Mizzen Capital Named to Inc.'s 2026 Founder-Friendly Investors List

The annual list recognizes private equity, venture capital, and lending firms with strong track records of supporting founder-led businesses

STAMFORD, CT, November 05, 2026 – Mizzen Management, LLC ("Mizzen Capital") has been named to **Inc.'s 2026 Founder-Friendly Investors** list, which recognizes private equity firms, venture capital firms, and lenders with demonstrated track records of supporting founder-led companies. This year's list recognizes Mizzen Capital among 294 firms across the investment landscape.

The prestigious Founder-Friendly Investors list celebrates the investors and firms that work closely with entrepreneurs and remain engaged with the businesses they back. Honorees are recognized for their approach to partnering with founders and supporting their companies through growth and beyond.

"With the current funding environment and rapid changes facing growing companies, founders are looking for more than just capital from their investors. They want true partners who believe in their business, but who are also able to provide the critical advisement and strategic support they need to reach their potential," says Bonny Ghosh, editorial director at Inc. "The 2026 Founder-Friendly Investor awards celebrate those firms — the ones committed to partnership, excellence, and helping founder-led companies grow."

"We are grateful for this recognition and for the founders who shared their feedback," said Liddy Karter, Co-Managing Partner at Mizzen Capital. "This demonstrates that we have been a flexible, dependable financing partner to owners of small businesses while respecting the companies they have built."

"Our work starts with listening to what an owner is trying to build and understanding where we can be a useful partner," said Marilyn Adler, Co-Managing Partner at Mizzen Capital. "We appreciate that founders took the time to share their experience with Inc."

Mizzen Capital provides flexible debt financing to a wide range of U.S. small businesses, and its work with owners and founders has taken several forms, including:

- Growth capital for established small businesses.
- Ownership transitions, including management buyouts.
- Acquisition financing alongside independent sponsors, private equity firms, and co-lenders.

- Investments across a range of industries, including energy services, solar, data and analytics, and commercial services.
- Exits through refinancings and sponsor-led recapitalizations.

Each financing is structured around the circumstances of the business and its owners, and terms vary by transaction. Because the Founder-Friendly Investors list is based on founders' own feedback, Mizzen Capital appreciates the recognition.

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For more information, visit Mizzen Capital or contact info@mizzencapital.com.

Mizzen Capital submitted an application and paid an application fee to be considered for Inc.'s Founder-Friendly Investors list and was recognized following Inc.'s review process. Participation in the program was subject to the standard application requirements established by Inc.
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