

# *News Release*

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## **CNL STRATEGIC CAPITAL GROWS ITS PORTFOLIO WITH INVESTMENT IN SEVENTEENTH COMPANY**

(Orlando, Fla.) July 7, 2025 — CNL Strategic Capital, LLC, with a total investment of approximately \$113.5 million, has closed on the acquisition of its 17<sup>th</sup> portfolio company, International Franchise Professionals Group (IFPG).

IFPG is a membership-based organization serving more than 1,300 franchise professionals. As one of the largest member networks and marketplaces dedicated to the franchise industry, IFPG's customer community is made up of franchisors, franchise consultants and vendors who help potential candidates through the process of identifying and investing in a franchise business. Nationally-recognized franchise companies have chosen IFPG and its members to represent their brands, and hundreds of experienced franchise consultants have chosen IFPG to power their businesses by helping aspiring entrepreneurs realize their dreams of business ownership. Established in 2012, IFPG is headquartered in Parlin, New Jersey and serves its customers across the U.S.

### **About CNL Strategic Capital**

CNL Strategic Capital is a publicly registered, non-traded limited liability company that seeks to provide current income and long-term appreciation to individuals by acquiring controlling equity stakes in combination with loan positions in durable and growing middle-market businesses. The company is externally managed by CNL Strategic Capital Management, LLC and Levine Leichtman Strategic Capital, LLC (LLSC). For additional information, please visit [cnlstrategiccapital.com](http://cnlstrategiccapital.com).

### **About CNL Financial Group**

CNL Financial Group (CNL) is a leading private investment management firm providing alternative investment opportunities. Since inception in 1973, CNL and/or its affiliates have formed or acquired companies with more than \$36 billion in assets. CNL is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. For additional information, please visit [cnl.com](http://cnl.com).

### **About Levine Leichtman Strategic Capital**

LLSC is an affiliate of Levine Leichtman Capital Partners, LLC (LLCP), a middle-market private equity firm with a 40-year track record of investing across various targeted sectors, including Franchising & Multi-unit, Business Services, Education & Training and Engineered Products & Manufacturing. LLCP

utilizes a differentiated Structured Private Equity investment strategy, combining debt and equity capital investments in portfolio companies. LLCP believes that by investing in a combination of debt and equity securities, it offers management teams growth capital in a highly tailored, flexible investment structure that can be a more attractive alternative than traditional private equity.

LLCP's global team of dedicated investment professionals is led by 9 partners who have worked at LLCP for an average of 19 years. Since inception, LLCP has managed approximately \$17.2 billion of institutional capital across 15 investment funds and has invested in over 100 portfolio companies. LLCP currently manages \$11.1 billion of assets and has offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Miami, London, Stockholm, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. For additional information, please visit [llcp.com](http://llcp.com).

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