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Elite Show Services, Inc. is ranked 175 on the 2001 *Inc 500* annual ranking of America's fastest-growing private companies. Elite is the only security guard company on the list, which is published in the November issue. Elite's 2000 gross revenues were \$4.1 million, up from \$2.5 million in 1996.

Founded in 1992 and owned by Kontopuls and his brother Gus Kontopuls, Elite has provided personal protection for many VIPs and dignitaries, including Ted Turner, Jane Fonda, Tom Cruise, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Helen Hunt, Jean-Claude Van Damme, Sting, Bill Murray, Dennis Rodman, Tiger Woods and Suzanne Sommers. Also among Elite's clients are Union Bank, Marriott Hotels, the San Diego Padres, the San Diego Chargers and the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

Elite coordinates and implements security and event staffing services at special events, conventions and trade shows, sporting events, concerts, hotels, retail sites, residential properties, commercial sites, nightclubs and restaurants.