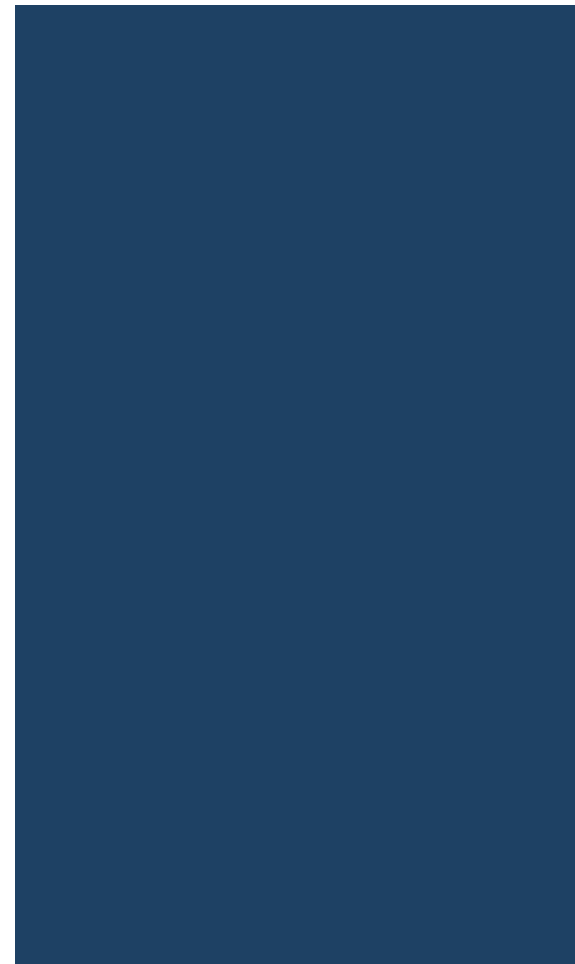


Investment Banking



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Your Experience.

Clients

*Mesirow Financial
Investment Banking
is consistently focused
on elevating our
clients' experience
by providing
insightful advisory
at the highest
level of service.*

Privately Held Businesses

Our investment bankers assist privately held businesses and their owners with their financial advisory needs. We understand the personal and emotional investments that business owners have in their companies, and that the decision whether or not to pursue a liquidity event is one of the most important times of their professional, and often personal, lives. We work hard to become our clients' most trusted advisor and accompany them throughout their decision making process, ensuring a smooth and successful transaction.


Financial Sponsors

We regularly identify investment opportunities and provide advisory services for financial sponsors. Our innovative solutions, industry concentrations and global relationships with key decision makers allow us to execute successful transactions and deliver positive results.

Publicly Traded Companies

We represent publicly traded companies of all sizes, worldwide. We advise large companies on the divestiture of their non-core operations and assist middle-market companies with merger and acquisition advisory, exclusive sale mandates and creative buy-side advisory.





Independence is an integral part of our history and remains a driving force today. We believe that independent minds are best able to create and offer innovative solutions. We are inspired by our clients, and we are driven to help them succeed.

Independent Minds

As a private, independent firm, we are not distracted by a quarterly earnings mindset or a need to meet analyst expectations. And without pressure from external stockholders, we can make business decisions aimed at benefiting our clients and our firm, rather than boosting short-term share values.

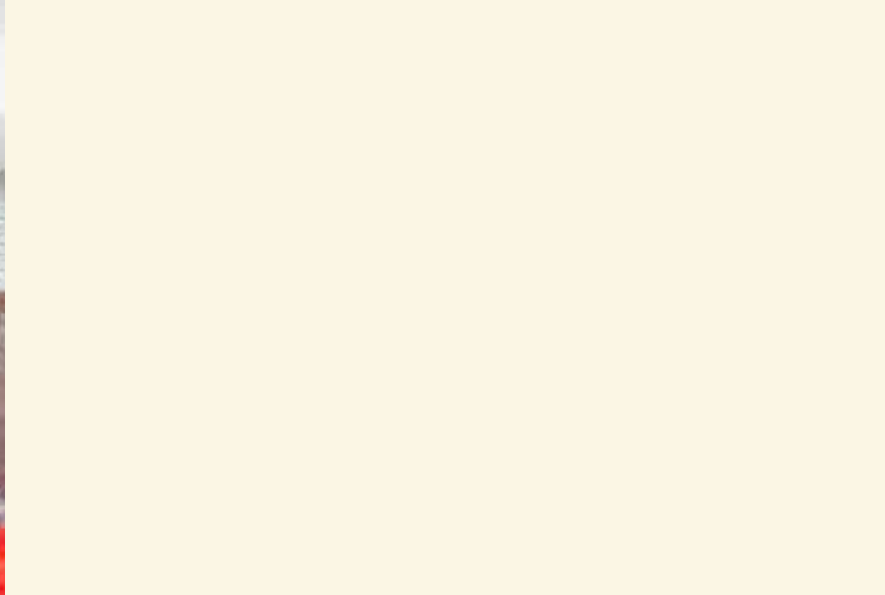
Our highest priority is helping individuals and organizations reach their financial goals. We provide unbiased and objective advice to address each client's unique circumstances, and we add value by creating effective solutions that are delivered in a highly personalized way.

Innovative Solutions

We know that in fast-moving industries, to stand still is to fall behind. That is why we continually evolve and innovate. Our clients know they can rely on us, not only for help in addressing their current financial needs, but also to remain a valuable partner as situations change. We anticipate and prepare for the future needs of our clients by actively seeking new ideas and using proven strategies in innovative ways to improve outcomes.

International Presence

Mesirow Financial is headquartered in Chicago, with offices across the country and abroad. Our investment bankers have advised clients on a multitude of transactions, both domestic and international, across a variety of industries. And with strategic initiatives in China, Southern Europe and the Middle East, we are well-equipped to handle our clients' cross-border investment banking needs.



Customized Solutions

Each client has unique financial needs, and no single strategy suits everyone. That is why we aim to understand each client's situation and tailor solutions that truly fit. As part of an independent firm, our professionals remain objective and consider the full universe of available options in order to choose the best possible solution for each client.

With experience in all stages of the business cycle, our investment banking professionals provide comprehensive analysis to help companies understand and evaluate their best strategic alternatives for specific divisions or businesses.

Evolving capital markets, new legislation and changing regulation continuously redefine standards, posing obstacles while also creating opportunities. We respond to this dynamic environment by seeking solutions from nontraditional sources and by using proven strategies in innovative ways.

Long-term, Stable Client Relationships

With experience over many market cycles and in various economic climates, we help our clients maintain perspective and view current events within a historical context. That knowledge also allows us to anticipate potential problems and overcome obstacles to success. Our professionals focus on the quality of our client relationships rather than the quantity of our transactions, always keeping our clients' best interests top of mind. By investing in long-term relationships with our clients, we gain deep knowledge of their needs and can provide particularly effective solutions.

Middle-Market Focus

With an exclusive focus on middle-market transactions, our seasoned professionals offer our clients high-quality investment banking experience and advice. Our clients enjoy the expertise of a large investment bank with the personalized service of a boutique firm. They are comforted knowing that their engagement is important to us and that the necessary resources will be dedicated on their behalf until a successful outcome is achieved. Our practice combines rich industry knowledge and long-standing relationships with expert advisory services in the middle market.





Our senior-level

Services

Our transactional experience and industry knowledge and expertise allow us to add substantial value in achieving the strategic and financial goals of our clients. Our experienced professionals assist public and private companies and financial sponsors in achieving their financial objectives through a complete range of services.

Merger and Acquisition Advisory

- Exclusive Sales
- Divestitures
- Buy-side Advisory
- Strategic Alternatives Analysis


We provide smart, sophisticated merger and acquisition advice, and we are committed to successfully closing the transaction.

Capital Markets

Our professionals are creative and innovative in structuring transactions and identifying viable sources of financing for corporate and private equity clients. We have experience raising capital to finance leveraged buyouts, acquisitions, recapitalizations, refinancings, management buyouts and shareholder dividends. We also have public debt capital market capabilities, including underwriting and distribution services for investment grade and high-yield debt offerings.

Restructuring and Special Situations Advisory

We assist clients in navigating their businesses through turbulent market conditions and during periods of financial challenge or special circumstances. With experience in §363 sales, in- and out-of-court restructurings and debt and equity capital raising, our investment banking professionals develop innovative, customized solutions to suit each client's individual need.



involvement in every transaction,
from beginning to end,
ensures the highest
level of service and
the best possible
outcome.

Fairness and Solvency Opinions

Our professionals have extensive experience providing fairness and solvency opinions for mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations and restructurings. As part of an independent firm, we provide unbiased and objective advice to address each situation's unique circumstances.

Board of Directors Advisory

We advise boards of directors and senior executives of publicly traded companies and privately held businesses on a wide range of financial and strategic issues including: strategic alternatives analysis, merger and acquisition advisory, maximization of shareholder value, capital structure and growth strategies.

Special Committee Representation

We provide strategic alternatives analysis and other advisory services to special committees, sometimes where the interests of the company and the board may not necessarily align with those of senior management. We conduct in-depth analysis and provide the necessary support required to ensure that company directors have confidence in their decision making process.





Industry Groups

We are a leading advisor to a wide variety of companies and business owners and have assisted clients in a multitude of domestic and international transactions across a variety of industries. With our industry specializations and global reach, our investment banking professionals are able to provide our clients with exceptional service and in-depth industry expertise.

- Aerospace, Defense and Government Services
- Building Products
- Business Services
- Consumer Products
- Distribution and Wholesale
- Financial Sponsors
- Food and Beverage
- Industrials
- Paper, Plastics and Packaging
- Transportation and Logistics







About Mesirow Financial

Mesirow Financial is a diversified financial services firm founded in 1937.

As an independent, employee-owned firm, Mesirow Financial understands, anticipates and meets its clients' goals with four divisions of high-quality services:

Investment Management Institutional money manager in the areas of hedge fund strategies, private equity, currency and commodity management, real estate, U.S. value and international equities and fixed income, as well as investment advisory services for private clients and retirement plan sponsors

Global Markets Well-capitalized broker/dealer with expertise in investment banking, sale-leaseback financing and non-discretionary brokerage services

Insurance Services Full-service insurance brokerage and consultant specializing in the areas of property and casualty, surety, employee benefits, life and disability and private client insurance, as well as structured settlement services

Consulting Financial advisory services including corporate recovery, litigation, investigative and intelligence services, interim management* and valuation services, as well as real estate consulting and compensation and executive benefit strategies

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