# SIG PARTNERS

# **Selling Your Business to SIG**

#### Partner with SIG for a seamless exit and position your business for sustained future success

- SIG Partners ("SIG") provides a unique solution for business owners that truly care about the future of their companies and employees.
- Over the last four years, SIG has helped 20 small business owners transition out of the demands of day-to-day operations and ownership of their business. Our team of Operating Partners and CEOs have extensive operational and leadership experience, enabling them to seamlessly assume day-to-day operations, facilitating a swift transition for sellers.
- All the SIG partners are small business owners themselves we possess the expertise not only to successfully transition a small business to new ownership, but also to operate and foster the growth of that business.





# SIG Partners' Differentiated Approach

## Preserve legacies, foster growth, and ensure operational continuity with SIG Partners

Certainty of Closing	<ul> <li>Acquisition Expertise: With a track record of <u>20 successful acquisitions</u> over the past four years, we possess a deep understanding of the acquisition process.</li> <li>Capital Commitment: Our committed capital base ensures a seamless transaction, eliminating the need for equity raises or investment committee approvals.</li> </ul>
Your Legacy Preserved	<ul> <li>Employee Retention Assurance: At closing, every team member is retained, along with their job title, responsibilities, compensation, and benefits. This approach has yielded an impressive 99% employee retention rate.</li> <li>Operational Continuity: The core of how your business operates is preserved. We seek thriving and profitable enterprises, where we can focus on investing in growth, not on cost-cutting or turnarounds.</li> <li>Brand Preservation: We uphold the identity of each acquired business by retaining its brand name.</li> </ul>
SIG's Unique Experience	<ul> <li>Entrepreneurial Expertise: Each SIG partner has owned and operated multiple small businesses.</li> <li>Operational Prowess: Our team of Operating Partners and CEOs have <u>extensive operational and leadership experience</u>, enabling them to seamlessly <u>assume day-to-day operations</u>, facilitating a swift transition for sellers.</li> <li>Proven Growth: Many of our acquired companies have experienced remarkable growth, with some <u>doubling or even tripling in size post-acquisition</u>. For instance, our first acquisition saw revenue increase from \$6M to an impressive \$50M in just three years.</li> </ul>



# **Overview of SIG Partners – Searcher Support Programs**

## Empower your search with strategic guidance and comprehensive support from SIG Partners

- SIG Partners was founded by successful entrepreneurs, current operators, and investors who combined their resources, experience, and networks to support entrepreneurs in the self-funded search community.
- We partner with self-funded searchers with one goal: to significantly improve the searcher's likelihood of success, all while enabling the searcher to own their own company.
- We believe it's crucial for the searcher to maintain independence and control, while benefiting from a deep network of strategic support, access to a wide range of resources, institutional-level credibility with intermediaries, and the strength of committed capital.
- Throughout the transaction process, our team provides comprehensive support including:
  - Deal sourcing, evaluation, and intermediary support
  - LOI strategy, development, and deal negotiations
  - Due diligence network with special arrangements and terms
  - Equity capital raise support for the searcher with pre-qualified investors
  - Direct investment into search deals

	SIG Full-Time Support (Funded)	SIG Full-Time Support	SIG Post-LOI Support					
Search Phase Support	<ul> <li>✓ Tactical support, live deal reviews, access to all of SIG</li> </ul>	✓ Tactical support, live deal reviews, access to all of SIG	✓ N/A – partnership with SIG following a signed LOI fitting our criteria					
Capabilities Provided	<ul> <li>Strategy, sourcing calibration, broker database, bidding, due diligence, financing, legal templates, equity raise, closing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Strategy, sourcing calibration, broker database, bidding, due diligence, financing, legal templates, equity raise, closing</li> </ul>	✓ Strategy, equity raise, closing					
Search Phase Costs	<ul> <li>✓ SIG provides \$2,000 per month stipend to cover living expenses</li> <li>✓ SIG covers 100% of all QofE and legal costs (even broken deals)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ SIG provides discounted QofE and legal expenses to entrepreneur</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Entrepreneur's responsibility to cover all cost of living and broken deal costs (QofE and legal)</li> </ul>					
Credibility & Relationships	<ul> <li>✓ Credibility with brokers and bankers</li> <li>✓ Lender Relationships</li> <li>✓ Investor Relationships</li> <li>✓ Ability to target larger size deals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Credibility with brokers and bankers</li> <li>✓ Lender Relationships</li> <li>✓ Investor Relationships</li> <li>✓ Ability to target larger size deals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Investor relationships</li> <li>✓ Ability to target larger size deals</li> </ul>					
Personal Capital Needed (All Phases)	<ul> <li>✓ \$50k for ultimate equity injection at closing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ At least two years of living expenses</li> <li>✓ \$50-75k for diligence fees (legal/QofE)</li> <li>✓ \$50k for equity injection at closing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ At least two years of living expenses</li> <li>✓ \$50-75k for diligence fees (legal/QofE)</li> <li>✓ \$50k for equity injection at closing</li> </ul>					

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# **Acquisition Criteria and Structure**

#### Focused strategy and criteria for target acquisitions

## **Target Acquisition Criteria**

	Deal & Business Profile		Financial Profile		Seller Profile	
•	Leveraged buyouts		\$750,000 - \$5.0 million of "cash		Founder or owner-operator led	
•	Mature, high-quality businesses		flow" or EBITDA		business	
•	Distinct competitive advantages and	•	Less than 5.0x acquisition multiple		Seller desires to transition out or	
	barriers to entry	•	Strong margins		retire over time, seeking a 100% exit	
•	Stable, growing, recession-resistant	•	Low capital expenditures		Seller is looking for a buyer capable	
	industries	•	Consistent historical performance		of scaling the business, dedicated to	
•	Niche industries with limited risk	•	Components of recurring revenue		preserving and enhancing its legacy,	
	(regulatory, technological, etc.)	•	Modest growth		and committed to the continued well-	

## **Example Target Industries**

- Industrial services
- Business services
- Government services
- Professional services

- Healthcare services
- Niche or asset-light manufacturing
- Critical equipment maintenance and repair
- Non-discretionary home services

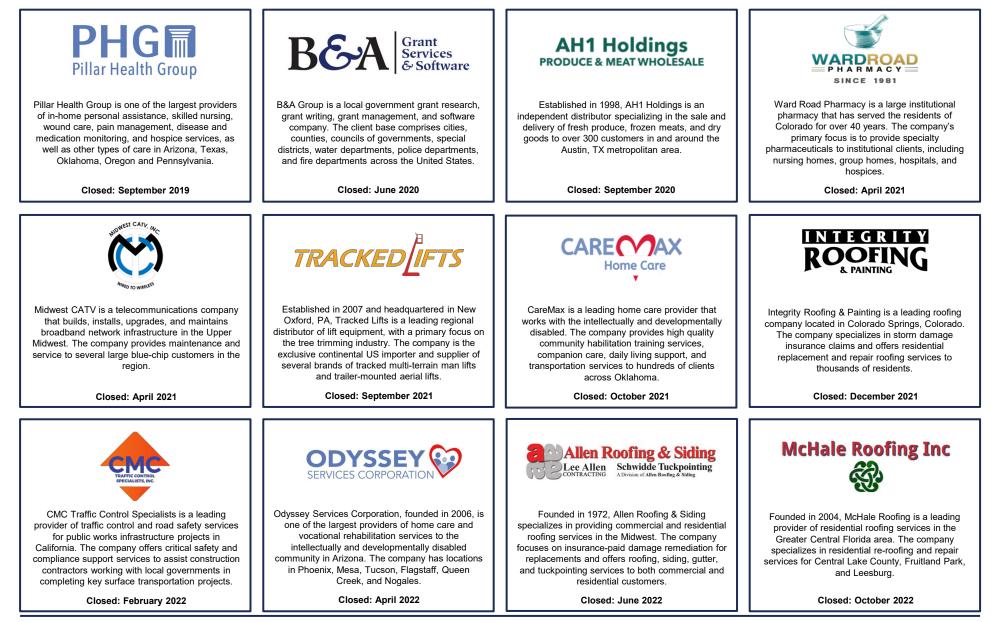
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- Restoration services
- Distribution and non-cyclical end markets
- Facilities or equipment inspection



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# **Overview of SIG Partners – Team**

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#### Robert Graham – Partner

Robert Graham is a Founding Partner at SIG Partners (SIG) where he advises entrepreneurs and independent sponsors on deal sourcing, due diligence, deal structuring, and capital raises. He is also an investor in multiple other PE and search deals in the lower-middle market and is the CEO of Pillar Health Group. During Robert's tenure as CEO, Pillar Health Group grew annual revenue from \$6M to \$50M in a little over three years and today employs over 1,200 team members. Previously, Robert was a Private Equity Vice President at The Sterling Group. At Sterling, Robert worked on multiple acquisitions and helped lead the roll-up of Construction Supply Group, the second-largest distributor of specialty construction supplies in the US. Prior to Sterling, Robert was a Product Line Manager for two product lines at Eaton Corporation, a role in which he had P&L responsibility for a \$50M business unit. Robert received an MBA from Harvard Business School, a BS in Industrial Distribution from Texas A&M University, and was an Eagle Scout.



#### Jordan Carter – Partner

Jordan Carter is a Founding Partner at SIG Partners (SIG) where he advises entrepreneurs and independent sponsors on deal sourcing, due diligence, deal structuring, and capital raises. He is an investor in multiple private equity and search-sourced companies in the lower-middle market. Jordan is also the CEO of B&A Group, a professional grant services and software company he acquired through a self-funded search. Jordan previously worked with the former Secretary of the U.S. Navy, John F. Lehman, to acquire and build aerospace, defense, government services, and technology companies. Prior roles include Advisor to the CEO, Private Equity Portfolio Company Operations at Centerbridge Partners, Private Equity Investor at J.F. Lehman & Company, and Mergers & Acquisitions Analyst at Centerview Partners. Jordan received an MBA from Wharton Business School and a BS in Economics and BBA in Finance from Southern Methodist University. He serves on the board of YSM Solar & Storage Services, the SMU Cox Alternative Asset Management Center (AAMC) Advisory Board, and the SMU Cox Alumni Board. Jordan serves as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.



#### Aaron Blick - Partner

Aaron Blick is a Founding Partner at SIG Partners (SIG) where he advises entrepreneurs and independent sponsors on deal sourcing, due diligence, capital raises, and operations. Aaron Blick is also the President of Pillar Health Group, a group of healthcare companies acquired through a self-funded search. He also manages Pegasus, a family office with investments in multiple private companies and search funds. He has over 10 years of professional management experience and a business development background in multiple healthcare industry spaces. As a partner, principal, developer and entrepreneur, Aaron has successfully started, acquired, expanded and sold over 12 companies in the healthcare industry. Aaron currently owns and operates a chain of physical therapy clinics spread across major metropolitan areas in Texas and Louisiana. Aaron received an MA from Fuller and a BA from Texas A&M University.

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#### John Petracco – Senior VP of Business Development

John Petracco is the Senior Vice President of Business Development at SIG Partners (SIG) where he focuses on deal sourcing, analysis of acquisition opportunities, negotiations, marketing, and client relations. Previously, he worked as SVP of Business Development & Sales at Delta Agriculture Partners, a private equity backed sustainability company with initiatives in biodegradable plastics, biodegradable cardboard substitutes, and carbon sequestration efforts. Prior to Delta Ag, he worked at Pony Oil in Acquisitions and Divestitures where he bought, built, and sold land-based production units to oil & gas companies. He started his career with UBS Financial Services as a registered client service associate assisting in wealth management, strategy, and trade execution. John received a BS in Business Administration and Management in the Business Honors Program from Edison State College.



#### Yuri Hardin – Associate

Yuri Hardin is an Associate at SIG Partners (SIG) where he supports entrepreneurs and independent sponsors on deal sourcing, due diligence, and deal execution. He was previously an Associate at GenRock Capital Management, a lower-middle market private equity firm focused on acquiring and building businesses across the consumer and business services sectors. Prior to that, Yuri was an Investment Analyst within the Private Equity & Private Credit Group at Hartford Investment Management Company (HIMCO). In this position, he focused on evaluating opportunities for senior debt investments, equity co-investments, and commitments to buyout funds across various industries and strategies. His primary responsibilities included structuring, underwriting, and monitoring portfolio investments. He earned a B.S. in Finance from Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Business, where he was also an active member of the Division II ice hockey team. Furthermore, Yuri is an Eagle Scout.

