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AWARDS 2018

**LENDER OF THE YEAR
IN NORTH AMERICA**

GSO Capital Partners

Credit represents one of the largest strategies at Blackstone and GSO Capital Partners is the biggest contributor to it. In 2018, GSO launched a new internal direct lending business after parting ways with FS Investment Funds effective in April 2018. It closed on \$1.8 billion for its direct lending platform in the fourth quarter, for a total of \$4.4 billion for the year. In other credit strategies, the New York-based credit giant closed its latest distressed debt fund, GSO Capital Solutions Fund III, on its hard-cap of \$7 billion in April. Blackstone's GSO and Tactical Opportunities also led a \$2 billion investment in insurance broker Acrisure alongside Partners Group and Harvest Partners. "We've enjoyed a long-standing relationship with a talented management team that has built a high growth business," says Lou Salvatore, senior managing director at GSO.