

Press Release

Akerman Advises R.L. James, Inc. in Acquisition of Paramount Painting & Services, LLC

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Akerman represented R.L. James, Inc., a portfolio company of Hidden Harbor Capital Partners and a Florida-based general contractor specializing in exterior restoration and remediation services, in the acquisition of Paramount Painting & Services, LLC (PPSI), a Florida-based provider of commercial painting, waterproofing, and restoration services.

Headquartered in Tampa, with an additional office in Orlando, PPSI serves commercial customers across Florida. The transaction expands R.L. James Exteriors' service capabilities and strengthens its presence in key regional markets.

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