DUE DILIGENCE FIRM OF THE YEAR

RSM

MARKETING/PR FIRM OF THE YEAR

Brunswick Group

III. PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Paul Aversano, Managing Director and Global Practice Leader, Alvarez & Marsal

LENDER DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR

Glenn T. Kim, Managing Director, Origination, Fifth Street Management, LLC

LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR, OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Morton Pierce, Partner, White & Case LLP

Oliver Brahmst, Head of Americas Private Equity, White & Case LLP

LEGAL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR, IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

David McCreary, Chief Legal Officer, Generational Equity

INVESTMENT BANKER DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR

Steve McLaughlin, Managing Partner, Financial Technology Partners

CORPORATE BUYER / SELLER DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR

Colin J. Levere, Senior M&A Lawyer, Scotiabank

PRIVATE EQUITY BUYER / SELLER DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR

Jared Ruger, Partner, Bertram Capital Management

IV. PRODUCT / SERVICE OF THE YEAR

PRODUCT / SERVICE OF THE YEAR, INFORMATION SERVICES

Merrill DataSite

PRODUCT / SERVICE OF THE YEAR, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Allied World – Representations and Warranties (R&W) Insurance

V. DEAL FINANCING OF THE YEAR

EQUITY FINANCING DEAL OF THE YEAR

Recapitalization of Penn Foster Education Group
by The Vistria Group

Capstone Partners
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Falcon Investment Advisors
Penn Foster Education Group
Sankaty Advisors
The Vistria Group

DEBT FINANCING DEAL OF THE YEAR

Refinancing of AcuSport Corporation by
Huron Transaction Advisory LLC

Huron Transaction Advisory
Huron Business Advisory
Winston & Strawn
Wells Fargo Capital Finance
Goldberg Kohn
Regions Business Capital
RBS Citizens Bank

VI. RESTRUCTURING DEAL OF THE YEAR

RESTRUCTURING DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$100MM)

Acquisition of Hynes Industries by an affiliate of Resilience Capital Partners

Resilience Capital Partners
Brown Gibbons Lang & Company
Ernst & Young
Huntington Bank
Hynes Industries
Jones Day
Roth, Blair, Roberts, Strasfeld & Lodge

RESTRUCTURING DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM TO \$1B)

Restructuring and Recapitalizing of Berger Group Holdings, Inc.

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP
Abrams Capital
Berger Group Holdings

RESTRUCTURING DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B)

Chapter 9 Reorganization of The City of Detroit, Michigan

Conway MacKenzie, Inc.
City of Detroit
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Ernst & Young
Barclays
Jones Day
Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC
Miller Canfield
Pepper Hamilton, LLP

VII. CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR

CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$25MM)

Acquisition of QIC, Inc. by RINA S.p.A.

GulfStar Group
QIC
Ewing & Jones, PPLC
Fredericks Michael & Co.
PwC
RINA
Seyfarth Shaw LLP

CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$25MM TO \$100MM)

Investment in Lily's Kitchen by Catterton

Catterton
Bain
Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP
Deloitte
Lily's Kitchen
Simmons & Simmons
Stamford Partners
Trethowans LLP

CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM TO \$250MM)

Combination of Northern Lights Capital Group
and Treasury Group Limited

Medley Management, Inc.
Goodwin Procter LLP
Pepper Hamilton LLP
William Blair
Aether Investment Partners, LLC
Clayton Utz
Gresham Advisory Partner Limited
Herbert Smith Freehills
Northern Lights Capital Partners

CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$250MM TO \$500MM)

Acquisition of Recurrent Energy, LLC by
Canadian Solar, Inc.

Foley & Lardner LLP
Canadian Solar Inc.
Recurrent Energy, LLC

CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$500MM TO \$1B)

Sale of Power Assets in Latin America

White & Case LLP
Power Assets

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

Merger of Aeroflex Holding Corp.
with Cobham plc

Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Aeroflex Holding Corp.
Bank of America
Brunswick Group LLP
Cobham plc
Goldman Sachs
Merril Lynch
Richards, Layton & Finger PA
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

VIII. CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION DEAL OF THE YEAR

CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR (FROM \$10MM TO \$25MM)

Acquisition of certain subscriber assets from
Sage Telecom by Birch Communications

Redwood Capital Group
Birch Communications, Inc.
Telscape Truconnect

CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR (OVER \$25MM TO \$100MM)

Carve-Out of Mobile Mini, Inc. North American
Mobile Office Fleet to Acton Mobile Industries

Prophet Equity
Oppenheimer & Co.
Jackson Walker L.L.P.
PNC Bank
Sprock Capital Advisory
Wells Fargo Capital Finance

CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR (OVER \$100MM TO \$250MM)

Acquisition of PAI Group, Inc. (PayChoice) by
Group plc (LSE:SGE)

Raymond James
Deloitte
Goodwin Procter, LLP
Grant Thornton
Great Hill Partners
PayChoice
RW Baird
Sage Software
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
William Blair

**CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR
(OVER \$250MM TO \$500MM)**

Acquisition of Brunswick Corporation's Bowling
Business by Bowlmor AMF

Proskauer Rose, LLP
Bowlmor AMF
Sidley Austin LLP

**CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR
(OVER \$500MM TO \$1B)**

Sale of GFI Group, Inc. to BGC Partners

White & Case, LLP
BGC Partners
GFI Group, Inc.

**CORPORATE AND STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE YEAR
(OVER \$1B)**

Merger of Aeroflex Holding Corp.
with Cobham plc

Schulte Roth & Zabel
Aeroflex Holding Corp.
Bank of America
Brunswick Group, LLP
Cobham plc
Goldman, Sachs
Merril Lynch
Richards, Layton & Finger, PA
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

IX. M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR

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

Acquisition of Nelson Pipeline by Beirne Pipeline Holdings partnered with Axis Private Equity

Headwaters MB
Ahmann Martin
Axis Private Equity
Bauerle & Co
Beirne Pipeline Holdings
First Western Trust
Fox Rothschild LLP
Navigator Partners
Nelson Pipeline Constructors, Inc.
Polsinelli
White Oak Global Advisor

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

Acquisition of Amtech Corporation by Blackford Capital

Blackford Capital
McClarín Plastics

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

Acquisition of Master Cutlery by Champlain Capital

Capstone Partners
Champlain Capital
Kho & Patel CPA
Master Cutlery
Meister Seelig & Fein LLP

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

Majority Investment in Trax Technologies by Strattam Capital

Strattam Capital
Capital Southwest Corporation
Partners for Growth
River Cities Capital Funds Silicon Valley Bank
Trax Technologies
William Blair
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

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

Sale of The Flexan Corporation to Linden Capital Partners

Mesirow Financial
Ernst & Young
Golub Capital
Intralinks
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC
Linden Capital
Partners Plante Moran

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

Employee Acquisition of Nation Safe Drivers

Butcher Joseph & Co
Medley Management, Inc.
Northport Capital, LLC. a Resource
America, Inc. Company
NSD Holdings, Inc.
Alcentra Capital Corporation
BankUnited NA
Fifth Third Bank
Keefe McCullough CPA's + Trusted Advisors
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Nation Safe Drivers
Proskauer Rose LLP
Stout Risius Ross, Inc.

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

Merger/Spin-Off of The E.W. Scripps Company and Journal Communications

BakerHostetler
Evercore Partners, Inc.
Methuselah Advisors
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP
The E.W. Scripps Company
Wells Fargo Securities

M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$1B TO \$5B)

Acquisition of Susquehanna Bancshares by BB&T Corp.

Keefe Bruyette & Woods
BB&T Corporation
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP
Susquehanna Bancshares

M&A DEAL OF THE YEAR (OVER \$5B)

Restructuring of ITR Concession Co. LLC
(Indiana Toll Road) and Sale to IFM Investors

UBS Investment Bank
KPMG Corporate Finance LLC
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP
Barnes & Thornburg, LLP
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
Macquarie
Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, LLP
Moelis
Taft Stettinuis & Hollister LLP

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