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Square 1 Bank is a division of Pacific Western Bank, a Los Angeles-based commercial bank with over \$21 billion in assets. A full service financial services partner to entrepreneurs and their investors, Square 1 provides clients flexible resources and attentive service to help their companies grow. Square 1 offers a broad range of venture debt, treasury and cash management solutions through offices in top innovation centers: Atlanta, Austin, the Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Durham, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, San Diego, Seattle and Washington, DC. Pacific Western Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PacWest Bancorp (NASDAQ:PACW). For more information, visit [www.square1bank.com](http://www.square1bank.com).

### **Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP**

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Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP provides legal services worldwide to clients in the practice areas of corporate, energy and environmental, financial services, intellectual property, litigation, real estate, and tax. Our Private Equity group of more than 50 attorneys advises clients at every phase of the investment cycle by providing creative legal solutions to the most complex issues. Sutherland's Private Equity clients include business development companies (BDCs), venture, LBO, and mezzanine funds investing in a broad range of asset classes including: energy and natural resources, telecommunications, banking, digital economy platforms, and medical and insurance. We also represent a wide variety of university endowments and other fund investors.

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### **Eagle Merchant Partners**

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Eagle Merchant Partners (Eagle), based in Atlanta, is a private equity firm focused on lower middle buyouts in the Southeast. Eagle targets investments in the consumer, business services and industrial segments with equity checks of \$10 to \$75 million. The team has invested over \$1 billion of equity in fourteen platform companies with eleven realizations.

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### **Kian Capital**

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With offices in Charlotte, NC and Atlanta, GA, Kian Capital is a licensed Small Business Investment Company ("SBIC") with \$150 million of capital under management. The firm makes debt and equity investments in leading lower middle-market companies across a broad range of industries. We typically provide between \$5 million and \$15 million of capital in support of buyouts, recapitalizations and growth financings. We seek to partner with business owners, independent sponsors and private equity firms that are committed to increasing the enterprise value of their businesses.

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### **Frontier Capital**

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Frontier Capital is a Charlotte-based growth equity firm focused exclusively on software and technology-enabled business service companies. Founded in 1999, Frontier partners with management teams that can benefit from capital to accelerate growth, fund acquisitions or generate shareholder liquidity. We make minority and majority equity investments in high growth companies and have built an excellent track record of delivering returns to both our investors and management partners. For more information, please visit [www.frontiercapital.com](http://www.frontiercapital.com).

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Harbert Management Corporation ("HMC") is an investment management firm focusing on alternative assets, with approximately \$4.1 billion in Regulatory Assets Under Management as of February 29, 2016; asset classes include: U.S. Real Estate, European Real Estate, Seniors Housing, Venture Capital, U.S. Mezzanine Debt, European Growth Capital, Independent Power, MicroCap and Long/Short Equity. HMC is headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama USA with offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Gainesville, Nashville, New York, Richmond, San Francisco, London, Madrid and Paris. HMC and its affiliates make significant co-investments on the same terms as other investors in all their sponsored funds helping ensure a sharp focus on returns and strict controls around back office, legal, compliance and reporting.

## **MSouth Equity Partners**

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MSouth Equity Partners is a private equity investment firm that provides equity capital and expertise to support management teams in acquisitions and recapitalizations of lower middle market companies typically valued between \$25 and \$150 million. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, MSouth invests primarily in the South with a consistent focus on management buyouts of companies in sectors where the firm has significant investment, management and transactional experience. MSouth invests with the objective of increasing operating cash flow through growth initiatives and active ownership. A key element of MSouth's investment strategy is partnering with proven management teams to create value. With \$1.3 billion under management across three funds, MSouth is a successor to Cravey, Green & Wahlen, Inc., which was founded in 1984.

## **Third Century Investment Associates, LP**

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Third Century Investment Associates, LP ("TCIA") manages committed private equity capital for significant investments in Founder-led and Family-owned businesses in the United States and Canada. Our model is built on active investment in partnership with operating companies and carefully selected leaders and teams. Our mission is to support entrepreneurial growth, build sustainable business value, and develop a best-in-class reputation within the markets we serve. Our team targets proven businesses, with \$2 - \$5 million of operating earnings. TCIA's principals have 20 years collective experience in principal investing, corporate financial advisory, and strategic consulting. Since 2011, we have established a track record of building business value for our portfolio companies, management teams, and Limited Partners. For general inquiries and additional information regarding TCIA, please visit: [www.thirdcentury.com](http://www.thirdcentury.com).

## **W Capital Partners**

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BlueArc Mezzanine Partners (“BMP”) is an Atlanta-based private mezzanine fund that invests debt and equity capital in lower middle market companies throughout the Southeast, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic. The fund typically invests between \$3 million and \$10 million per deal in companies that have at least \$2 million or more of EBITDA. BMP is flexible as to structure and use of proceeds and can invest across most all industry sectors. Typical structures include subordinated debt, subordinated debt with warrants or an equity co-investment, and redeemable or preferred equity. Use of proceeds can include buyouts, acquisitions, growth capital, recapitalizations, and distributions. Please contact Scott Barfield at (404) 226-8103 or Steve Brannon at (770) 361-8465 for additional information.

### **Croft & Bender**

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Croft & Bender is an Atlanta-based investment banking and private equity firm focused on middle-market and emerging growth companies. Founded in 1996, our firm provides M&A, capital raising and financial advisory services and sponsors the C&B Capital growth equity funds. We are known for taking an in-depth, hands-on approach to every assignment and for our extensive relationships with strategic buyers and capital providers throughout the U.S. The C&B Capital funds benefit from Croft & Bender's resources, relationships and proprietary deal flow.

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Ridgemont Equity Partners is a Charlotte-based private equity firm that provides buyout and growth capital to closely-held private companies and new business platforms. The firm focuses on investments of \$25 million to \$100 million, in industries in which it has deep expertise, including basic industries and services, energy, healthcare, and telecommunications/ media/ technology. The cohesive investment team at Ridgemont takes pride in having a collaborative, long-term, partnership-based approach to its business, striving to forge close relationships with management teams, bankers, limited partners, and other key constituents. Since 1993, the principals of Ridgemont have invested over \$3 billion and demonstrated a proven, industry-focused model that has yielded consistently attractive returns.

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