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Winners Revealed for the Inaugural ACG New York Champion's Awards

Top Deals and Professionals Honored Before Sell-Out Crowd

New York, June 21, 2011 – *The M&A Advisor* and ACG New York revealed the winners in 25 different categories for the Inaugural ACG New York Champion's Awards at a sold-out dinner gala at Sotheby's New York. The Master of Ceremonies, Durant D. "Randy" Schwimmer, Editor and Publisher of "On the Left" financial newsletter, helped recognize the outstanding achievements in the middle market M&A industry in the New York Region.

An independent body of experts, who represent a cross-section of the middle market industry, judged the finalists' deals, deal makers and firms.

"The ACG New York Champion's Awards winners represent the best of M&A in the New York area in 2011 and earned these honors by distinguishing themselves in a group of very impressive finalists," said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of *The M&A Advisor*. "Each winner should take pride in their award and the message it sends about the resilience of our industry. It was exciting to be collaborating with the ACG New York chapter by bringing our firm's decade of experience to recognizing the best deals and dealmakers."

To qualify, the finalists' transactions had to close between April 1, 2010 and March 30, 2011 and be over \$5 million in transaction value. Firms executing the transactions would have offices located in the New York region.

In addition to recognizing the winners that evening, the event honored Robert "Bobby" Blumenfeld, who was the recipient of the inaugural Peter Hilton Founder's Award for his achievements as President of the ACG New York Chapter from 2004-2010. "Being honored in the name of Peter Hilton, the founder of ACG in 1954, is quintessential of what is so dynamic about ACG and its members," said Bobby Blumenfeld, now the Executive Director of ACG New York. "It is indeed humbling to be recognized by my peers."

Winners for the ACG New York Champion's Awards are attached. For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com.



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Winners of the ACG New York Champion's Awards

MAJOR CATEGORIES

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Over \$250mm)

Combination of Eisner LLP and Amper, Politziner
and Mattia LLP

EisnerAmper LLP
Dechert LLP
Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$100mm and \$250mm)

Majority Recapitalization of North American
Partners in Anesthesia Affiliate Management
Services Company

Morgan Keegan
BDO Seidman
Deloitte & Touche
NAPA Management Services Co.
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Moelis Capital Partners
Nixon Peabody

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$25mm and \$100mm)

Sale of Crowe Paradis Services Corporation by
Clarion Capital Partners

Clarion Capital Partners, LLC
Lazard Middle Market
McCarter & English
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton &
Garrison LLP
Verisk Analytics, Inc.

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$5mm and \$25mm)

Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard
by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank
Financial Telecommunication)

Marlin & Associates, LLC
SWIFT

Cross-Border Deal of the Year

Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch LLC

Alston & Bird
Buccino & Associates, Inc.
AVICON (UK)
Jefferies & Company
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley &
McCoy, LLP
Salans LLP

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year

Sale of iSuppli Corp to IHS Inc.

Marlin & Associates, LLC
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth

Corporate Merger of the Year

Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp.
(NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones
(Madrid: PRS)

Greenberg Traurig
Liberty Acquisition Holdings
Corp.
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Violy & Co
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen &
Katz

Dealmaker of the Year

Casey J. Zmijeski, Managing Director

Fifth Street Finance Corp.

FIRM OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

Investment Banking Firm of the Year

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

Private Equity Firm of the Year

The Riverside Company

Valuation Firm of the Year

Valuation Research Corp.

M&A Product/Service of the Year

Accordian Partners

Senior Lender Firm of the Year

Fifth Street Finance

Law Firm of the Year

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Accounting/Due Diligence Firm of the Year

RSM McGladrey, Inc.

SECTOR DEAL OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

Information Technology Deal of the Year

Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) Marlin & Associates, LLC
SWIFT

Healthcare and Life Sciences Deal of the Year

Majority Recapitalization of North American Partners in Anesthesia Affiliate Management Services Company Morgan Keegan
BDO Seidman
Deloitte & Touche
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Moelis Capital Partners
NAPA Management Services Corporation
Nixon Peabody

Industrial Manufacturing and Distribution Deal of the Year

363 Sale of Grede Foundries to Wayzata backed Citation Conway Del Genio Gries & Co., LLC
DDJ Capital Markets
Wayzata Investment Partners

Financial Services Deal of the Year

NASDAQ OMX Acquires SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) Marlin & Associates, LLC
ArgyStar.com

Business Services Deal of the Year

Acquisition of Procon & Enfotrace by Bertram Capital Bertram Capital
Morgan Joseph LLC

Media, Entertainment or Telecom Deal of the Year

Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp.
(NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones
(Madrid: PRS)

Greenberg Traurig
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp.
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Violy & Co
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

Energy Deal of the Year

Public Offering of ECA Marcellus Trust I Royalty
Trust Securities

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Baker Botts
Ernst & Young LLP
Vinson & Elkins LLP

Industrial Goods and Basic Resources Deal of the Year

Acquisition of ICEC Group by Oxbow

TM Capital Corp.
Callisto Partners LLC
International Commodities Export Corp.
Latham & Watkins LLP
Oxbow Carbon LLC
Winstead PC

Consumer and Retail Products Deal of the Year

Acquisition of PANOS Brands by High Road Capital
Partners

High Road Capital Partners
Fifth Third Bank
Jones Day
Moelis & Company
Royal Wessanen
RSM McGladrey

Consumer Manufacturing and Distribution Deal of the Year

Sale of Townsends, Inc. to Peco Foods, Inc. (Arkansas
assets) and Omtron, Ltd. (North Carolina assets)

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Brunini, Grantham, Grower &
Hewes, PLLC
Huron Consulting Group
Morris, Nichols, Arshat & Tunnell, LLP
Wilmington Trust Company