North Branch Capital Sells STARC Systems to Bertram Capital

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STARC SYSTEMS
a portfolio company of
NORTH BRANCH CAPITAL
has been acquired by
BERTRAM CAPITAL
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North Branch Capital ("North Branch") announces the sale of STARC Systems ("STARC" or the "Company") to Bertram Capital ("Bertram"). STARC's President and CEO, Chris Vickers, and the current management team will continue to lead the Company as it embarks on its next phase of growth.

Headquartered in Brunswick, Maine, STARC is a leading manufacturer of reusable temporary containment wall systems for sensitive construction environments. The Company's products address dust mitigation, noise abatement, pathogen containment and other challenges within critical facilities in the healthcare, life sciences, airport and data center markets, among others. Since North Branch's investment in July 2023, the Company has significantly expanded its product portfolio and manufacturing capabilities, including the opening of a new 107k square foot manufacturing and operations facility in March 2026.

"Partnering with Chris and the STARC team over the past three years has been a privilege, and we couldn't be prouder of what the organization has accomplished," said Nick Johansson, Principal at North Branch. "Since our investment in July 2023, STARC has strengthened its position as the market leader in reusable containment, launched new products to serve its customers' most demanding jobsite requirements, and made a major investment in manufacturing capacity with its new Brunswick facility. We believe the Company is exceptionally well positioned for its next chapter, and we're confident the partnership with Bertram will build on that momentum."

"North Branch believed in STARC's vision from the start and was a tremendous partner. Their support helped us rapidly grow the business, strengthen our capabilities, and position STARC for continued success. We are grateful for their partnership and all we accomplished together," said Chris Vickers, President and CEO of STARC.

The transaction closed on September 9, 2026. Stout acted as financial advisor and Katten Muchin Rosenman served as legal counsel to STARC and North Branch in the transaction.

About North Branch Capital

North Branch Capital (www.northbranchcap.com) is a complete partner for growing, lower middle market, industrial businesses. We specifically target investments in businesses with outstanding growth prospects, both organically and through add-on acquisitions. We also seek partnerships with strong leadership teams driving tremendous cultures. With over 90 years of collective operating experience, our collaboration with management teams is unique. Our goal is to unlock potential and accelerate growth through investment in people, processes and systems.