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SDR Ventures Named to Axial's Top 20 Lower Middle Market Investment Banks for Q3 2026

Denver M&A Advisory Firm Recognized for Client Quality, Process Effectiveness, and Deal Outcomes Among 400+ Firms Reviewed

DENVER, CO — SDR Ventures, a Denver-based mergers and acquisitions advisory and investment banking firm serving privately held, lower middle market businesses, has been named to Axial's Top 25 Lower Middle Market Investment Banks for Q3 2026, ranking #19 for the second consecutive quarter. The recognition highlights the most effective sell-side M&A advisors on the Axial platform.

Axial ranks advisors on the quality of the businesses they represent, how well they match each company with the right buyers, how effectively they guide interested buyers through the sale, and how many deals reach a signed offer and a close.

Of the 3,166 deals that came to market via Axial in Q3, the 25 featured firms collectively marketed 184. Those deals were matched with 89,689 recommended buyers and drew 5,114 buyer pursuits, meaning buyers who signaled real interest.

> *"Showing up in the top tier of Axial's lower middle market rankings quarter after quarter tells us the process is repeatable. Our team puts the right buyers in front of our clients, creates real competitive tension, and carries deals through to a close. That consistency is what business owners should expect from their advisor, and it is what we hold ourselves to on every engagement."*
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> — Scott Mitchell, Managing Partner, SDR Ventures

For a business owner, a ranking like this answers a simple question: who can I trust to sell my company? Axial's list reflects how advisors perform in real sales, and SDR Ventures has now landed at #19 two quarters in a row, alongside a #22 ranking on Axial's 2026 Top 50 Lower Middle Market Industrials list. It reflects the firm's continued focus on running well-managed, competitive sell-side processes for business owners.

Selling a business is often the biggest financial decision an owner will make. Being named again and again tells owners that SDR Ventures brings the same careful, hands-on work to every sale, from the first conversation through closing, so they can feel confident in who is guiding them.

The recognition adds to SDR Ventures' record on the Axial platform, which includes multiple Industry Top 50 designations, repeated League Table appearances, and a spot on the 2026 Axial Advisor 100.

ABOUT SDR Ventures

SDR Ventures is a Denver-based investment bank serving lower-to-middle market business owners

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across North America. We specialize in sell-side advisory, buy-side representation, exit planning, capital raising, and strategic consulting for privately held companies. Our team works with founders and operators across industries, including manufacturing, distribution, business services, healthcare, technology, food and beverage, agribusiness, industrial, pets, and consumer. The SDR Ventures approach of "Thinking Like Owners" helps businesses maximize their value.

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