

RTPR awarded Legal Adviser of the Year at ROPEA Awards Gala 2025



RTPR, one of the most important law firms in Romania, won "Legal Adviser of the Year" at the ROPEA Awards Gala 2025 – Romanian Private Equity Association.

RTPR's performance is even more remarkable given that the law firm has won this trophy at each of the three editions of the awards organised to date, setting a record for performance and consistency in excellence. Its client portfolio in this sector recommends the law firm as the first choice for private equity funds, having been involved in recent years in transactions such as the sale of Profi, considered to be the largest private equity deal ever concluded in Romania.

The award was announced last night, December 10th, during a gala event marking the 20th anniversary of ROPEA and was accepted by Alina Stavaru and Roxana Ionescu, Partners at RTPR. They told us:

"Winning the award for the third consecutive time highlights not only the specific success of certain transactions, but also confirms the trust our clients place in us year after year and our team's ability to successfully navigate complex legal structures and provide pragmatic commercial solutions for sophisticated clients, such as private equity and venture capital funds. I would like to thank the members of ROPEA for their vote of confidence, this award honours us and motivates us to continue to be among the best," declared Alina Stavaru, Partner at RTPR.

"We are extremely honoured to receive this distinction from the private equity community. This new victory belongs to the entire RTPR team, whose dedication and expertise make possible the successful closing of the most complex transactions on the market. We are proud of our talented team, which includes some of the best lawyers in Romania specialising in PE deals. We would like to thank ROPEA for organising this landmark event for the private equity and venture capital industry in Romania and our clients for the opportunity to work together on projects that challenge us to maintain our services at the highest standards," added Roxana Ionescu, Partner at RTPR.

The association aimed to reward performance in the private equity and venture capital sector, as well as the most active advisers who contributed to these transactions. The finalists were shortlisted by an independent jury of experts, representatives of financial institutions and industry associations, and the winners were selected by the vote of the members.

Highlights of the most significant mandates with funds, members of ROPEA, in which RTPR advised last year include:

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- -€€€€€€ MidEuropa on the sale of Regina Maria Group to Mehiläinen in the largest ever healthcare services transaction in Central Europe
- -€€€€€€ MidEuropa on the sale of Cargus to courier company SAMEDAY, part of the eMAG group
- -€€€€€€ Abris Capital Partners on the sale of Pehart Grup, one of the largest paper producers in South-Eastern Europe, to INVL Baltic Sea Growth Fund, the leading private equity fund in the Baltic States
- -€€€€€€ Resource Partners on the acquisition of a majority stake in Ia Bilet SRL, the most important ticketing platform in Romania, as well as of the concert organiser BestMusic Concerts SRL
- -€€€€€€ ROCA Investments on the sale of its shareholding stake in Artesana, the well-known local producer of premium natural artisanal dairy products
- -€€€€€€ Integral Capital Group on the acquisition of a majority stake in Embryos, a leading fertility and gynaecology clinic in Romania, specialised in assisted reproduction technology, offering an integrated suite of fertility treatments, including IVF
- -€€€€€€€ Black Sea Fund and the founders of Gymboland in follow-on investment in Kids Element S.A.

RTPR is well-known for its extensive experience in transactions involving investment funds, having been, during the last few years, involved in most of the <u>private equity</u> deals in Romania on both buy-side and sell-side mandates, whilst also advising their portfolio companies on bolt-on acquisitions. The firm's unrivalled expertise in the largest and most interesting transactions in Romania and in the region has been recognised by the most important international legal directories, such as Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and IFLR1000, which rank RTPR's Corporate/M&A practice on the first tier. At the same time several team members are recommended as *Leading Lawyers* or *Rising Stars* in this area.