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Kehrer Bielan Named US Financial Services Research & Consulting Firm of the Year

An unprecedented fourth consecutive year

CHAPEL HILL, NC DECEMBER 6, 2018: ACQ5 Global Awards 2018 has once again selected Kehrer Bielan as US – Research and Consulting Firm of the Year (Financial Services). In announcing the award, Jake Robson, editor of ACQ5 magazine, explained that the ACQ5 Global Awards, initiated in 2005, "focus on organizations and individuals that can demonstrate an ability to deliver services and skills to meet clients' needs and adapt to market and regulatory conditions and to consider candidates that may not always be global in scale, but are truly world class in the way they are run and in the services they deliver to clients."

"ACQ5 Global Awards decisions are firmly based on peer nominations following the receipt of detailed submissions from market participants and extensive year-round research into the markets in all global regions. ACQ5 Global Awards cover global categories, best-in-class awards in all regions in over 100 countries around the world. *When Voting closed, the total number of nominations received stood at an amazing* 98,621 our highest ever."

Leigh Van Heule, a recent addition to the Kehrer Bielan team, was not surprised by the recognition. "I joined the firm this fall because of its reputation for innovative, award-winning research and consulting," she said. "I'm pleased that I am already having a broader impact on the bank insurance and securities community, and am hopeful my contributions will continue to enhance the Kehrer Bielan reputation."

About Kehrer Bielan Research & Consulting. KBR&C provides the financial advice industry with insights based on a melding of research and experience in managing the delivery of investment, insurance, and wealth management services. The firm provides performance assessment and benchmarking, human resource management and development, due diligence, consumer insights, and interpretation of industry trends through its original research, unbiased consulting, and peer study groups.

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