

# *News Release*

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## **CNL STRATEGIC CAPITAL INVESTS IN DOUGLAS MACHINES CORP. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXISTING MANAGEMENT**

(Orlando, Fla.) Oct. 7, 2021 — CNL Strategic Capital, LLC acquired a majority equity stake and made a concurrent debt investment in Douglas Machines Corp. in partnership with Douglas' management. This is the ninth company in CNL Strategic Capital's portfolio.

Founded in 1979 and headquartered in Clearwater, Florida, Douglas is a leading manufacturer of innovative and customizable commercial cleaning and sanitizing equipment to the food, pet food, nutraceutical and industrial end markets in the United States. Many of these end markets, in particular food safety, are subject to increasingly stringent regulations, further accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **About CNL Strategic Capital**

CNL Strategic Capital is a publicly registered, non-traded limited liability company that seeks to provide current income and long-term appreciation to individuals by acquiring controlling equity stakes in combination with loan positions in durable and growing middle-market businesses. The company is externally managed by CNL Strategic Capital Management, LLC and Levine Leichtman Strategic Capital, LLC (LLSC). For additional information, please visit [cnlstrategiccapital.com](http://cnlstrategiccapital.com).

### **About CNL Financial Group**

CNL Financial Group (CNL) is a private investment management firm providing real estate and alternative investments. Since inception in 1973, CNL and/or its affiliates have formed or acquired companies with more than \$34 billion in assets. CNL is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. For additional information, please visit [cnl.com](http://cnl.com).

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LLCP's global team of dedicated investment professionals is led by seven partners who have worked together for an average of 22 years. Since inception, LLCP has managed approximately \$12.7 billion of institutional capital across 15 investment funds and has invested in over 90 portfolio companies. LLCP currently manages \$9.0 billion of assets and has offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Charlotte, Miami, London, Stockholm and The Hague. For additional information, please visit [llcp.com](http://llcp.com).

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