

# Private Debt Investor

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# PDI annual awards 2021: Winners revealed!

Now in its ninth year, our annual showcase recognises the managers, institutional investors and advisors that have set the benchmark during the year, as decided by you, the readers.

**A** warm welcome to the Private Debt Investor Awards for 2021, highlighting the managers, institutional investors and advisers that have, in the eyes of their peers, set the benchmark during the year.

There are 53 categories in this year's awards, now in their ninth year, across three regions: the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific, as well as the much-coveted global prizes. Awards up for grabs included Fund Manager of the Year, Newcomer of the Year, Investor of the Year, Deal of the Year, and for the first time, Responsible Investor of the Year.

The result of thousands of reader vote, they remain the only awards that are decided solely by – and for – the industry. Choosing the winners is a painstaking process. Every November, our global editorial team starts soliciting the views of colleagues and contacts in the market to find out which firms, funds and deals that stood out during this most challenging of years.

## Lender of the Year

### Golub Capital

Over the 12-month period, Golub Capital closed more than 320 deals worth around \$29.2 billion of financing, both record numbers for the firm. As of October 2021, Golub Capital claimed to have led more \$2 billion-plus unitranche than any competitor in the market.

The firm was also able to report that repeat sponsors, with whom it had completed multiple financings, represented more than 80 percent of originations during 2021 for the ninth year in a row. It also led or co-led 18 “mega one-stops”, or unitranche worth more than \$500 million.

## CLO Manager of the Year

### Golub Capital

In the 12 months to the end of September 2021, Chicago-based Golub Capital priced 17 securitisations totalling approximately \$9.9 billion. This included 11 new issue transactions worth around \$6.1 billion and six reset transactions totalling \$3.8 billion.

Golub Capital claims to have maintained its position as the number one mid-market issuer of CLOs by volume for the past eight years in a row. Across all of its activities, the firm added more than 110 new employees in 2021 bringing the total to almost 600.