

Private Debt Investor

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PDI annual awards 2022: Americas

Our annual showcase recognises the managers, institutional investors and advisers that have shone during the year, as decided by you, the readers.

Uncertain times leave the private debt market in uncharted territory. Whether it is interest rate rises, double-digit inflation or the war in Ukraine, 2022 was a testing year for the credit industry. So, it's fair to say those lenders that have shown their mettle over the last 12 months really do require some special recognition. Our Private Debt Investor Awards for 2022 highlight the managers, institutional investors and advisers that have in the eyes of their peers proved their resilience amid global uncertainty.

There are 51 categories in this year's awards across three regions: the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific, as well as the much-coveted global prizes. Voted for by thousands of readers, they remain the only awards that are decided solely by the industry for the industry.

Choosing the winners is a painstaking process. Every November, our global edit team starts canvassing the views of colleagues and contacts in the market to find out which firms, funds and deals stood out from the crowd.

We then draw up a four-strong shortlist and leave you to pick a winner, even including a fifth write-in box to suggest an alternative, in case you think we left out anyone. We then invite you, our readers, to cast your votes online throughout December and early January. Finally, our editorial team vets the results to ensure they fully comply with our rules.

As ever, votes poured in from all over the world, proving yet again that these really are the most keenly contested awards in the private debt industry.

Lender of the Year

1 Golub Capital

2 KKR

3 Owl Rock

Golub Capital closed \$35.8 billion in financing commitments, exceeding its record origination from the same period last year, and closed more than 310 transactions across an array of facility sizes and execution types. It was a market leader in “mega one-stops” (unitranche above \$500 million) as sponsors valued the reliability and scalability that unitranche can provide, especially for buy-and-build strategies. Golub led or co-led 52 mega one-stops, accounting for more than 60 percent of all mega one-stop deals completed in the year ended 30 September, 2022.