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FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 9th ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARDS *Winners to Be Revealed at Awards Gala Dec. 14th in New York City*

NEW YORK, OCT. 28, 2010— *The M&A Advisor* today announced 234 finalists in 47 categories for its 9th Annual M&A Awards. The finalists will now be judged by an independent panel and the award winners will be revealed at the 9th Annual M&A Awards Gala and Summit at the New York Athletic Club in New York City on December 14, 2010.

“In 2010, we witnessed continued growth in M&A and, as a result of the challenging market conditions, creative deal-making has really flourished,” said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. “I’m particularly impressed by the number of corporate and strategic transactions that were submitted. The firms that have successfully accomplished deals this year are eager to share their achievements, resulting in the largest number of nominations in the 9 year history of our Awards.”

This year’s finalists represent the leading firms in the industry, including *Sun Capital Partners; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; JP Morgan Securities; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; William Blair; Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Houlihan Lokey, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Catterton Partners* and the most significant transactions such as *the Sale of Volvo Car Corporation; the Acquisition of BJ Services by Baker Hughes; and the Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company*. To qualify, the finalists’ transactions had to close between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010 and be over \$10 million in transaction value. An independent group of experts from the M&A industry will now begin the judging to determine the winning recipients of the awards.

The 9th Annual M&A Advisor Awards and Summit is the original and premiere event bringing together over 400 of the leading M&A dealmakers, deal team members and key service providers in an exclusive gathering. The Summit will feature the industry’s leading M&A professionals including stalwarts **Wilbur L. Ross; Robert “Steve” Miller, John Borer, Charles W. Downer, Marshall Sonenshine and John “Jack” Butler** keynoting and participating in exclusive interactive forums. M&A in the BRIC’s; US Financial Reform – Dodd Frank and Beyond; Maximizing M&A Performance with Technology; and Navigating Turbulent Markets are just some of the key feature sessions.

In addition to the announcement of the winners of the 2010 M&A Advisor Awards, the Awards Gala will feature the induction of M&A Lifetime Achievement Award Winners into the M&A Advisor Hall of Fame: **Peter G. Peterson; David T. Morgenthaler; John K. Castle; Wilbur L. Ross; Charles W. Downer, Robert “Steve” Miller and Bruce Wasserstein** (posthumously).

Finalists for the 9th Annual M&A Awards are listed below and can be found on at www.maadvisor.com.

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Finalists for the 9th Annual M&A Advisor Awards

The finalists for the 9th Annual M&A Awards are as follows. Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala in New York City on December 14, 2009. Please visit www.maadvisor.com for additional details.

I. Major Deal Categories

Upper Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Bell Microproducts Inc. by Avnet, Inc. **Nominated by:**
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc. **Nominated by:**
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
Deal Team Members:
3S Advisors, LLC
William Blair & Company
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global **Nominated by:**
Access International Capital LLC
Deal Team Members:
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India **Nominated by:**
Religare Enterprises Ltd
Deal Team Members:
Rajah & Tann LLP
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.
- Acquisition of Switch and Data by Equinix **Nominated by:**
Piper Jaffray & Co.
Deal Team Members:
Holland & Knight LLP
Seaport Capital
- Hostile acquisition of Energy Developments Ltd, an Australian Public Company **Nominated by:**
Pacific Equity Partners
Deal Team Members:
Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers
UBS
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners **Nominated by:**
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Mercury Payment Systems
Silver Lake

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$250mm and \$500mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores **Nominated by:**
Xnergy LLC
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Global Solutions
Las Vegas Business Services
Law Offices of Donald Johnson
- Acquisition of certain assets from Pacific Energy Resources Ltd. by Rise Energy Beta, LLC et al **Nominated by:**
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Deal Team Members:
Rise Energy Partners, LP

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Diedrich Coffee
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Acquisition of K-Tron International (NASDAQ: KTII) by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI)

Nominated by:
P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Hillenbrand, Inc.
- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation

Nominated by:
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group
Deal Team Members:
McNeil Technologies
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Veritas Capital
- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
- Equity investment in NXT Capital by Kramer Levin-client Stone Point Capital LLC/Trident Funds et al

Nominated by:
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Deal Team Members:
Stone Point Capital, LLC
- Sale of a majority equity stake of Provo Craft to BAML Capital Partners

Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.

Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union

Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Custom House

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (From \$100mm to \$250mm)

- Acquisition of Evolution Benefits by Genstar Capital

Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Dechert LLP
Talcott Partners, CCP Equity Partners
- Acquisition of Axolotl, Inc. by Ingenix (UnitedHealth Group)

Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Acquisition of Character Licensing LLC ("Peanuts"), owned by The E.W. Scripps Company by Iconix Brand Group

Nominated by:
Weber Shandwick
Deal Team Members:
Baker Hostetler LLP
Blank Rome LLP
The E.W. Scripps Company
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company

Nominated by:
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation

Nominated by:
Jordan, Knauff & Company
Deal Team Members:
AES Corporation
U.S. Global Energy LLC

- Sale of Ross Education by Huron Capital Partners
Nominated by:
Huron Capital Partners, LLC
Deal Team Members:
BMO Capital Markets
Clayton McKerverve, P.C.
Goldberg Kohn
- Sale of Shoes for Crews to AEA Investors
Nominated by:
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Sale of SterilMed Inc. to Great Hill Partners
Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$750mm)

- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global
Nominated by:
Access International Capital LLC
Deal Team Members:
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of RiskMetrics Group, Inc. by MSCI Inc.
Nominated by:
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Deal Team Members:
Evercore Partners
MSCI
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited
Nominated by:
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
J.P. Morgan Securities
KPMG

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$500mm to \$750mm)

- Acquisition of Bell Microproducts Inc. by Avnet, Inc. ("Avnet")
Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc.
Nominated by:
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
Deal Team Members:
3S Advisors, LLC
William Blair & Company
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India
Nominated by:
Religare Enterprises Ltd
Deal Team Members:
Rajah & Tann LLP
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$300mm to \$500 mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
Nominated by:
Xnergy LLC
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Global Solutions
Las Vegas Business Services
Law Offices of Donald Johnson
- Acquisition of K-Tron International (NASDAQ: KTII) by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI)
Nominated by:
P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Hillenbrand, Inc.
- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation
Nominated by:
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group
Deal Team Members:
McNeil Technologies
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Veritas Capital
- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.
Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$100mm to \$300mm)

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Diedrich Coffee
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company
Nominated by:
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Acquisition of Stuart Weitzman Holdings by Jones Apparel Group
Nominated by:
Financo, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Chadbourne & Parke
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (\$100 mm and less)

- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com
Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
Nominated by:
MHT Partners, LP
Deal Team Members:
Archipelago Learning
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.
Nominated by:
B.C. Ziegler and Company
Deal Team Members:
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
Brown McCarroll, LLP
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX
Nominated by:
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.
Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
McColl Partners, LLC
Michael Baker Corp.
The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical
Nominated by:
Business Development Asia LLC
Deal Team Members:
Clifford Chance US LLP
King & Wood

Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (From \$50mm to \$100mm)

- Sale of "Doe & Ingalls" assets to Doe & Ingalls Management, LLC to Pouchine Cook Capital Management, LLC and Anchor Capital, LLC
Nominated by:
Capstone Partners LLC
Deal Team Members:
Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico
Nixon Peabody
- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com
Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of Alliance Entertainment by Platinum Equity and The Gores Group from Source Interlink
Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
Nominated by:
MHT Partners, L.P.
Deal Team Members:
Archipelago Learning
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.
Nominated by:
B.C. Ziegler and Company
Deal Team Members:
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
Brown McCarroll, LLP
- Acquisition of Epic MedStaff Services by Webster Capital
Nominated by:
Provident Healthcare Partners

- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company
Nominated by: BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group
Deal Team Members: SGIS, Venable LLP
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.
Nominated by: Morgan Joseph
Deal Team Members: McColl Partners, LLC, Michael Baker Corp., The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Hugin to Thomson Reuters by NYSE Euronext
Nominated by: Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical
Nominated by: Business Development Asia LLC
Deal Team Members: Clifford Chance US LLP, King & Wood

Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (From \$30mm to \$50mm)

- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle
Nominated by: Branford Castle, Inc.
Deal Team Members: Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP, Harris Williams / Cobblestone, Peninsula Capital Partners LLC
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc
Nominated by: Morgan Joseph
Deal Team Members: Haynes and Boone, LLP, Michael Baker Corp., Reed Smith LLP
- Acquisition of Logical Information Machines, Inc. by Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN)
Nominated by: Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Acquisition of Safety Tubs, Inc. by American Standard Brands a portfolio company of Sun Capital Partners
Nominated by: Cross Keys Capital
Deal Team Members: Carstens & Cahoon, LLP, Lamont Neiman Interian & Bellet, PA
- Recapitalization of BHS Marketing LLC by Post Capital Partners
Nominated by: Generational Equity, LLC
Deal Team Members: Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC, Post Capital Partners LLC, Private Capital Research, LLC
- Sale of Dow Chemicals to Arkema
Nominated by: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (Less than \$30mm)

- Acquisition of Preview Services Limited by Cintas Corporation
Nominated by: Beanstalk Management Limited
Deal Team Members: Clarks Legal LLP
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics
Nominated by: Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members: Fesnak & Associates
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.
- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation
Nominated by: Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of Southside Container and Trailer LLC by a SCT Acquisition LLC
Nominated by: Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group
Nominated by: McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Deal Team Members: Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Spectrum Chemical
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC
- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners
Nominated by: JD Ford & Company
Deal Team Members: Catterton Partners
Sun Water Systems, Inc.
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.
Nominated by: Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members: Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP
Sullivan & Worcester LLP
- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems
Nominated by: Generational Equity, LLC
- Creation of US LBM Holdings, LLC by BlackEagle Partners, LLC
Nominated by: BlackEagle Partners LLC
Deal Team Members: Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
Moelis & Company
- Recapitalization of Global X-Ray and Testing Corp. by Platte River Ventures
Nominated by: McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Deal Team Members: King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC
Leblanc and Carpenter

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion)

- Acquisition of OSI Pharmaceuticals by Astellas Pharma, Inc.
Nominated by: Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings Company
Nominated by: Tegrin Advisors, LLC
Deal Team Members: Citigroup Global Markets
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

- Combination of Mitsubishi UFJ Group, Inc. and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co., Ltd with Morgan Stanley Japan Securities
Nominated by:
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited
Nominated by:
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
J.P. Morgan Securities
KPMG

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Between \$100 mm and \$1 Billion)

- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation
Nominated by:
Jordan, Knauff & Company
Deal Team Members:
AES Corporation
U.S. Global Energy LLC
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global
Nominated by:
Access International Capital LLC
Deal Team Members:
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India
Nominated by:
Religare Enterprises Ltd
Deal Team Members:
Rajah & Tann LLP
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union
Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Custom House
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.
Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (\$100mm and less)

- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com
Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics
Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Fesnak & Associates
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
Nominated by:
MHT Partners, LP
Deal Team Members:
Archipelago Learning
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX
Nominated by:
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- Sale of Hugin to Thomson Reuters by NYSE Euronext
Nominated by:
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- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Michael Baker Corp.
Reed Smith LLP

- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical

Nominated by:
Business Development Asia LLC
Deal Team Members:
Clifford Chance US LLP
King & Wood

Dealmaker of the Year

- William J. Curtin, III, Hogan Lovells US LLP
- Scott P. George, P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
- John Ferrara, Capstone Partners LLC
- Thomas E. Knauff, Jordan, Knauff & Company
- Miroslav Lazarov, McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
- Steve J. McLaughlin, Financial Technology Partners
- Bill Timmerman, Xnergy LLC
- Robert Townsend, Morrison & Foerster LLP

Woman Dealmaker of the Year

- Christine LaFollette, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Marguerite Piret, Newbury Piret & Company
- Nia Stefany, Xnergy LLC

Magnus Deal of the Year (Over \$1 billion)

- Acquisition of TASC by General Atlantic, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., and the management of TASC from Northrop Grumman
- Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company
- Acquisition of BJ Services by Baker Hughes
- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company
- Acquisition of Terra Industries by CF Industries
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Lyondell Chemical Company

Nominated by:
General Atlantic
Deal Team Members:
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
TASC

Nominated by:
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

Nominated by:
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Nominated by:
Tegris Advisors, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Nominated by:
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Nominated by:
Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP
Deal Team Members:
AlixPartners
Evercore Partners

- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

Nominated by:
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
J.P. Morgan Securities
KPMG

Magnus Cross-border/International Deal of the Year

- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company
- Merger of Max Capital and Harbor Point
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

Nominated by:
Tegris Advisors, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Nominated by:
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Nominated by:
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
J.P. Morgan Securities
KPMG

II. Sector Deal Categories

Information Technology (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Bell Microproducts Inc. by Avnet, Inc.
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners

Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Nominated by:
Access International Capital LLC
Deal Team Members:
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices

Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Mercury Payment Systems
Silver Lake

Information Technology (\$500 mm or less)

- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union
- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey

Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Custom House

Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
K&L Gates LLP

- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company
- Sale of Hugin to Thomson Reuters by NYSE Euronext

Nominated by:

MHT Partners, LP

Deal Team Members:

Archipelago Learning
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

Nominated by:

BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group

Deal Team Members:

SGIS
Venable LLP

Nominated by:

Marlin & Associates New York, LLC

Media, Entertainment or Telecom (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company
- Acquisition of Switch and Data by Equinix

Nominated by:

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

Nominated by:

Piper Jaffray & Co.

Deal Team Members:

Holland & Knight LLP
Seaport Capital

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- Acquisition of Character Licensing LLC ("Peanuts"), owned by The E.W. Scripps Company by Iconix Brand Group
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
- Acquisition of The Weinstein Company's film Library by Goldman Sachs' and Assured Guaranty

Nominated by:

Weber Shandwick

Deal Team Members:

Baker Hostetler LLP
Blank Rome LLP
The E.W. Scripps Company

Nominated by:

MHT Partners, LP

Deal Team Members:

Archipelago Learning
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

Nominated by:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
LLP

Healthcare/Life Sciences (Over \$100mm)

- Acquisition of Axolotl, Inc. by Ingenix (UnitedHealth Group)
- Acquisition of OSI Pharmaceuticals by Astellas Pharma, Inc.
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical

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Nominated by:

Morrison & Foerster LLP

Nominated by:

Religare Enterprises Ltd

Deal Team Members:

Rajah & Tann LLP
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.

Nominated by:

Business Development Asia LLC

Deal Team Members:

Clifford Chance US LLP
King & Wood

- Sale of SterilMed Inc. to Great Hill Partners

Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.

Healthcare/Life Sciences (\$100 mm and less)

- Acquisition of Epic MedStaff Services by Webster Capital
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics
- Acquisition of Home Health Services, Inc. by Professional HealthCare, LLC, a portfolio company of Mainsail Partners

Nominated by:
Provident Healthcare

Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Fesnak & Associates
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.

- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.

Nominated by:
The Braff Group
Deal Team Members:
Hinton, Budrick, Hall & Spiker, LLC
Isaacks & Associates, Ltd., LLP
Mainsail Partners
Duram, Jones, Pinegar

- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group

Nominated by:
B.C. Ziegler and Company
Deal Team Members:
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
Brown McCarroll, LLP

- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.

Nominated by:
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Spectrum Chemical
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC

- Acquisition of Equinox Healthcare, Inc. by Serent Capital

Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP
Sullivan & Worcester LLP

Nominated by:
The Braff Group
Deal Team Members:
Bishop & Adkins, PA
Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall, P.C.
Serent Capital

Energy (Over \$100mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores

Nominated by:
Xnergy LLC
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Global Solutions
Las Vegas Business Services
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation

Nominated by:
Jordan, Knauff & Company
Deal Team Members:
AES Corporation
U.S. Global Energy LLC

- Hostile acquisition of Energy Developments Ltd, an Australian Public Company

Nominated by:
Pacific Equity Partners
Deal Team Members:
Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers
UBS

Energy (\$100mm and less)

- Acquisition of Lehigh Coal & Navigation by BET Associates IV, LLC and BET Lehigh Real Estate, LLC
- Acquisition of Logical Information Machines, Inc. by Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN)
- Recapitalization of Global X-Ray and Testing Corp. by Platte River Ventures
- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

Nominated by:
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Dilworth Paxson LLP
Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP
Stevens & Lee P.C.

Nominated by:
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC

Nominated by:
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Deal Team Members:
King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC
Leblanc and Carpenter

Nominated by:
Branford Castle, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP
Harris Williams / Cobblestone
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC

Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Michael Baker Corp.
Reed Smith LLP

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
- Acquisition of PT Matahari Department Store Tbk by PT Meadow Indonesia (indirect subsidiary of CVC Capital Partners).

Nominated by:
Xnergy LLC
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Global Solutions
Las Vegas Business Services
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

Nominated by:
Makes & Partners Law Firm
Deal Team Members:
Clifford Chance US LLP
Linklaters Allen & Gledhill Pte Ltd

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (\$500 or less)

- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC

Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP
Sullivan & Worcester LLP

- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (Over \$100 mm)

- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey

Nominated by:
Hogan Lovells US LLP
Deal Team Members:
Citigroup Global Markets
J.P. Morgan Securities
KPMG

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (\$100 mm and less)

- Sale of "Doe & Ingalls" assets to Doe & Ingalls Management, LLC to Pouchine Cook Capital Management, LLC and Anchor Capital, LLC

Nominated by:
Capstone Partners LLC
Deal Team Members:
Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico
Nixon Peabody

- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics

Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Fesnak & Associates
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.

- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group

Nominated by:
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Spectrum Chemical
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC

- Creation of US LBM Holdings, LLC by BlackEagle Partners, LLC

Nominated by:
BlackEagle Partners LLC
Deal Team Members:
Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP
Moelis & Company

- Recapitalization of BHS Marketing LLC by Post Capital Partners

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC
Post Capital Partners LLC
Private Capital Research, LLC

- Sale of Robert Manufacturing Company to Control Devices, LLC

Nominated by:
FMV Capital Markets, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Control Devices
Corridor Capital

Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

- Acquisition of Terra Industries by CF Industries
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.

Nominated by:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Nominated by:

Morgan Joseph LLC

Deal Team Members:

McColl Partners, LLC

Michael Baker Corp.

The LPA Group, Inc.

Nominated by:

Houlihan Lokey

Deal Team Members:

Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

Financial Services (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company
- Acquisition of RiskMetrics Group, Inc. by MSCI Inc.
- Combination of Mitsubishi UFJ Group, Inc. and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co., Ltd with Morgan Stanley Japan Securities
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners

Nominated by:

Tegris Advisors, LLC

Deal Team Members:

Citigroup Global Markets

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Nominated by:

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Deal Team Members:

Evercore Partners

MSCI

Nominated by:

Morrison & Foerster LLP

Nominated by:

Financial Technology Partners

Deal Team Members:

Mercury Payment Systems

Silver Lake

Financial Services (\$500mm or less)

- Acquisition of Equifax's Direct Marketing Services Division by Alliance Data Systems
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX
- Equity investment in NXT Capital by Stone Point Capital LLC/Trident Funds et al
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union

Nominated by:

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Nominated by:

Marlin & Associates New York, LLC

Nominated by:

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Deal Team Members:

Stone Point Capital, LLC

Nominated by:

Financial Technology Partners

Deal Team Members:

Custom House

Consumer and Retail Products (\$400mm and over)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc.
- Sale of a majority equity stake of Provo Craft to BAML Capital Partners

Nominated by:
Xnergy LLC
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Global Solutions
Las Vegas Business Services
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

Nominated by:
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff
Deal Team Members:
3S Advisors, LLC
William Blair & Company

Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.

Consumer and Retail Products (Between \$100mm and \$400mm)

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company
- Acquisition of Stuart Weitzman Holdings by Jones Apparel Group
- Sale of Shoes for Crews to AEA Investors

Nominated by:
Houlihan Lokey
Deal Team Members:
Diedrich Coffee
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Nominated by:
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Nominated by:
Financo, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Chadbourne & Parke

Nominated by:
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Consumer and Retail Products (\$100mm or less)

- Acquisition of Alliance Entertainment by Platinum Equity and The Gores Group from Source Interlink
- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation
- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners
- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems

Nominated by:
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC

Nominated by:
JD Ford & Company
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Sun Water Systems, Inc.

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC

Professional Services (Over \$100mm)

- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation

Nominated by:
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group
Deal Team Members:
McNeil Technologies
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
Veritas Capital

- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners

Nominated by:
Robert W. Baird & Co.

Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Custom House

Nominated by:
Financial Technology Partners
Deal Team Members:
Mercury Payment Systems
Silver Lake

Professional Services (\$100mm or less)

- Acquisition of Southside Container and Trailer LLC by a SCT Acquisition LLC
- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC

Nominated by:
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group
Deal Team Members:
SGIS
Venable LLP

Nominated by:
Morgan Joseph LLC
Deal Team Members:
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Michael Baker Corp.
Reed Smith LLP

Green/Environmental Deal of the Year

- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners
- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle
- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation
- Polaris Geothermal's Financing and development of the largest renewable energy facility in Nicaragua's history

Nominated by:
JD Ford & Company
Deal Team Members:
Catterton Partners
Sun Water Systems, Inc.

Nominated by:
Branford Castle, Inc.
Deal Team Members:
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP
Harris Williams / Cobblestone
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC

Nominated by:
Jordan, Knauff & Company
Deal Team Members:
AES Corporation
U.S. Global Energy LLC

Nominated by:
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

Consumer Services

- Acquisition of PCAA Parent, LLC by Commercial Finance Services 2907, Inc.

Nominated by:
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Dykema Gossett PLLC
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP
Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

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Nominated by:
Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.
Nominated by:
Newbury Piret & Company
Deal Team Members:
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP
Sullivan & Worcester LLP
- Sale of Ross Education by Huron Capital Partners
Nominated by:
Huron Capital Partners, LLC
Deal Team Members:
BMO Capital Markets
Clayton McKerverve, P.C.
Goldberg Kohn

III. Firm/Product Categories

Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- BB&T Capital Markets
- Business Development Asia LLC
- Generational Equity
- Houlihan Lokey
- Morgan Joseph
- Robert W. Baird & Co.

Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- Capstone Partners, LLC
- Financial Technology Partners
- Jordan, Knauff & Company
- P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
- Provident Healthcare Partners
- SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
- Tegris Advisors, LLC
- The Braff Group
- Xnergy LLC

Law Firm of the Year

- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- ENS (Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs) Inc.
- Herrick, Feinstein LLP
- Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Seward & Kissel LLP

Services/Valuation Firm of the Year

- FMV Opinions, Inc.
- Generational Equity
- Houlihan Lokey

Private Equity Firm of the Year

- Evercore Partners, LLC
- Huron Capital Partners, LLC
- Pacific Equity Partners
- Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
- Platinum Equity

M&A Product/Service of the Year

- "Capital Markets and IPO Advisory" Service Offering, *Financial Technology Partners*
- Bridge Capital Associates
- Merrill DataSite, *Merrill Corporation*
- PitchBook, *PitchBook Data, Inc.*
- Pritchett, LP

Accounting/Due Diligence Firm

- KPMG
- RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- WeiserMazars LLP

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