

## Metronome Partners Represents Kaufman Rossin Fund Services

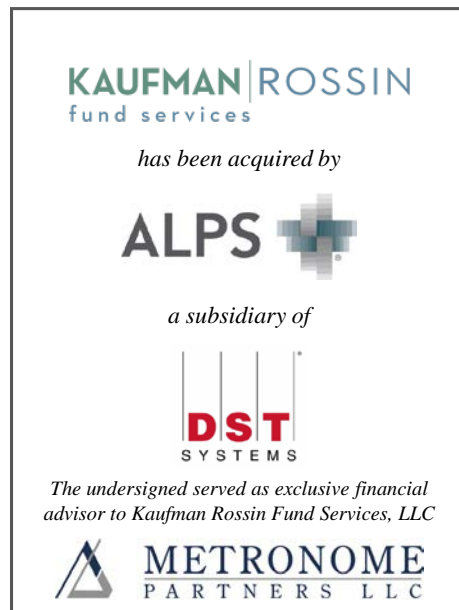
Kaufman Rossin Fund Services, LLC (KRFS or the Company) has been acquired by ALPS Fund Services, Inc. (ALPS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of DST Systems, Inc. (NYSE:DST). Metronome Partners, LLC (Metronome) served as exclusive financial advisor to KRFS.

Established in 1994, KRFS is an independent, full-service provider of specialized administration services to the global financial community, with offices in Miami, Boston, San Francisco, Dallas, and Grand Cayman. The Company's hedge fund services include accounting and valuation, back-office outsourcing, investor services, treasury services, and customized reporting. "Our unique origins are still powerfully reflected in the company today and we value the rich history of our organization," said Jorge R. de Cardenas, KRFS co-founder and Director. "Together with ALPS, I believe we will be in position to accelerate our investment in helping clients protect themselves from risk and improve business performance."

Keith Sharkey, co-founder and Director of KRFS, mentioned, "Metronome was an exceptional resource. Their persistence, diligence, and timeliness made this transaction a success."

Through its subsidiary companies, ALPS Holdings, Inc. is a leading provider of innovative investment products and customized servicing solutions to the financial services industry. "We see this acquisition making us a top-20 provider in the hedge fund administration business," said Ned Burke, CEO of ALPS Holdings, Inc. "The combined operations are expected to enable us to expand our service offering into some of the fastest growing segments of alternatives administration."

Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. served as exclusive legal advisor to KRFS.



Metronome Partners is an independent, Chicago and Memphis based M&A advisory firm that specializes in sell-side transactions as well as capital raising across a broad range of industries. With over 200 transactions completed by Metronome's principals, the firm combines large firm experience with small firm attention. Metronome focuses on middle-market businesses nationwide, valued from \$25 million to over \$500 million.

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