

# 2015 firm highlights

- ▶ **AKT CPAs:** Celebrated 40th anniversary. In August 2014, merged in San Diego-based Douglas G. Griffin CPA. Added two new industry niches — manufacturing and agribusiness.
- ▶ **Anchin, Block & Anchin:** In March 2014, won a retrial in lawsuit brought by former client, after judge dismissed several claims against the firm and set aside a \$50 million jury judgement.
- ▶ **Armanino:** In January 2014, merged in Rose Business Solutions. Opened offices in Chicago, San Diego, and Santa Cruz, Calif. Launched cloud systems integration service offering, and a family office service line. In January 2015, merged in Berger Lewis Accountancy Corp. Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.
- ▶ **Aronson:** Organized Professional Services Industry Group, and Personal Financial Services Group.
- ▶ **Baker Tilly Virchow Krause:** In April 2014, launched tax credit mapping tool. In October, merged in Top 100 Firm Parente-Beard. In December, elected new CEO to take office in 2016.
- ▶ **BDO:** In June 2014, merged in Fort Worth, Texas-based Hartman Leito & Bolt, and named a new chief financial officer. In July, created the post of chief people officer, and hired a new chief human resources officer. In November, announced merger with Ohio-based Top 100 Firm SS&G, as well as the addition of the Texas practice of UHY. Led the profession in new SEC audit clients in 2014.
- ▶ **Berdon:** Launched three new service lines — financial advisory services, Berdon Fund Services for fund administration, and real estate services to offshore owners of U.S. real estate.
- ▶ **Berkowitz Pollack Brant:** Celebrated its 35th anniversary. Expanded strategic planning task force to include future leaders.
- ▶ **BerryDunn:** In January 2015, merged in Concord, N.H.-based firm Brad Borbidge.
- ▶ **BKD:** In September 2014, announced acquisition of Kacinski & Associates Inc. In November, merged in Chicago-based Wolf & Co. Launched national enterprise risk solutions practice, women's initiative, firmwide sales training.
- ▶ **Blue & Co.:** Launched a leadership and soft skills training series. In December 2014, named a new managing director.
- ▶ **Blum, Shapiro & Co.:** In January 2015, merged with Boston-based Schneider & Schneider Associates.
- ▶ **The Bonadio Group:** In November 2014, merged in Bevilacqua & Co. Established two subsidiaries, Bonadio Financing, and Global Portfolio Solutions. In January 2015, merged in Syracuse, N.Y.-based Testone, Marshall & Discenza.
- ▶ **Burr Pilger Mayer Inc.:** Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.
- ▶ **Carr, Riggs & Ingram:** In May 2014, acquired Tampa, Fla.-based Auditwerx. In September, acquired Plano, Texas-based wealth management firm Level Four Advisory Services. In October, merged in Enterprise, Ala.-based Boohaker, Schillaci & Co.
- ▶ **CBIZ / Mayer Hoffman McCann:** In February 2014, CBIZ acquired the non-attest assets of Tampa Bay, Fla.-based Lewis, Birch & Ricardo. In November, announced successor for CBIZ CEO when he steps down in March 2016.
- ▶ **Cherry Bekaert:** In November, brought in some staff of the Miami office of CBIZ. In January 2015, merged in Raleigh, N.C.-based Thomas, Knight, Trent, King and Co.
- ▶ **Citrin Cooperman & Co.:** In June 2014, added in partners and staff of New York-based MGI Repetti. Added in partners and staff of Leon Reimer & Co. Acquired practice of John Stanise CPA. Added significant numbers of partners and staff from Ros-
- en Seymour Shapss Martin. In October, named co-MPs of New York City office.
- ▶ **Clark Nuber:** Elected a new CEO. Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.
- ▶ **Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co.:** In May, merged in Columbus-based Schoonover Boyer + Associates. In July, merged in Cincinnati-based J.D. Cloud & Co.
- ▶ **CliftonLarsonAllen:** In January 2014, acquired Belmont, Mass.-based Bankers Advisory Inc. In April, acquired the Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association. In January 2015, installed new CEO.
- ▶ **Cohen & Co.:** Implemented employee bonus system. Refreshed leveraged marketing program. Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.
- ▶ **CohnReznick:** In June 2014, merged in Boston-based Ercolini & Co. In November, merged in Bethesda, Md.-based Top 100 Firm Watkins Meegan. In January, announced deal to acquire real estate consultant NOI Strategies.
- ▶ **Crowe Horwath:** In February 2014, launched Conflict Minerals Tracker. In July, named new CEO to take office in April 2015. Opened Miami office. In July, sold staffing subsidiary to employees.
- ▶ **Deloitte:** In February 2014, announced alliance with NetSuite. In March, signed reseller agreement with SAP. In April, acquired Calgary, Alberta-based Urgentis Digital Crisis Solutions Inc. In May, introduced private cloud solution. In February 2015, named the first-ever woman to serve as CEO of a Big Four firm.
- ▶ **Dixon Hughes Goodman:** In June 2014, new CEO took office. In May, added Washington, D.C.-area firm Cohen Rutherford + Knight to national health care practice.
- ▶ **Doeren Mayhew:** In June, spun off investment banking practice into Doeren Mayhew Capital Advisors.
- ▶ **Eide Bailly:** In June 2014, merged in Spokane, Wash.-based McDirmid, Mikkelson & Secrest. In August, merged in Fort

Collins, Colo.-based Sample & Bailey. In November, merged in Reno, Nev.-based Muckel Anderson, and reseller Accounting Systems Inc. In December, merged in Reno-based Kafoury, Armstrong & Co.

▶ **EisnerAmper:** Created three new practices, in financial services, real estate, and technology companies. Launched Eisner-Amper Global, a network of firms.

▶ **EKS&H:** Add business intelligence and business analytic consulting services.

▶ **Elliott Davis Decosimo:** Created in January 2015 from the merger of two Top 100 Firms, Elliott Davis and Joseph Decosimo.

▶ **Ernst & Young:** In March 2014, added BPM Specialists. In April, collaborated with the International Association of IT Asset Managers on a certification. In May, acquired corporate tax management consulting firm Atlas Service Link.

▶ **FGMK:** New to the list. In October, opened second Chicago office.

▶ **Frank Rimerman + Co.:** Celebrated its 65th anniversary. Named a new managing partner — its third ever.

▶ **Frazier & Deeter:** In August, opened office in Tampa, Fla.

▶ **Freed Maxick CPAs:** Saw significant growth in enterprise risk management department and health care practice.

▶ **Friedman:** Elevated managing partner to CEO, and named two co-MPs who will take charge of running the firm over a period of years. In January 2015, merged in Executive Sounding Board Associates LLC

▶ **Gallina:** In January 2014, merged in Mercer Island, Wash.-based Tueffers, Guckian & Gamon. In July, merged in Ontario, Calif.-based Mellon Johnson Rear-don. In January 2015, merged in Midvale, Utah-based Leverich Group.

▶ **Grant Thornton:** In January 2015, installed new chief executive. Appointed new senior leadership team.

▶ **Grassi & Co.:** In September 2014, brought in The Hochman Practice Group, formerly part of Rosen Seymour Shapss Martin.

▶ **Habif Arogeti & Wynne:** Added benchmarking, technology vendor selection and technology system implementation to its business consulting services line. Hired a chief administrative officer.

▶ **Hein & Associates:** Added new service lines in cyber-security, outsourced accounting, and international tax. Established succession plans for leadership.

▶ **Hill, Barth & King:** Merged in New Jersey-based Bartolomei Pucciarelli CPAs. Added a chief marketing officer to management team. Launched a corporate re-branding as HBK CPAs. Relocated headquarters to larger space in Canfield, Ohio.

▶ **Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt:** Adopted several initiatives to attract and retain top talent, including a Senior Advisory Committee of senior associates.

▶ **Honkamp Krueger & Co:** In September 2014, merged in Moline, Ill.-based Crippen, Reid & Bowen.

▶ **Horne:** Deployed new “Fearless Unrivaled Flexibility” philosophy; reduced turnover rate.

▶ **Kahn, Litwin, Renza & Co.:** In January 2015, merged in Boston-based Freshman & Ferraro.

▶ **Katz, Sapper & Miller:** Saw revenue and staff growth of over 10 percent.

▶ **Kaufman, Rossin Group:** All figures are *Accounting Today* estimates. Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.

▶ **K-Coe Isom:** Formed from January 2015 merger of Kennedy and Coe and Matson & Isom; 2014 data reflect only Kennedy and Coe.

▶ **Kearney & Co.:** Saw revenue growth of almost 17 percent.

▶ **Kemper CPA Group:** In September 2014, merged in Indiana-based Larry E. Nunn & Associates CPAs.

▶ **KPMG:** Announced and completed a number of acquisitions: in May, Top 100 Firm Rothstein Kass and BBK; in June, Zannett Commercial Solutions and St. Charles Capital; in August, Workday Consulting

Practice; in October, Qubera Solutions; and in November, the global trade management practice of EntryPoint Consulting. In October, created KPMG Strategy.

▶ **Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain:** Added extra service offerings to health care niche. Continues to plan for transition of managing partner role.

▶ **Macias Gini & O’Connell:** Fastest-growing specialty service — client accounting services. Fastest-growing client category — state and local government.

▶ **Marcum:** In January, merged in Needham, Mass.-based Braver. In February, merged in Greenwich, Conn.-based Thomas E. Finn. In September, formed a joint venture with self-help author Tony Robbins. In April, launched Marcum Benefits Marketplace.

▶ **Margolin, Winer & Evens:** Fastest-growing specialty — state and local tax. Fastest-growing client category — real estate.

▶ **Marks Paneth:** In November 2014, added Washington, D.C.-based litigation support firm ITR.

▶ **Mauldin & Jenkins:** Expanded executive committee.

▶ **MBAF CPAs:** Continues to explore merger opportunities. Hired a full-time recruiter to hire senior-level talent.

▶ **McGladrey:** In August 2014, hired a chief economist and a chief technology officer. In September, merged in Ohio-based Battelle Rippe Kingston. In November, merged in Oklahoma-based Cole + Reed. In December, merged in Philadelphia-based Fesnak, and Connecticut-based Pacilio Wealth Management.

▶ **Miller Kaplan Arase:** Developing a forensic services division. Fastest-growing specialty service — attest. Fastest-growing client category — business management in media and entertainment.

▶ **Montgomery Coscia Greilich:** Opened office in Fort Worth, Texas. Implemented partner leadership development program. Created a strategy and management con-

sulting practice.

► **Moss Adams:** In January 2015, acquired regulatory compliance and financial consulting portion of Houston-based telecommunications company CHR Solutions Inc.

► **Mountjoy Chilton Medley:** In July 2014, acquired Louisville, Ky.-based HR consulting firm Personnel Profiling Inc.

► **Nigro Karlin Segal Feldstein & Bolno:** Opened a new office in San Francisco. In July 2014, announced merger with New York-based Press Schonig Rosenthal & Co.

► **Novogradac & Co.:** In December 2014, opened office in Walnut Creek, Calif.

► **O'Connor Davies:** In January 2014, merged in New York-based Mersel, Klein & Co. In October, merged in Purchase, N.Y.-based Perl & Asch. In November, merged in Bethesda, Md.-based Grubman Anand. In December, launched Risk Advisory Group. In January 2015, merged in Chappaqua, N.Y.-based Daniel McMahon Co.

► **Plante Moran:** In March 2014, announced alliance with Epicor Software; appointed new chief information officer.

► **Postlethwaite & Netterville:** Implemented a lifelong learning program to develop soft skills and leadership and business development skills.

► **Prager Metis CPAs:** In January 2015, merged in New York City-based family office services boutique Polakoff & Michaelson.

► **PwC:** In March 2014, completed acquisition of Minnesota Privacy Consultants. In April, completed acquisition of Booz & Co., which it renamed Strategy&; launched performance governance, risk and compliance solution. In September, expanded data protection and privacy practice. In November, donated \$1 million to the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board.

► **Raffa:** Celebrated its 30th anniversary. In January 2014, acquired Transition Guides.

► **Raich Ende Malter & Co.:** Plans to enter entertainment accounting. Expects to complete two new mergers.

► **Rea & Associates:** Returning to the list. In September 2014, merged with Lima, Ohio-based M.A. Hoops & Associates. Launched a valuation and growth service.

► **Rehmann:** Named new CEO to take office in July 2015.

► **Reinsel Kuntz Leshner:** In October, merged with Carlisle, Pa.-based Darkes, Peachey & Wilbert. Opened new offices in Harrisburg and Carlisle. Launched investment banking entity, RKL Capital Advisors.

► **RGL Forensics:** Opened a new office in Dubai. Created a new practice team focused on cyber-risk. Named an *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For.

► **RubinBrown:** Opened satellite office in St. Louis' Innovation District. Added industry groups — law firms and health care.

► **SaxBST:** New to the list. Created in January 2014 from the merger of Clifton, N.J.-based Sax Macy Fromm & Co. and Albany, N.Y.-based Bollam, Sheedy, Torani, & Co.

► **SC&H Group:** In December 2014, sold state and local tax practice to Altus Group for \$38 million. Named the No. 1 *Accounting Today* Best Firm to Work For in the Large Firm Category.

► **Schenck:** Ramped up business optimization service line. In January 2015, agreed to merge in Manitowoc, Wis.-based Kroening, Stangel, Swetlik & Zinkel in May 2014.

► **Schneider Downs:** In August 2014, installed new co-managing partners.

► **Seiler:** Redesigned Web site. Saw revenue growth of 13 percent.

► **Sikich:** In February 2014, merged in Brookfield, Wis.-based 403 Labs. Added three service lines in family law services and high-end divorce valuations; governmental accounting for K-12 school districts; and material handling equipment services. Hired first-ever in-house counsel.

► **SingerLewak:** Merged in litigation and forensic accounting practice with Biggs & Co. to create SLBiggs.

► **Skoda Minotti & Co.:** Implemented new systems for practice management, CRM,

and document management. Started a "Lean" initiative in audit.

► **Squar Milner:** Saw growth of almost 15 percent. Significantly expanding Los Angeles and Newport Beach offices.

► **SVA CPAs:** Added new service lines in risk management and government regulatory compliance. Launched a business intelligence initiative.

► **UHY Advisors Inc.:** In December, sold Texas practice to BDO to diversify away from reliance on the energy industry.

► **Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co.:** Opened an office in San Diego.

► **Warren Averett:** Extended services in Tampa, Fla. Added a chief talent officer and a chief growth officer. In December 2014, opened an office in Mobile, Ala.

► **Weaver:** In February 2014, merged in Stamford, Conn.-based RIN Attest and Advisory Services. Opened a new office in California. In December, elected a new managing partner to take office in June 2015.

► **WeiserMazars:** In May 2014, completed merger with ICS Consulting Partners.

► **Whitley Penn:** In November, merged in Dallas-based JonesBaggett.

► **Wipfli:** In January 2014, added Chicago-based Regulatory Compliance Associates Inc. In November, merged in Milwaukee-based Assurity River Group. In January 2015, merged in Philadelphia-based Elko & Associates and Helena, Mont.-based Galusha, Higgins & Galusha.

► **Wiss & Co.:** Gets over half of its revenue from audit.

► **WithumSmith+Brown:** In January 2014, merged in Toms River, N.J.-based Hutchins, Meyer & DiLieto. In March 2014, merged in Morristown-based Walsh & Borresen.

► **Wolf & Co.:** New to the list. Fastest-growing specialty service — risk management. Fastest-growing client category — tech.

► **Yeo & Yeo:** New to the list. In January 2014, merged with Southgate, Mich.-based Hungerford & Co.