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Winners Revealed for 2nd Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards

Top deals, firms and professionals honored before sell-out crowd

Burt Alimansky, chairman, Capital Roundtable receives Peter Hilton Founder's Award

NEW YORK, June 19, 2012 – ACG® New York, the premier association in New York for middle market dealmaking professionals, and The M&A Advisor announced last night the names of 35 winners of the second annual ACG New York Champion's Awards, recognizing companies, individual dealmakers and transactions in the middle market mergers and acquisitions industry in the greater New York area.

The winners, selected in eight different categories—including Middle Market Deal of the Year, Dealmaker of the Year, Firm & Product/Service of the Year, and Sector Deal of the Year--were celebrated by a sell-out audience of more than 225 at the ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala at Sotheby's New York. The evening also paid tribute to Burt Alimansky, chairman of Capital Roundtable, as the recipient of the Peter Hilton Founder's Award. The event was emceed by Kayla Tausche, a journalist covering corporate finance and deals for CNBC's "Business Day" programming.



Among the winners, George Sampas of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, was named Dealmaker of the Year. The acquisition of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation by Cumulus Media, Inc. was recognized as the Middle Market Deal of the Year for transactions exceeding \$250 million in value. Golub Capital was honored as Senior Lender Firm of the Year, among recipients of Firm and Product/Service of the Year awards. See below for the full list.

An independent body of experts representing a cross-section of the middle market industry judged the finalists' deals, deal makers and firms. Selections were made from among 220 finalists. Firms with offices in New York, individuals active in New York and transactions conducted between April 1, 2011 and March 30, 2012 with a transaction value of more than \$5 million were eligible for the 2012 Awards.



"ACG New York is proud to host our second annual celebration of outstanding middle-market dealmakers and deals in the New York region and to recognize our friend and colleague Burt [Alimansky](#) for his contributions to ACG New York and to the middle-market private equity community at large," stated Stephen Prostor, president of ACG New York.

Stephen Prostor

"The ACG New York Champion's Awards winners represent the best of M&A in the New York area in 2012 and earned these honors by distinguishing themselves among 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 accomplishments of our industry."

Judges and their affiliations consisted of the following: Ryan Binkley, president, Generational Equity; Michelle D. Bergman, Esq., Bergman Law LLC,; Geoffrey T. Raicht , partner, Proskauer Rose, LLP; Michael Schwamm, partner, Duane Morris LLP; Geoffrey A. Richards, head of Special Situations and Restructuring Group at William Blair; Louis Samson, senior partner in Platinum Equity; Oleg Svintsitski, senior vice president, Siguler Guff; Jeff Wurst, partner, Ruskin Moscou Faltischek; Kenneth Gerasimovich, a shareholder in Greenberg Traurig; Joseph O'Donnell, vice president, Investigative Management Group; and Tanya Marvin-Horowitz, managing director, Allegiance Capital Corporation.

Criteria used by the judges included the importance of the transaction, product, service or dealmaker to the industry and also the level of creativity, resourcefulness and perseverance it took to complete the deal.

The Peter Hilton Founder's Award is named for Peter Hilton, who in 1954 founded the Association for Corporate Growth, a global organization based in Chicago. ACG New York Inc. is the New York chapter.

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Editors' Note: Photos of award winners and video footage will be available on request.

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2012 ACG NEW YORK CHAMPION'S AWARD WINNERS

I. Middle Market Deal Of The Year <i>(5 awards)</i>	
A. Middle-Market Deal of the Year <i>(Over \$250mm)</i>	
Acquisition of Citadel Broadcasting Corporation by Cumulus Media, Inc.	Loeb & Loeb LLP Macquarie Capital Citadel Broadcasting Cumulus Media J.P. Morgan Jones Day
B. Middle-Market Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$100mm and \$250mm)</i>	
Acquisition, development and sale of Davis-Standard by Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners	Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners LLC Babson Capital Management Baker & McKenzie LLP Blackstone Advisory Partners LP Crowe Horwath LLP KeyBank NA ONCAP Corporation
C. Middle-Market Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$50mm and \$100mm)</i>	
Acquisition of Ranger International Services Group, Inc. by Berger Group of Companies	Houlihan Lokey Argosy Capital Balance Point Capital Berger Group of Companies First New England Capital Greenberg Traurig, LLP McGladrey Merrill Datasite Plexus Capital Ranger International Services Group Wyche

D. Middle-Market Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$25mm and \$50mm)</i>	
Sale of Ennstone, Inc. to an affiliate of Aggregate Industries Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Holcim Ltd. (SWX:HOLN)	Phoenix Capital Resources Aggregate Industries Management Ennstone, Inc. Holland & Hart LLP McGuire Woods, LLP VRooms Wells Fargo Wholesale Banking
E. Middle-Market Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$5mm and \$25mm)</i>	
Divestiture by Eastman Kodak Company of its Eastman Gelatine subsidiary to Rousselot, a division of VION Food Group	TM Capital Eastman Kodak Company Nixon Peabody
II. Cross Border Deal Of The Year <i>(3 awards)</i>	
A. Cross-Border Deal of the Year <i>(Over \$100mm)</i>	
Sale of Chrysler Financial to TD Bank Group	Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP Cerberus Capital Management LP Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP TD Bank Group
B. Cross-Border Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$50mm and \$100mm)</i>	
Sale of O.K. Industries, Inc. to Industrias Bachoco S.A.B. de C.V.	SSG Capital Advisors, LLC KPMG Mexico McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP Shearman & Sterling LLP
C. Cross-Border Deal of the Year <i>(Between \$5mm and \$50mm)</i>	
Divestiture by Eastman Kodak Company of its Eastman Gelatine subsidiary to Rousselot, a division of VION Food Group	TM Capital Eastman Kodak Company Nixon Peabody

III. Corporate/Strategic Acquisition Deal Of The Year	
<i>(3 awards)</i>	
A. Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$250mm)	
Acquisition of Avis Europe Plc by Avis Budget Group, Inc.	Avis Budget Group, Inc. Avis Europe Plc Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Morgan Stanley Investment Banking Division
B. Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Between \$100mm and \$250mm)	
Meredith Corporation acquired Allrecipes.com, the world's No. 1 digital food brand, from The Reader's Digest Association Inc.	Meredith Corporation BDT Capital McDermott Will & Emery Reader's Digest Association Weil, Gostal & Manges
C. Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Between \$5mm and \$100mm)	
Acquisition of Ranger International Services Group, Inc. by Berger Group of Companies	Houlihan Lokey Argosy Capital Balance Point Capital Berger Group of Companies First New England Capital Greenberg Traurig, LLP McGladrey Merrill Datasite Plexus Capital Ranger International Services Group Wyche
IV. Corporate Merger Of The Year	
Merger of hybris AG and iCongo Inc. in a buyout sponsored by HuntsmanGay Global Capital	Seward & Kissel LLP Bentley Associates L.P. HuntsmanGay Global Capital hybris AG Kirkland & Ellis

V. Turnaround Deal Of The Year	
Reprivatization of Bank of Ireland	WL Ross & Co. LLC Arthur Cox Bank of Ireland Davy IBI Corporate Finance Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Sullivan & Cromwell LLP William Fry
VI. Dealmaker Of The Year Award	
George Sampas	Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
VII. Firm & Product/Service Of The Year Awards (9 awards)	
A. Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year	
Marcum Cronus Partners	
B. M&A Product/Service of the Year	
Accordion Partners	
C. Private Equity Firm of the Year	
Audax Private Equity	
D. Accounting/Due Diligence Firm of the Year	
CBIZ & Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.	
E. Senior Lender Firm of the Year	
Golub Capital	
F. Services/Valuation Firm of the Year	
Duff & Phelps	
G. Law Firm of the Year	
Dechert LLP	
H. Marketing/PR Firm of the Year	
BackBay Communications	

I. Investment Banking Firm of the Year	
TM Capital Corp.	
VIII. Sector Deal Of The Year Awards <i>(12 awards)</i>	
A. Information Technology	
Merger of hybris AG and iCongo Inc. in a buyout sponsored by HuntsmanGay Global Capital	Seward & Kissel LLP Bentley Associates L.P. HuntsmanGay Global Capital hybris AG Kirkland & Ellis
B. Healthcare/Life Sciences	
Joint Development and Distribution Agreement from Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) with CONMED Corporation (NASDAQ:CNMD)	Medical Capital Advisors Duff & Phelps Hogan Lovells Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation (MTF) RR Donnelly Sullivan & Cromwell
C. Industrial Manufacturing/ Distribution <i>(Over \$50mm)</i>	
Sale of Power Distribution, Inc. by Bertram Capital to Smiths Group plc.	Bertram Capital Hirschler Fleischer Lincoln International Smiths Group PLC
D. Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution <i>(Between \$5mm and \$50mm)</i>	
Sale of Ennstone, Inc. to an affiliate of Aggregate Industries Management, Inc., a subsidiary of Holcim Ltd. (SWX:HOLN)	Phoenix Capital Resources Aggregate Industries Management Ennstone, Inc. Holland & Hart LLP McGuire Woods, LLP VRooms Wells Fargo Wholesale Banking

E. Financial Services Deal of the Year (Over \$100mm)	
Reprivatization of Bank of Ireland	WL Ross & Co. LLC Arthur Cox Bank of Ireland Davy IBI Corporate Finance Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Sullivan & Cromwell LLP William Fry
F. Financial Services Deal of the Year (Between \$5mm and \$100mm)	
NYSE Euronext acquires Japan-based Metabit	Marlin & Associates NYSE Euronext
G. Professional Services (B-to-B)	
Acquisition of Ranger International Services Group, Inc. by Berger Group of Companies	Houlihan Lokey Argosy Capital Balance Point Capital Berger Group of Companies First New England Capital Greenberg Traurig, LLP McGladrey Merrill Datasite Plexus Capital Ranger International Services Group Wyche
H. Technology, Media, Telecom	
Acquisition of EIS Optics Limited by Materion Corporation (NYSE:MTRN)	Business Development Asia LLC
I. Energy	
Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America and Cook Inlet Region Inc. joined Edison Mission Energy to form Capistrano Wind Partners LLC, to invest in up to seven wind farms with generation	Greenberg Traurig, LLP Cook Inlet Region, Inc. (CIRI) Edison Mission Energy Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Marathon Capital TIAA-CREF Financial Services

J. Industrial Goods and Basic Resources	
Baird and Investor Growth Capital Asia investment in Jiangsu Xinghe	Business Development Asia LLC HHP Attorneys at Law
K. Consumer and Retail Products	
Acquisition of Zarbees Inc. by Catterton Partners	Richter Consulting Inc. Catterton Partners Holland & Hart LLP IntraLinks Parthenon Consulting Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP Zarbee's, Inc
L. Retail Manufacturing/Distribution	
The Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods	Scouler & Company Contessa Premium Foods Ernst & Young LLP GE Capital Imperial Capital Kelley Dry & Warren Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young Sun Capital Partners Wells Fargo Bank

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