Clarus CEO Steve O'Leary Named a 2026 Market Mover in Monitor's Most Influential People in Equipment Finance

Recognition reflects a record of building successful equipment finance platforms and expanding institutional capital across the asset class

Boston, MA, October 26, 2026 - Clarus Capital today announced that Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer Steve O'Leary has been recognized by Monitor as a 2026 Market Mover in its inaugural list of the Most Influential People in Equipment Finance.

The Market Mover distinction recognizes leaders in capital markets, lender finance, securitization and investment who have played a pivotal role in shaping capital flow and market structure across the equipment finance industry.

Steve has spent his career building and leading successful equipment finance businesses. His track record includes launching successful platforms at Shawmut Bank and Eastern Bank before joining NewStar Financial in 2010, an $8 billion publicly traded private credit investment manager, to establish its equipment finance business.

At NewStar, Steve built a de novo, sponsor-focused equipment finance platform serving middle-market and large corporate borrowers. In 2015, the company completed one of the equipment ABS market's earliest securitizations backed by a diversified portfolio of large-ticket equipment loans and leases. The transaction helped demonstrate that large-ticket equipment finance portfolios could support institutional-scale capital markets execution and helped establish a path for future ABS issuers.

In 2021, Steve and several longtime colleagues including Tim Conway, Mike Eisenstein, and Jeff Greene, launched Clarus Capital in partnership with BharCap Partners. Under his leadership, Clarus has invested more than $1.3 billion since inception, providing equipment financing solutions to private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies across a broad range of industries and asset classes. Clarus has also established a repeat ABS issuance program, further expanding the connection between large-ticket equipment finance and institutional capital.

"Steve has spent his career building equipment finance businesses that combine specialized asset knowledge, disciplined credit judgment and institutional capital markets execution," said Tim Conway, Co-Founder and Chairman of Clarus Capital. "His leadership has helped expand the capital available to equipment-intensive companies and advance large-ticket equipment finance as an institutional asset class. This recognition is well deserved."

"This recognition reflects the work of an exceptional team that has remained focused on serving our private equity sponsor partners and clients," O'Leary said. "We have built Clarus around experienced people, disciplined investment practices and reliable execution. I am proud of what the team has accomplished and believe we are still in the early stages of the opportunity ahead."

About Clarus Capital

Clarus Capital is a private credit firm specializing in delivering efficient capital solutions to finance tangible assets for middle market and large corporate borrowers. The Company targets investments up to $100 million across equipment types, industries and throughout the credit spectrum via a seasoned group of investment professionals with diverse risk management and structuring expertise. Clarus Capital was formed as a partnership between a proven leadership team and long-term institutional capital with the goal of building a comprehensive equipment finance platform that addresses the needs of middle market and large U.S. companies. The firm is headquartered in Boston, MA and has a nationwide footprint across the United States. For more detailed information about Clarus Capital, please visit our website at www.claruscap.com or contact us at info@claruscap.com.