

**BREAKING NEWS
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Major Category Finalists and Sector Winners Announced for Inaugural ACG New York Champion's Awards

Top Deals and Professionals will be honored June 20th in New York City

New York, June 3, 2011 – *The M&A Advisor and ACG New York* have named over 120 finalist companies in 25 different categories in preparation for its inaugural tribute to 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, have judged the finalists' deals; deal makers and firms.

The winners for Major Deal Categories, Deal Maker and Firm of the Year categories will be announced at the ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala on the evening of Monday, June 20 at Sotheby's New York.

Already, the independent judges have selected winners in the Sector Deal categories. These winning transactions will also be honored at the awards gala.

"We are very impressed with the quality of the nominations for the Inaugural ACG New York Champion's Awards and the range of leading and emerging firms have been announced as winners and finalist candidates in the New York area," says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of *The M&A Advisor*. "We are excited to be collaborating with the ACG New York chapter by bringing a decade of experience to recognizing the best deals and dealmakers."

Firms with offices in New York, individuals active in New York, and transactions conducted between April 1, 2010 and March 30, 2011 with a transaction value over \$5 million were the qualifications for the awards.

In addition to recognizing the winners that evening, the event will also honor Robert "Bobby" Blumenfeld, the recipient of the inaugural Peter Hilton Founder's Award for his achievements as President of the ACG New York Chapter from 2004-2010. "It is indeed humbling to be recognized by my peers," says Bobby Blumenfeld, now the Executive Director of ACG New York. "It is an honor to work with our members in building long-term relationships while driving middle market growth."

Finalists for the ACG New York Champion's Awards Major Deal Categories of the Year and Firm of the Year Categories are attached. The winners of the Sector Deal Categories of the Year are also attached. For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com.

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ACG New York

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Finalists presented by ACG New York & The M&A Advisor

Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala in New York, NY on June 20, 2011. Please visit www.maadvisor.com for additional details. The finalists for the 2011 ACG New York Champions Awards are as follows:

I. Major Deal Categories

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

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| • Combination of Eisner LLP and Amper, Politziner and Mattia LLP | EisnerAmper LLP
Dechert LLP
Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis |
| • Acquisition of Bowne & Co, Inc. by R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Inc. | R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Inc.
Bowne & Co, Inc.
Bank of America-Merrill Lynch
Goldman Sachs
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP |
| • Acquisition of ICEC Group by Oxbow | TM Capital Corp.
Callisto Partners LLC
International Commodities Export Corp.
Latham & Watkins LLP
Oxbow Carbon LLC
Winstead PC |
| • Chapter 11 of Six Flags, Inc. | White & Case LLP
Chanin Capital Partners
Houlihan Lokey
Six Flags Entertainment Corp. |
| • Bankruptcy of Texas Rangers | White & Case LLP
CRG Partners
Foley & Lardner, LLP
Rangers Baseball Express, LLC |
| • Sale of Associated Materials | White & Case LLP |
| • Sale of NuSil Technology | White & Case LLP |
| • Sale of Cottonwood Generation Facility | White & Case LLP |

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

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| • 363 Sale of Penn Traffic to Tops Markets | Conway Del Genio Gries & Co., LLC
Haynes and Boone, LLP
Morgan Stanley Private Equity
The Penn Traffic Company
Winston & Strawn, LLP |
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- Acquisition of Nu Horizons Electronics Corp. by Arrow Electronics, Inc. Farrell Fritz, P.C.
Arrow Electronics, Inc.
Ernst & Young
Goldman Sachs
Houlihan Lokey
Nu Horizons Electronics Corp.
Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCoy
- The Sale of the Debt of the M Resort LLC by the Bank of Scotland plc, unit Lloyds Banking Group, to Penn National Gaming Inc. Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
Bank of Scotland plc, Lloyds Banking Group
The Blackstone Group LP
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Penn National Gaming, Inc.
Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
- 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
- Public Offering of ECA Marcellus Trust I Royalty Trust Securities Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Baker Botts
Ernst & Young LLP
Vinson & Elkins LLP
- Acquisition of Joerns Healthcare White & Case LLP

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

- Sale of Pfizer's swine vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical Group Business Development Asia LLC
Henkel Korea
Mapei Korea
- 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.
- Acquisition of Venture Aircraft, Inc. by HSBC Private Equity HSBC Capital
CapitalSouth Partners
Fifth Third Bank
Hand Baldachin & Amburgey LLP
RSM McGladrey Inc.
Waveland Capital Partners

- 363 Sale of Grede Foundries to Wayzata backed Citation
Conway Del Genio Gries & Co., LLC
DDJ Capital Markets
Wayzata Investment Partners
- Victoria Packing Corp. is Recapitalized by Huron Capital Partners
McGladrey Capital Markets LLC
Huron Capital Partners, LLC
Moritt Hock & Hamroff, LLP
Victoria Packing Corp.
- Acquisition of National Investment Managers, Inc. by Stonehenge Partners, Inc.
MTN Capital Partners LLC
Carl Marks Advisory Group, LLC
Carl Marks Securities, LLC
Crowe Chizek
Dinsmore & Shohl
Fifth Third Bank
National Investment Management, Inc.
RBS Citizens
Rothstein Kass
Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co.
Stonehedge Partners, Inc.
Triangle Capital Corp.
Woodside Capital Management
- Sale of Parking Company America Airports to an affiliate of Aurora Capital Group
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Aurora Resurgence
ING Capital LLC
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy LLP
Parking Company America Airports
- 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
- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation
TM Capital Corp.
Clariant Corporation
Pepper Hamilton LLP
Winston & Strawn, LLP
- Acquisition of A. Stucki Holding Corp
White & Case LLP
- Sale of Royal Holdings
White & Case LLP

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

- Acquisition of Chamber Performances Services (CPS) division of Applied Materials, Inc. by Quantum Global Technologies, LLC (d/b/a QuantumClean)
Bryant Park Capital
Applied Materials, Inc.
Argosy Capital
Houlihan Lokey
QuantumClean

- Acquisition of PANOS Brands by High Road Capital Partners
High Road Capital Partners
Fifth Third Bank
Jones Day
Moelis & Company
Royal Wessanen
RSM McGladrey
- Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)
Marlin & Associates , LLC
SWIFT
- Sale of Jackson & Perkins Acquisition, Inc., Geo. W. Park Seed, Inc. and Subsidiaries to an affiliate of Blackstreet Capital
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Barton Law Firm PA
Blackstreet Capital Management
Park Seed Company and Jackson & Perkins
Patton Boggs LLP

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
- Sale of Pfizer's swine vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical Group
Business Development Asia LLC
Henkel Korea
Mapei Korea
- 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
- NASDAQ OMX Acquires SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia)
Marlin & Associates, LLC
ArgyStar.com
- Acquisition of RI3K by Qatar Insurance Services
Marlin & Associates, LLC
Charles Russell LLP
- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation
TM Capital Corp.
Clariant Corporation
Pepper Hamilton LLP
Winston & Strawn, LLP

Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year

- Advised Life Technologies on the acquisition of Applied Biosystems distribution business of Labindia Instruments
Business Development Asia LLC
Life Technologies
- Sale of iSuppli Corp to IHS Inc.
Marlin & Associates, LLC
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
- Acquisition of Bowne & Co, Inc. by R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Inc.
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Bowne & Co, Inc.
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
Goldman Sachs
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP
- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation
TM Capital Corp.
Clariant Corporation
Pepper Hamilton LLP
Winston & Strawn LLP

Corporate Merger of the Year

- Combination of Eisner LLP and Amper, Politziner and Mattia LLP
EisnerAmper LLP
Dechert LLP
Greenbaum Rowe Smith & Davis
- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)
Greenberg Traurig
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp.
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Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP
- Acquisition of ICEC Group by Oxbow
TM Capital Corp.
Callisto Partners LLC
International Commodities Export Corp.
Latham & Watkins LLP
Oxbow Carbon LLC
Winstead PC

Dealmaker of the Year

- Justin Abelow, Managing Director Houlihan Lokey
- Jeff Goodrich, Partner High Road Capital Partners
- Volfi Mizrahi, Managing Director Bryant Park Capital
- Fuad Sawaya, Co-Founder & Managing Director Sawaya Segalas & Co., LLC
- Casey J. Zmijeski, Managing Director Fifth Street Finance Corp.

II. Firm of the Year Categories

Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
- TM Capital Corp.

Private Equity Firm of the Year

- High Road Capital Partners
- The Riverside Company

Valuation Firm of the Year

- CBIZ Valuation Group, LLC
- Hilco Financial, LLC
- Valuation Research Corp.

M&A Product/Service of the Year

- Accordian Partners
- AxialMarket
- Capital IQ
- Mergermarket
- Merrill Corporation

Senior Lender Firm of the Year

- Citibank
- Fifth Street Finance Corp
- Golub Capital

Law Firm of the Year

- Duane Morris LLP
- Farrell Fritz, P.C.
- Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
- White & Case

Accounting/Due Diligence Firm of the Year

- Alvarez & Marsal, LLC
- EisnerAmper LLP
- RSM McGladrey, Inc.

III. Sector Deal Category Winners and Finalists

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Information Technology Deal of the Year

Winner

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

Finalists

- Sale of iSuppli Corp to IHS Inc. Marlin & Associates, LLC
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- Acquisition of CedarCrestone by Golden Gate Capital TM Capital Corp
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Golden Gate Capital
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Lewis, Rice & Fingersh, L.C.
Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Acquisition of IG Staffing White & Case LLP
- Sale of NuSil Technology White & Case LLP

Healthcare and Life Sciences Deal of the Year

Winner

- 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
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Industrial Manufacturing and Distribution Deal of the Year

Winner

- 363 Sale of Grede Foundries to Wayzata backed Citation
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DDJ Capital Markets
Wayzata Investment Partners

Finalists

- 50/50 power transformer JV between Areva and Shanghai Electric in China
Business Development Asia LLC
AREVA
Shanghai Electric
- Acquisition of Venture Aircraft, Inc. by HSBC Private Equity
HSBC Capital
CapitalSouth Partners
Fifth Third Bank
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Financial Services Deal of the Year

Winner

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

Finalists

- Acquisition of RI3K by Qatar Insurance Services
Marlin & Associates, LLC
Charles Russell LLP
- Acquisition of National Investment Managers, Inc. by Stonehenge Partners, Inc.
MTN Capital Partners LLC
Carl Marks Advisory Group, LLC
Carl Marks Securities, LLC
Crowe Chizek
Dinsmore & Shohl
Fifth Third Bank
National Investment Management, Inc.
RBS Citizens
Rothstein Kass
Schottenstein Zox & Dunn Co.
Stonehedge Partners, Inc.
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Business Services Deal of the Year

Winner

- Acquisition of Procon & Enfotrace by Bertram Capital

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Finalists

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Media, Entertainment or Telecom Deal of the Year

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- Chapter 11 of Six Flags, Inc.
 - White & Case LLP
 - Chanin Capital Partners
 - Houlihan Lokey
 - Six Flags Entertainment Corp.
- Bankruptcy of Texas Rangers
 - White & Case LLP
 - CRG Partners
 - Foley & Lardner
 - Rangers Baseball Express, LLC

Energy Deal of the Year

Winner

- Public Offering of ECA Marcellus Trust I Royalty Trust Securities
 - Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
 - Baker Botts
 - Ernst & Young LLP
 - Vinson & Elkins LLP

Finalists

- Sale of Cottonwood Generation Facility
 - White & Case LLP
- Acquisition of Bartlett Holdings
 - White & Case LLP
- Sale of Island Generation Facility
 - White & Case LLP

Industrial Goods and Basic Resources Deal of the Year

Winner

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 - TM Capital Corp.
 - Callisto Partners LLC
 - International Commodities Export Corp.
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Consumer and Retail Products Deal of the Year

Winner

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