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**AWARDS 2018**

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**NORTH AMERICAN  
DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**Blackstone, CPPIB and GIC  
for Financial & Risk US  
Holdings (Thomson Reuters)**

As one of the biggest firms in the industry, it should come as no surprise that Blackstone was behind one of the biggest deals in 2018.

The firm led a consortium together with CPPIB and GIC to acquire a majority stake of the financial & risk unit of Thomson Reuters in a \$20 billion acquisition which global head of private equity Joe Baratta (pictured) called “a landmark transaction” for the firm.

The company - rebranded Refinitiv - serves 40,000 institutions in more than 190 countries.

