



PRIVATE EQUITY INTERNATIONAL
AWARDS 2018

**FIRM OF THE YEAR
IN CANADA**

Brookfield

Brookfield's private equity business had an active 2018, acquiring a number of businesses including Westinghouse and European plastic packaging manufacturer Schoeller Allibert. Brookfield also won a *PEI* Operational Excellence Award for what judges termed a "stunning improvement" in GrafTech International, a maker of graphite electrodes used in steelmaking. GrafTech listed on the New York Stock Exchange in April after racking up EBITDA of more than \$1.2 billion in 2018. One of its flagship funds - Brookfield Capital Partners V - which is its largest-ever global private equity fund, had a first close, which as of press time totalled \$6.5 billion in the fourth quarter last year. This is already more than the \$4 billion that its 2015-vintage predecessor fund raised against a \$3.5 billion target.