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# Akerman Advises R.L. James, Inc., a Portfolio Company of Hidden Harbor Capital Partners, in Strategic Investment in Commercial Plastering USA, LLC.

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Akerman represented R.L. James, Inc., a portfolio company of Hidden Harbor Capital Partners and a general contractor specializing in exterior restoration and remediation, in its investment in Commercial Plastering USA, LLC, a Southwest Florida-based provider of commercial plastering, exterior finishes, and drywall services.

The Akerman team advising R.L. James was led by Corporate Partner [Andrew Hard](#) and included key support across the firm's national platform:

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Founded in 1976 and based in Bradenton, Florida, Commercial Plastering USA, LLC, will advance R.L. James, Inc.'s reach across Southwest Florida and expand upon its capabilities in providing commercial exterior restoration and maintenance services statewide. The company is a leading regional provider of stucco finishes, drywall installation, exterior insulation finish systems, conventional lath and plaster systems, veneer plaster, decorative plaster molds, and exterior and specialty framing services.

This acquisition aligns with Hidden Harbor's ongoing mission to build strong, operationally focused businesses across the lower middle market. Financing for the transaction was provided by funds managed by First Eagle Alternative Credit, LLC.

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