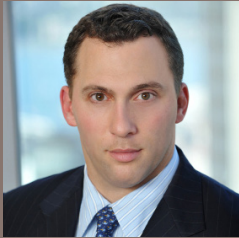


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- Viagogo Entertainment in its pending \$4 billion acquisition of StubHub from eBay;
- DST Systems, Inc. in its \$5.4 billion acquisition by SS&C Technologies Holdings, Inc.;
- Ash Grove Cement Company in its \$3.5 billion acquisition by CRH plc;
- Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc. in its \$2.8 billion acquisition by Penn National Gaming, Inc.;
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