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Highlights include advising:

- Platinum Equity in the establishment of the \$10 billion Platinum Equity Capital Partners V fund
- Carlyle in a number of fundraisings including in respect of Carlyle Property Investors and the Carlyle Realty funds
- Blackstone Strategic Capital Holdings in its minority investments in Marlin Equity Partners, GI Partners, Leonard Green and others
- Hellman & Friedman in the formation of the \$16 billion Hellman & Friedman Capital Partners IX fund
- Platinum Equity in the formation of the \$1.5 billion Platinum Equity Small Cap Fund
- Clearlake Capital in the formation of the \$3.6 billion Clearlake Capital Partners V fund and certain co-investments
- First Reserve in the establishment of the \$2.5 billion First Reserve Energy Infrastructure Fund II
- KKR in the formation of the \$2.24 billion KKR Private Credit Opportunities Partners II fund

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- Corporate
- Investment Funds
- Private Funds