



Star Equity Holdings, Inc. Hudson Talent Solutions Subsidiary Celebrates 17 Consecutive Years on HRO Today's Baker's Dozen List of Top Global RPO Providers

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Annual Client Satisfaction Survey Reflects the Views of Senior HR Decision Makers

OLD GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 24, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Star Equity Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: STRR and STRRP) ("Star" or the "Company"), a diversified holding company, announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Hudson Talent Solutions (HTS) has ranked among HRO Today magazine's Baker's Dozen list of top enterprise recruitment process outsourcing (RPO) providers for the 17th consecutive year. This year, HTS not only maintained its place among the world's best but also advanced up the rankings, signaling strong momentum in its RPO delivery and client satisfaction. HTS achieved a ranking of #5, in the "Overall Enterprise RPO Leaders" category, which is the highest ranking for HTS over the last 17 years. Of note, HTS ranked #6 in the same category in the last two years.

HTS CEO, Jake Zabkowicz, noted, "We are thrilled to once again be recognized as one of the top players in the global Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) market. This distinction is not just a moment of pride, it is a testament to the strength of our brand, the trust we've built with our clients, and the consistent excellence delivered by our dedicated team across the globe. Achieving this level of recognition year after year underscores our commitment to innovation, client-centric solutions, and long-term partnerships. It speaks volumes about our continued investment in developing cutting-edge strategies, nurturing a talented and diverse workforce, and delivering measurable outcomes for our clients."

Mr. Zabkowicz continued, "What makes this recognition even more meaningful is that it reflects direct feedback and validation from the organizations we serve. It highlights the value we bring, not just in meeting hiring needs, but in being a strategic partner that contributes to their broader talent and business goals. We are extremely proud of this achievement and grateful to our clients, our people, and our partners who make it possible. It motivates us to keep raising the bar and setting new standards in the RPO industry."

The annual RPO Baker's Dozen list is based on a survey of industry professionals, including RPO clients, who analyze and rank services offered across the market. The Baker's Dozen survey is considered a leading global indicator of top recruitment outsourcing providers.

Results of the Baker's Dozen were based on a client satisfaction survey completed by 500 verified global customers who use recruitment outsourcing services. Respondents rated RPO providers on the overall breadth of service, deal size, and service quality.

About Hudson Talent Solutions

Hudson Talent Solutions is a global leader in talent acquisition and workforce strategy. With operations across the globe, the company delivers customized, scalable talent solutions that combine data, technology, employer branding, and advisory expertise. Its consultative, end-to-end approach empowers organizations to attract, engage, and retain top talent worldwide. Learn more at www.hudsontalent.com.

About Star Equity Holdings, Inc.

Star Equity Holdings, Inc. is a diversified holding company that seeks to build long-term shareholder value by acquiring, managing, and growing businesses with strong fundamentals and market opportunities. Its current structure comprises four divisions: Building Solutions, Business Services, Energy Services, and Investments. For more information visit www.starequity.com.

Building Solutions

The Building Solutions division operates in three niches: (i) modular building manufacturing; (ii) structural wall panel and wood foundation manufacturing, including building supply distribution operations; and (iii) glue-laminated timber (glulam) column, beam, and truss manufacturing.

Business Services

The Business Services division provides flexible and scalable recruitment solutions to a global clientele, servicing organizations at all levels, from entry-level positions to the C-suite. The division focuses on mid-market and enterprise organizations worldwide, partnering consultatively with talent acquisition, HR, and procurement leaders to build diverse, high-impact teams and drive business success.

Energy Services

The Energy Services division engages in the rental, sale, and repair of downhole tools used in the oil and gas, geothermal, mining, and water-well industries.

Investments

The Investments division manages and finances the Company's real estate assets as well as its investment positions in private and public companies.

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