

Prairie Capital Advisors Ranks in the Top 10 U.S. Fairness Opinion Advisors

OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL, April 10, 2015 - Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc., a leading corporate advisory and investment banking firm, has been ranked the number eight fairness opinion advisor in the United States in Thomson Reuters Mergers & Acquisitions Financial Advisors Review for the first quarter of 2015. The league table is published by Thomson Reuters on a quarterly basis. The full report can be viewed here.

“We are pleased with our first quarter performance and to be ranked as a leading fairness opinion advisor,” said Ken Serwinski, CEO of Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc. “This ranking shows the confidence exhibited in us by companies, boards and their legal advisors.”

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Based on Number of Transactions

Fairness Opinion Provider	# of Deals per Advisor					Rank Value (US\$m)	
	2015 Rank	2014 Rank	# of Deals	Market Sh (%)	Change in # of Deals	Rank US\$m	Market Sh (%)
JP Morgan	1	4*	12	19.4	+8 ▲	50,779.0	59.3
Sandler O'Neill Partners	2*	4*	4	6.5	0 -	1,064.2	1.2
Duff & Phelps	2*	1*	4	6.5	-6 ▼	204.9	0.2
Houlihan Lokey	4*	8*	3	4.8	0 -	93.2	0.1
DA Davidson & Co Inc	4*	19*	3	4.8	+2 ▲	112.4	0.1
Simmons & Co International	4*	-	3	4.8	+3 ▲	78.0	0.1
Sterne Agee & Leach Inc	4*	14*	3	4.8	+1 ▲	135.6	0.2
Sheshunoff & Co Inc	8*	14*	2	3.2	0 -	.0	0.0
Prairie Capital Advisors Inc	8*	-	2	3.2	+2 ▲	.0	0.0
Qatalyst Partners	8*	-	2	3.2	+2 ▲	4,271.1	5.0
Lazard	8*	19*	2	3.2	+1 ▲	11,524.3	13.5
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	8*	8*	2	3.2	-1 ▼	8,773.5	10.2
Cormark Securities Inc	8*	-	2	3.2	+2 ▲	191.6	0.2
Industry Total			62		-17	85,617.9	100.0

Industry % Change from Same Period Last Year **-21.5% ▼** **-46.8% ▼**
Industry % Change from Last Quarter **-36.7% ▼** **-49.1% ▼**

About Prairie Capital Advisors

Prairie is an employee owned company that offers investment banking, ESOP advisory and valuation services to support the growth and ownership transition strategies of middle-market companies. Headquartered in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois with offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Cedar Rapids and Philadelphia, the company is a leading advisor to closely-held companies nationwide. For more information, visit www.prairiecap.com.

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