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While 2018 may be another record year for middle market buyouts, a marginal decline in third quarter activity may be indicative that the engine that has powered a decade-long run of deal activity may be losing torque.

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