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The M&A Advisor Recognizes Troutman Pepper Locke With Information Technology Deal of the Year and Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year Awards

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NEW YORK – *The M&A Advisor* has recognized Troutman Pepper Locke with two awards for the firm's representation of Payroc in its [acquisition](#) of i3 Verticals' merchant services business. The firm received the Information Technology Deal of the Year (\$100 million to \$1 billion) and Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year (\$250 million to \$500 million) at the publication's 24th annual awards gala, held Nov. 18 in New York City.

The Troutman Pepper Locke team that advised Payroc included [Brad Resweber](#), [Mark Wilhelm](#), [Peter Dragna](#), [Monica Vu](#), [Valentina Rivera](#), [Samer Roshdy](#), [James Schutz](#), [Lauren Alvarez](#), [Barbara Sicalides](#), [Emily Schifter](#), [Kristalyn Lee](#), [Brent Hoard](#), [Mike Crumbock](#), Joan Arnold, [Thomas Gray](#), and [Stefanie Brennan](#). The strategic acquisition strengthened Payroc's capacity to provide comprehensive payment solutions to a broader range of partners and merchants.

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