Derek Ladgenski Featured as a 2017 Dealmaker in *Franchise Times*, Talks Trends in Restaurant M&A

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Derek Ladgenski, partner in Katten's Commercial Finance practice, was named by *Franchise Times* as one of its top 10 dealmakers of 2017. As franchise financing architects, Derek and his team advised on more than 75 deals in 2017 in the franchise and restaurant space, with loan sizes ranging from $25 million to more than $800 million. In the article highlighting all the winners, Derek shared some of the trends that he's seeing in Restaurant M&A, including why so many franchisors are combining brands and on the development of C-level talent for the space. When it comes to the many reasons why he enjoys the art of the deal, Derek said, "We facilitate the growth of businesses." ("Plus 9 More Scrappy Dealmakers," April 1, 2018)

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