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CLEARY GULL WINS THE M&A ADVISOR AND THE M&A ATLAS AWARDS



Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 7, 2017 – Cleary Gull is pleased to announce that it received M&A Advisor and M&A Atlas Awards during recent award galas in New York City in the following categories:

- ***The M&A Advisor Corporate/Strategic Deal and The M&A Atlas Nutrition & Health Deal of the Year*** for the sale of Florajen by American Lifeline, Inc. to Clarion Brands, a portfolio company of Swander Pace Capital.
- ***The M&A Atlas Deal of the Year (Small Mid-Markets)*** for the sale of Velvac Holdings, Inc., a portfolio company of Prospect Capital Partners, to The Eastern Company.
- ***The M&A Atlas Manufacturing Deal of the Year*** for the sale of EDSCO Fasteners, a portfolio company of Validor Capital LLC to LFM Capital Partners.

The firm was also a distinguished award finalist in the categories of U.S.A. Investment Bank of the Year – Small to Mid-Market, and U.S.A. Boutique Investment Bank of the Year.

“Since 2002, we have been honoring the leading M&A transactions, companies and dealmakers. Cleary Gull Inc. was chosen from over 650 participating companies to receive the award. It gives us great pleasure to recognize Cleary Gull and bestow upon them our highest honor for M&A firms and professionals,” said David Fergusson, Co-CEO and President, The M&A Advisor. “Cleary Gull represents the best of the M&A industry to 2017 and earned these honors by standing out in a group of very impressive candidates.”

“We are delighted to honor the achievements of top players from the vibrant middle market communities. The winners represent vision and excellence for executing transactions in an increasingly competitive market-place. The evening also honored top deals and outstanding firms from the global mergers and acquisitions community. We wish all the winners continued success the year ahead.” Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor, at Global M&A Network.



“We are very proud of the transactions we completed last year and it is very nice to receive national recognition for our work,” said Ronald Miller, President and Managing Director. “We are grateful to be recognized with these prestigious industry awards.”

About Cleary Gull

Founded in 1987, Cleary Gull (www.clearygull.com/ib) is an independent investment banking firm advising privately held companies on middle market sales, divestitures, mergers and acquisitions, private debt and equity capital raises, and other transactions. Cleary Gull has extensive experience in manufacturing, consumer, business & industrial services, and software and technology.