

## Blackstone to Sell Optiv to KKR

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The Firm is representing Blackstone (NYSE: BX) and Optiv Security in connection with Blackstone's sale of Optiv to KKR (NYSE: KKR). Blackstone will maintain a minority interest in Optiv, along with Optiv management. The transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017 subject to customary closing conditions.

Optiv is a market-leading provider of end-to-end cyber security solutions. Over the past three years, Optiv has served more than 7,500 clients in 76 countries, including 71 of the Fortune 100 and 604 of the Fortune 1000. With a 97 percent three-year growth rate, Optiv was named to the 2016 Inc. 5000 as one of North America's fastest-growing private companies.

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