

Press Release

Akerman Represented Iconic Brand Nathan's Famous in Its Acquisition by Smithfield Foods Which Was Completed on October 26, 2026

October 27, 2026

Akerman announced the closing of the acquisition of its client Nathan's Famous, Inc. (Nasdaq: NATH) by Smithfield Foods, Inc. (Nasdaq: SFD), for \$102 in cash per outstanding share, representing an enterprise value of approximately \$450 million. As previously announced, Akerman represented Nathan's Famous, Inc. in the transaction.

The Akerman team advising Nathan's Famous was led by Corporate Partners Wayne Wald, Chair, Restaurant Sector Team, and Palash Pandya, Co-Deputy Chair, Corporate Practice Group, and included key support from:

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