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Top Private Equity, M&A Media Highlight Akerman *PErspectives* Report

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The Akerman PERSpectives Report garnered extensive media attention for highlighting what drives the often underreported yet significant activity of the sub-\$1 billion private equity (PE) buyout funds. As one of the few studies available on this market, the report found PE buyout fundraising reached a new high in 2017, with managers deploying new capital quickly amid deal volumes rising at historically high levels, a trend expected to last through 2018. In addition to covering PE data, stories about the report quoted Corporate Practice Group Co-Chair Carl Roston, who addressed critical factors behind current market activity, among other considerations for dealmakers. Coverage appeared in *American Lawyer*, *ABL Advisor*, *Daily Business Review*, *Financier Worldwide*, *Law360*, *Law.com*, *Mergers & Acquisitions*, *New York Law Journal*, *Private Equity Wire* and *Pitchbook*.

“In today’s market environment, PE fundraising and transaction volumes have maintained healthy levels, thanks to a host of favorable market dynamics,” Roston told media. “Factors driving this PE activity include low interest rates, a growing economy, the reduction in marginal federal income tax rates, the relative outperformance of domestic middle market private equity compared to other asset classes, benign credit markets and the rebalancing of portfolios by institutional investors.”

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