



Winners Revealed for the 24th Annual M&A Advisor Awards

New York, November 19, 2025 – The M&A Advisor proudly announced the winners of the 24th Annual M&A Advisor Awards at a sold-out, lively Black-Tie event at The New York Athletic Club, held during the [2025 Future of Dealmaking Summit](#) on November 18th and 19th.

“Celebrating our wins—both the small milestones and, for many of us here, the truly significant achievements—is essential to building lasting success,” said Roger Aguinaldo, Founder and CEO of The M&A Advisor. “The challenges, complexities, and unforeseen obstacles you navigate in every transaction are precisely what distinguishes your leadership. Tonight, we honor YOU—the firms, the individuals, and the transformative deals that continue to set the benchmark for excellence across our industry.”

The 24th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala celebrated with the professionals whose work has set a remarkable standard for excellence in dealmaking. This year, finalists were selected from among more than 1,000 nominations, showcasing the breadth and quality of talent across the industry.

[View the full list of Award Winners for the 24th Annual M&A Advisor Awards](#)

“The M&A Advisor started in 1998 as a modest newsletter with only a few hundred subscribers. Twenty-seven years later, it has evolved into a global platform at the center of the dealmaking community. Today, tens of thousands of professionals engage with us through our summits, awards galas, networking forums, and an ever-growing digital community,” says Roger Aguinaldo. “I’m incredibly proud of how far we’ve come—and of the role we continue to play in supporting and elevating the M&A industry.”

At the 2025 Future of Dealmaking awards ceremony, two industry stalwarts were honored for their significant contributions to M&A. **Ken Kencel**, President and CEO of Churchill Management Asset, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award,

while **Jacob Voorhees**, Founding Member and Managing Director of Navagant, received the prestigious Thomas Farrell Memorial Award. These distinguished awardees took a moment to reflect on their journeys and the lasting impact they've made in the world of mergers and acquisitions.

The 2025 Awards Ceremony honored the industry's leading dealmakers and welcomed a new class of trailblazers into its ranks. Alongside the recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Thomas Farrell Memorial Award, the following 2025 Leadership Awardees- Ricardo Lacerda, CEO & Founding Partner, BR Partners Banco de Investimentos S.A., Adam Reilly, National Managing Partner, U.S Mergers, Acquisitions & Restructuring Services, Deloitte, and Dave Miller, Senior Portfolio Manager and Head of Restructuring, Elliott Management, were inducted into The M&A Advisor Hall of Fame. These distinguished leaders have set the benchmark for excellence, shaping the future of the M&A landscape and inspiring the next generation of visionaries.

As the evening ended, it was clear that their collective legacy—paired with The M&A Advisor's continued commitment to innovation and growth—will help propel the industry forward for years to come.

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