

Hyde Park brokers private equity deal

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Private equity firm Centre Partners bought Orion International Consulting Group Inc., the nation's largest military recruiting and consulting firm.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Hyde Park Capital Advisors LLC, the investment banking subsidiary of Tampa-based Hyde Park Capital Partners LLC, served as Orion's investment bank.

Orion is headquartered in Raleigh, N.C., and has offices in Sarasota, San Diego, Cincinnati, Virginia Beach, Va., and Austin, Texas. The 16-year-old company primarily finds permanent placement civilian opportunities for exiting junior military officers, enlisted technicians and military health care professionals, according to a release.

Centre Partners invested in the firm in a partnership with Jeffrey Evans, a staffing industry veteran who will serve as Orion's executive chairman, and with key members of Orion's senior management team, the release said.

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