

## Press Release

# Akerman Represents Comvest Partners in Portfolio Acquisition of Old Time Pottery

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Akerman LLP, a top 100 U.S. law firm serving clients across the Americas, today announced it has represented Comvest Partners in a portfolio acquisition of Tennessee-based discount retailer Old Time Pottery by Comvest Investment Partners Fund IV. The deal, which closed on October 2, provides the client with access to a retail network of 33 stores in 11 states throughout the Southeast and Midwest, thereby expanding its reach in the home décor sector.

Partners [Nate Balint](#), [Jed Freeland](#) and [Carl Roston](#), co-chair of the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity Practice Group, led the Akerman team representing Comvest Partners. Other Akerman lawyers significantly involved in the transaction included [William Arnhols](#), chair of the Banking, Lending & Structured Finance Practice Group, and partner [Sue Zabloudil](#) with the Real Estate Practice Group. Partners [Peter Salomon](#), chair of the Employee Benefits Practice Group, and [William Sullivan](#) with the Tax Practice Group also contributed to the transaction, along with associates [Sarah Farhadian](#) and [Jesse Nichols](#) with the Real Estate Practice Group, plus associates [Angela Ramey](#) and [Julia Seider](#) with the Corporate Practice Group.

Within the last year, Akerman has represented Comvest Partners in several other noteworthy transactions, including a merger of equals' transaction, in which the client merged its portfolio

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company, Pipeline Cynergy Holdings, with Priority Payment Systems.

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### **About Comvest Partners**

Comvest Partners, with \$1.3 billion of assets under management, provides flexible financing solutions to lower middle-market companies through its equity and debt funds, often meeting time-critical and complex funding requirements. Since 2000, Comvest Partners has invested more than \$1.9 billion of capital in over 130 public and private companies. For more information, please visit [www.comvest.com](http://www.comvest.com).