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Finalists Announced for the 10th Annual M&A Advisor Awards
Top M&A Deals and Professionals to be honored December 13th at the New York Athletic Club

New York, NY, December 21, 2011 – The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce a record 389 nominations representing over 500 companies have been submitted for the 10th Annual M&A Advisor Awards.

The Finalist companies have been selected from the nominees in the first stage of evaluation, and the independent panel of judges will now focus their attention on the challenging task of selecting the ultimate award winners.

The winners for Major and Sector Transactions of the Year, Firms of the Year, M&A Product/Service of the Year and Dealmakers of the Year categories will be announced at the 10th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala on Tuesday, December 13th at the New York Athletic Club in New York City.

“Since 2001, when the M&A Advisor Awards were initiated, we have witnessed the ups and downs of the middle market M&A industry,” says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor. “This year, as we celebrate our 10th anniversary of the M&A Advisor Awards, we bear witness to the ingenuity and perseverance of our industry’s professionals. It is encouraging to see the creativity and resourcefulness that dealmakers have employed during this challenging environment to identify, develop and close meaningful transactions.”

This year’s finalists represent the industry’s leading firms, including: *Alvarez & Marsal; Bank of America; Bertram Capital; Ernst & Young; GE Capital Corporation; General Atlantic; Generational Equity, LLC; Goldman Sachs & Co.; Greenberg Traurig; GTCR; Huron Consulting Group; JP Morgan Chase; KPMG; McGladrey; Morgan Stanley; Oppenheimer & Company; Robert W. Baird & Co.; Shulman Rogers; Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom; Tegriss Advisors; The Carlyle Group; The Gores Group; Wells Fargo Bank; White & Case; William Blair & Company;* and feature the year’s leading transactions including: *Walgreens’ Acquisition of drugstore.com; General Motors’ Initial Public Offering; The Sale of Burger King to 3G Capital; Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group by GMR Group; Acquisition of a Controlling Interest in Massmart Holdings Limited by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and the Acquisition of Emerging Sovereign Group by The Carlyle Group.*

A detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 10th Annual M&A Advisor Awards is to follow. For more information, please visit at www.maadvisor.com or contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.

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THE 2011 M&A ADVISOR AWARDS FINALISTS

The Awards will be presented at the **2011 M&A ADVISOR SUMMIT AND AWARDS GALA in New York, NY on December 13, 2011.** Please visit www.maadvisor.com for additional details. The finalists for the 10th M&A Advisor Awards are as follows:

I. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

Upper Middle-Market Deal of the Year (From \$400 million up to \$1 Billion)

- Acquisition of Peak10 by Welsh, Carson, Anderson and Stowe
Signal Hill
Peak10
RBC Capital Markets
Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe
Womble Carlyle
- Out-of-Court Restructuring of Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Bank of America
Bingham McCutchen LLP
Cetus Capital
FTI Consulting
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
KPMG
Latham & Watkins LLP
Littlejohn & Co. LLC
Platinum Equity
The Garden City Group, Inc.
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Acquisition of drugstore.com by Walgreens
Sonenshine Partners LLC
- Takeover of ATC Technology by Genco Distribution.
Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.
Paul Weiss Rifkin
Republic Partners
Throp Reed & Armstrong
- Acquisition of Marquis Jets Holdings, Inc. by NetJets Inc.
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Bank of America Leasing & Capital LLC
Barnes & Thornberg, LLP
Evins Communications, Ltd.
Holland & Knight, LLP
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Kaye Scholer LLP
Marquis Jet Holdings, Inc.
NetJets Inc
Vedder Price & Reed Smith

- Acquisition of Great White Energy Services by Archer Limited
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Archer Limited
Credit Suisse - USA
Ernst & Young
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP
Wexford Capital
- Acquisition of Continucare Corporation by Metropolitan Health Networks, Inc.
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Akerman Senterfitt
Barrington Research Associates
Continucare
GE Capital
Metropolitan Health Networks
Morgan Joseph TriArtisan
Paul Hastings
UBS Securities LLC
William Blair & Company, LLC
- Acquisition of Sonic Solutions by Rovi Corporation
William Blair & Company, LLC

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (From \$250 million to under \$400 million)

- Acquisition of Emerging Sovereign Group by The Carlyle Group
Seward & Kissel LLP
Emerging Sovereign Group
Gleacher & Company
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
The Carlyle Group
- Equity investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.p.A.
Sonenshine Partners LLC
Borghesi Colombo & Assoc.
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.
Luigi Lavazza S.p.A.
Ropes & Gray LLP
- Sale of Summit Energy Services, Inc. to Schneider Electric SA
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Acquisition of Herley Industries, Inc. by Kratos Defense & Security Solutions
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions
B. Riley & Co.
Blank Rome LLP
Grant Thornton LLP
Herley Industries, Inc.
Jefferies & Company
KeyBanc
Oppenheimer & Company
Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
- Acquisition of Protective Industries (Caplugs) by Windjammer Capital Investors
Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
Duff and Phelps
GE Capital Corporation

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| | Houlihan Lokey Capital
Oaktree Capital Management
Protective Industries
Shoreview Capital Partners
Sidley Austin LLP
Windjammer Capital Investors |
| • Sale of Industrial Container Services by Wingate Partners III LP | Wingate Partners LP
Haynes & Boone
Piper Jaffray & Co. |
| • Acquisition of Floor & Decor by Ares Management and Freeman Spogli & Co. | Houlihan Lokey
Ares Capital Corp.
Ares Management, LLC
E&Y
Finn Dixon & Herling
Freeman Spogli
Najeti Ventures, LLC
Proskauer Rose LLP
Saugatuck Capital Company
TWT Capital |
| • Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch LLC and Sale to Energia Overseas Limited | Buccino & Associates, Inc
Alston & Bird LLP
Avicon Partnership
Energia Overseas Limited
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP
Salans LLP
Sea Launch Company |

Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$100 Million to under \$250 million)

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| • Acquisition of Colgate-Palmolive Company's Colombian Laundry Detergent Business by Unilever | Herrick, Feinstein LLP
Citigroup Global Markets
Colgate-Palmolive
Unilever
Watchtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz |
| • Acquisition of Sanuk Brand, by Deckers Outdoor Corporation from C&C Traders Ltd (licensee) and Sanuk LLC (licensor) | Moss Adams Capital LLC
C&C Traders
Daniel Murphy Law Firm
Deckers Outdoor Corp.
KPMG
Sanuk LLC
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth |
| • Acquisition of Interstate Distributor Co. by Saltchuck Resources, Inc. | Cascadia Capital, LLC
Barokas Public Relations
Brent L. Jones
Davies Pearson
Garvey Schubert Barer. |

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| | Interstate Distributors
McGavick Graves PS
Saltchuk Resource, Inc. |
| • Acquisition of Jumer's Casino & Hotel by Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. | Innovation Capital, LLC
Delaware North Companies
Elias, Meginnes, Riffle and Seghetti, P.C.
Guggenheim Partners
Jumer's Casino & Hotel
Vedder Price P.C. |
| • Buyout and Merger of hybris AG and iCongo Inc. sponsored by HuntsmanGay Global Capital | Seward & Kissel LLP
Bentley Associates L.P.
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin
Homburger AG
HuntsmanGay Global Capital
Hybris AG
Kirkland & Ellis
Wenger & Vieli Ltd. |
| • Acquisition of National Envelope Corporation by The Gores Group | William Blair & Company, LLC
Latham & Watkins, LLP
National Envelope Corp.
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor
The Gores Group |
| • Acquisition of Dynamex Inc by TransForce Inc. | Stephens Inc.
Transforce Inc.
Dynamex Inc.
National Bank Financial
Heenan Blaikie LLP
Weil, Gotschal & Manges LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP |
| • Acquisition of ROTEX Global, LLC by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) from Windjammer Capital Investors | P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
Baker & Daniels, LLP
Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
Ernst & Young
Hillenbrand, Inc.
Lincoln International
PwC
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP
Windjammer Capital Investors/ROTEX Global, LLC |

Lower Middle-Market Deal of the Year (from \$50 million to under \$100 million)

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| • Minority Capital Raise for Yapstone led by Accel Partners | Financial Technology Partners
Accel Partners
YapStone |
| • Acquisition of GarrettCom, Inc. by Belden Inc. | Houlihan Lokey
Belden Inc.
Berliner Cohen
GarrettCom, Inc.
Perkins Coie |

- Sale of Tara Technologies Corporation to Enpro Industries

Tara Capital Partners
Enpro Industries
Moore & Van Allen
Robinson Bradshaw
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- Acquisition of Procon and Enfotrace by Bertram Capital

Bertram Capital
Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, PC
McGladrey, Inc.
Morgan Joseph TriArtisan LLC
ProconGPS, Inc.
Wilson Sonsini
- Capital Raise for Houston-Based Oilfield Service Company

GulfStar Group
AmergyBank
Post Oak Energy Capital
- Acquisition of Black Diamond Performance Reporting by Advent Software

Harbor View Advisors, LLC
Advent Software
Black Diamond Performance Reporting
Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
The Griggs Group
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
- Acquisition of the Cosmopolis , WA Mill by The Gores Group from Weyerhaeuser

The Gores Group
Dsmurfit
McKinsey & Company
Van Ness Feldman
Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP
Weyerhaeuser
- Acquisition of Stock of Sucampo AG from Ryuji Ueno Revocable Trust and Sachiko Kuno Revocable Trust

Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Atsumi & Sakai
Buis Bürgi AG
Houlihan Lokey
McGuire Woods LLP
Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Lower Middle-Market Deal of the Year (over \$25 million to under \$50 million)

- Acquisition of Fairview Ministries, Inc. by Lifespace DG, LLC

Mesirow Financial Interim Management
Bank of America
Continuum Development Services
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Fairview Ministries, Inc
Lifespace DG, LLC
RBC Capital Markets Bank of America
Senior Housing Properties Trust
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Sullivan & Worcester LLP
Ungaretti & Harris
Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions
- Acquisition of Terra Nova Financial and the Assets of the Assent Professional Trading Business of Sungard by Lightspeed Financial

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Day Pitney
Lightspeed Financial
LLR Partners
Terra Nova Financial
- Divestiture of Deltak by Global Power to Hamon

TM Capital Corp.
Global Power Equipment Group Inc.
Thompson Hine LLP
Deltak, LLC
- Acquisition of AML Communications, Inc. [OTCBB:AMLJ] by Microsemi Corp.

C. K. Cooper & Company
AML Communications, Inc.
Georgeson, Inc.
K&L Gates LLP
LKP Global Law LLP
Microsemi Corp.
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Stifel Nicolaus Weisel
- 363 Bankruptcy Sale and Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands.

Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Herman Law LLC
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PPA.
Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Acquisition of Adhesives and Products for the Building Industry Ampei Group from Henkel

Business Development Asia, LLC
Henkel
The Mapei Group
- Acquisition of Plasticscan, Inc. by North America Packaging Corp, a subsidiary of BWAY

Burns & Levinson LLP
BDO Seidman, LLP
BWAY
Capstone Partners

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| | Ernst & Young
Francis S. Wyman & Co
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Longview Development, LLC
Plastican, Inc.
Price water house Coopers. |
| • Acquisition of Farm Lands of Guinea Limited by Kryptic Entertainment Inc. (subsequently Renamed "Farm Lands of Guinea, Inc."). | Hunter Wise Financial Group, LLC
Child, Van Wagoner & Bradshaw CPAs
Farm Lands of Guinea, Inc.
Guzov Ofsink, LLC
Law Offices of Thomas E. Puzzo, PLLC
Kryptic Entertainment Inc. |

Lower Middle-Market Deal of the Year (up to \$25 million)

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| • Acquisition of Midwest Hydroponic and Homebrewing Supplies, Inc. by Adirondack Growth Capital LLC, Bosworth Capital Partners, LLC | Generational Equity, LLC
Adirondack Growth Capital, LLC
Anchor Bank, National Association
Baker Tilly
Gary R. Nylund & Associates, LTD
Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered
Lindquist & Venum PLLP
Midwest Hydroponic |
| • Acquisition of Salar, Inc. by Transcend Services (NASDAQ: TRCR) | Ziegler
Duane Morris, LLP
Salar Inc
Transcend Services
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, LLP |
| • Recapitalization of Something Sweet, Inc. | LockeBridge Partners, Inc.
Agincourt Capital Partners
Goldberg Kohn Ltd.
Levy & Droney P.C.
Rosen Seymour Shapss Martin & Company LLP |
| • Acquisition of Alteva by Warwick Valley Telephone Company (dba: WVT Communications Group) | WVT Communication Group
Alteva
CoBank, ACB
Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Q Advisors
Withum Smith + Brown, PC |
| • Sale of Birdola/Seed Resources, LLC to United Pet Group, Inc., a subsidiary of Spectrum Brands, Inc. | Capstone Partners, LLC
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Helmholdt
United Pet
Seed Resources LLC
(dba Birdola Products)
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP |

- Acquisition of Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc. by Mission Critical Electronics, Inc., a holding of Evolve Capital
Generational Equity, LLC
Andrews Kurth
Evolve Capital
King & Associates
Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc.
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP
- Acquisition of Airtec Products Corporation by The RectorSeal Corporation
Capstone Partners LLC
Airtec Products
Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C.
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
Piccerelli, Gilstein & Co., LLP
The RectorSeal Corporation
- Sale of US Motorsports Corporation/ the Iowa Speedway
Capstone Partners LLC
Barokas Public Relations
Clifton Gunderson, LLP
Iowa Speedway
Manaco, dba Manatts (Speedway seller)
USMC Corporation
Whitfield & Eddy PLC

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (\$200 Million and Over)

- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.
Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Apollo Investment Management
PlayPower, Inc
UBS AG
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Acquisition of Emerging Sovereign Group by The Carlyle Group
Seward & Kissel LLP
Emerging Sovereign Group
Gleacher & Company
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
The Carlyle Group
- Acquisition of Great White Energy Services by Archer Limited
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Archer Limited
Credit Suisse
Ernst & Young
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Wexford Capital
- Acquisition of Dynamex Inc by TransForce Inc.
Stephens Inc.
Dynamex Inc.
Heenan Blaikie LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
National Bank Financial
Transforce Inc.
Weil, Gotschal & Manges LLP

- Sale of C2 Corporation to TOMY COMPANY, LTD. Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Acquisition of Sanyo Semiconductor Co Ltd by ON Semiconductor Corp Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch LLC and Sale to Energia Overseas Limited Buccino & Associates, Inc
Alston & Bird LLP
Avicon Partnership
Energia Overseas Limited
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP
Salans LLP
Sea Launch Company

Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Under \$200 Million)

- Acquisition of RI3K by Qatar Insurance Services Marlin & Associates
- Acquisition of Adhesives and Products Ampei Group from Henkel Co. Business Development Asia LLC
Henkel
The Mapei Group
- Investment in Jiangsu Xinghe by Baird Capital and Investor Growth Capital Asia Business Development Asia LLC
Baird Capital Partners Asia
Earnt & Young
HHP Attorneys at Law
Investor Growth Capital
Jiangsu Xinghe Group Co Ltd
OMM
- Acquisition of Farm Lands of Guinea Limited by Kryptic Entertainment Inc. Hunter Wise Financial Group, LLC
Child, Van Wagoner & Bradshaw CPAs
Farm Lands of Guinea, Inc.
Guzov Ofsink, LLC
Kryptic Entertainment Inc.
Law Offices of Thomas E. Puzzo, PLLC
- Acquisition of a Controlling Interest of Judlau Contracting by Obrascon Huarte Lain SA Seward & Kissel LLP
Baker & McKenzie LLP
Grassi & Co.
Judlau Contracting, Inc.
Obrascon Huarte Lain SA
Sperry Mitchell & Company
- Acquisition of The Photolibrary Group by Getty Images Marlin & Associates
Photolibrary
- Acquisition of Stock of Sucampo AG from Ryuji Ueno Revocable Trust and Sachiko Kuno Revocable Trust Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Atsumi & Sakai
Buis Bürgi AG
Houlihan Lokey
McGuire Woods LLP

Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

- Acquisition of SAE Towers Holdings, LLC by KEC International Limited
Harris Williams & Co.
Hogan Lovells US LLP
KEC International Limited
SAE Towers Holdings, LLC
- Acquisition of Five Canadian Industrial Businesses by Nova Capital Management from Amalgamated Metal Corporation
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP
Stikeman Elliott LLP

Magnus Deal of the Year (\$10 Billion and over)

- Divestiture of The Mosaic Company by Cargill, Inc.
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Cargill, Inc.
Credit Suisse
J.P. Morgan
Loeb & Loeb LLP
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
The Mosaic Company
UBS Investment Bank
- Initial Public Offering of General Motors
Jenner & Block
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Deloitte
Evercore Partner
General Motors Company
JPMorgan
Morgan Stanley

Magnus Deal of the Year (\$3 Billion to \$10 Billion)

- Acquisition of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. by Pfizer Inc.
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP
- Acquisition of McAfee, Inc. by Intel Corporation
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Merger of Iberia, Líneas Aéreas de Espana, S.A. and British Airways PLC
Garrigues
- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
Garrigues
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
Violy & Co
- Merger of FirstEnergy Corp. and Allegheny Energy, Inc.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

- Merger of Acergy S.A. and Subsea 7
White & Case LLP
Acergy S.A.
Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)
- Sale of Burger King Holdings, Inc. to 3G Capital
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Kirkland & Ellis

Magnus Deal of the Year (\$1 Billion to under \$3 Billion)

- Sale of Lincoln Holdings Enterprises, Inc. to AB SKF
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Acquisition of Acushnet Company by Fila Korea Ltd. and Mirae Asset Private Equity
McDermott Will & Emery
Chadbourne & Parke LLP
Fila Korea
Fortune Brands, Inc.
Korea Development Bank
Mirae Asset Private Equity
Morgan Stanley
Nomura
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group by GMR Group
White & Case LLP
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
GMR Group
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
China Huaneng Group
- Acquisition of Infineon Technologies AG's Wireless Solutions (WLS) Business by Intel Corporation
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of SRA International, Inc. by Providence Equity
Houlihan Lokey
Bank of America
CSP Associate, Inc.
Kirkland & Ellis
Providence Equity
SRA International, Inc.
- Acquisition of a Controlling Interest in Massmart Holdings Limited by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs (ENS)
Deloitte & Touche
Deutsche Securities (SA)
Ernst & Young
JP Morgan Securities LLC
Massmart Holdings Limited
N M Rothschild & Sons
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Webber Wentzel

- Out Of Chapter 11 Reorganization and Recapitalization of Visteon Corp.
 - White & Case LLP
 - CQS US LLC
 - Deutsche Bank
 - Elliott Management Corporation
 - Goldman Sachs
 - Kirkland & Ellis, LLP
 - Monarch Alternative Capital
 - Morgan Stanley
 - Oak Hill Advisors, LP Solus, LP
 - Rothschild
 - Visteon Corp.

Magnus Cross-border Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion US)

- Acquisition of CaridianBCT by Terumo Corporation
 - Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of Acushnet Company by Fila Korea Ltd. and Mirae Asset Private Equity
 - McDermott Will & Emery
- Acquisition of a Controlling Interest in Massmart Holdings Limited by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
 - Webber Wentzel
 - Deloitte
 - Deutsche Bank
 - ENS (Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs)
 - Ernst & Young
 - Massmart Holdings Limited
 - Rothschild
 - Wal-Mart Stores Inc
- Minority Investment in Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS by BBVA
 - White & Case LLP
 - Akol Law Office
 - White & Case Müşavirlik Limited
- Acquisition of Wind Telecom by Vimpelcom
 - Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Merger of Iberia, Líneas Aéreas de Espana, S.A. and British Airways PLC
 - Garrigues
- Merger of Acergy S.A. and Subsea 7
 - White & Case LLP
 - Acergy S.A.
 - Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)
- Sale of Burger King Holdings, Inc. to 3G Capital
 - Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
 - Kirkland & Ellis

Financing Deal of the Year (over \$100 Million)

- Majority Investment in Stadion Money Management by TA Associates
Silver Lane Advisors
Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry
Deloitte and Touche LLP
Goodwin Procter LLP
Stadion Money Management Inc.
TA Associates
Tarpley and Underwood, P.C.
- Equity Investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.p.A.
Sonenshine Partners
Borghesi Colombo & Associati
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.
Luigi Lavazza S.p.A.
Ropes & Gray LLP
- A Joint Venture Between Dow Chemical and Mitsui & Co., Ltd.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Acquisition of SRA International, Inc. by Providence Equity
Houlihan Lokey
Bank of America
Citygroup
CSP Associate, Inc.
Debevoise & Plimpton
Kirkland & Ellis
Providence Equity
SRA International, Inc.
- Initial Public Offering of General Motors
Jenner & Block
Davis Polk & Wardwell
Deloitte
Evercore Partner
General Motors Company
JPMorgan
Morgan Stanley
- Out of Chapter 11 Reorganization and Recapitalization of Visteon Corp.
White & Case LLP
CQS US LLC
Deutsche Bank
Elliott Management Corporation
Goldman Sachs
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Monarch Alternative Capital
Morgan Stanley Senior Funding
Oak Hill Advisors, LP
Rothschild
Solus, LP
Visteon Corp.

- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)
 - Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
 - Garrigues
 - Greenberg Traurig, LLP
 - Promotora de Informaciones
 - Tegris Advisors
 - Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
 - Violy & Co
- Divestiture of The Mosaic Company by Cargill, Inc.
 - Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
 - Cargill, Inc.
 - Credit Suisse
 - J.P.Morgan
 - Loeb & Loeb LLP
 - Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
 - The Mosaic Company
 - UBS Investment Bank

Financing Deal of the Year (under \$100 Million)

- Sale of US Motorsports Corporation (the Iowa Speedway)
 - Capstone Partners LLC
 - Barokas Public Relations
 - Clifton Gunderson
 - Iowa Speedway
 - Manaco, dba Manatts
 - USMC Corporation
 - Whitfield & Eddy PLC
- Equity Investment In and Joint Venture with Thorne Research, Inc. by Helsinn Group
 - Partnership Capital Growth
 - Duff & Phelps, LLC
 - Helsinn Holding S.A.
 - Hogan Lovells US, LLP
 - Latham & Watkins, LLP
 - Thorne Research
 - VPCI, Inc.
- 363 Bankruptcy Sale and Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands.
 - Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
 - Classic Brands LLC
 - Cole Taylor Bank
 - Herman Law LLC
 - Miles & Stockbridge P.C
 - Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PP.A.
 - Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP
 - The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Growth Capital Financing of GoWireless, Inc. by Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners, L.P.
 - Allegiance Capital Corporation
 - GoWireless, Inc.
 - Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners
 - White & Case
 - Winstead Partners
- Minority Capital Raise for Yapstone by Accel Partners
 - Financial Technology Partners
 - Accel Partners
 - YapStone

- Leveraged Recapitalization of Diversitech
 - TM Capital Corp.
 - DiversiTech Corporation
 - GE Capital
 - Goodwin Procter LLP
 - Greenberg Traurig, LLP
 - King & Spalding LLP
 - PennantPark Investment Advisers
 - Regions Business Capital
- ESOP of Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc.
 - SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
 - Alston & Bird LLP
 - BB&T Capital Markets
 - BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
 - ESOP Services Inc.
 - Narron & Holdford, P.A.
 - Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
 - SunTrust Bank, Inc.
 - Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc.
 - Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 - Willamette Management Associates
- Recapitalization Of Vision Source L.P.
 - Golub Capital
 - Brazos Private Equity Partners
 - Charlesbank Capital Partners LLC
 - Goldberg Kohn Ltd.
 - KPMG Transaction Services
 - Vinson & Elkins
 - William Blair & Company, LLC

Turnaround Deal of the Year (over \$250 million)

- Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch LLC and Sale to Energia Overseas Limited
 - Buccino & Associates, Inc
 - Alston & Bird LLP
 - Avicon Partnership
 - Energia Overseas Limited
 - Jefferies & Company, Inc.
 - Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP
 - Salans LLP
 - Sea Launch Company

- Out-of-Court Restructuring of
Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.

Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Bank of America
Bingham McCutchen LLP
Cetus Capital
FTI Consulting
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
KPMG
Latham & Watkins
Littlejohn & Co. LLC
Platinum Equity
The Garden City Group, Inc.
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Acquisitions of INEOS Holdings
Limited and AlphaGary by Mexichem

White & Case LLP
Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V.
- Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to
China Huaneng Group by GMR Group

White & Case LLP
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
GMR Group
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
China Huaneng Group
- Out of Chapter 11 Reorganization and
Recapitalization of Visteon Corp.

White & Case LLP
CQS US LLC
Deutsche Bank
Elliott Management Corporation
Goldman Sachs
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Monarch Alternative Capital
Morgan Stanley Senior Funding
Oak Hill Advisors, LP
Rothschild
Solus, LP
Visteon Corp.
- Minority Investment in Turkiye
Garanti Bankasi AS by BBVA

White & Case LLP
Akol Law Office
White & Case Müşavirlik Limited
- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings
Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and
Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid:
PRS)

Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
Garrigues
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
Violy & Co
- Merger of Acergy S.A. and Subsea 7

White & Case LLP
Acergy S.A.
Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)

Turnaround Deal of the Year (up to \$250 million)

- Sale and Recapitalization of AmericanWest to SKBHC Holdings and SKBHC Hawks Nest Acquisition Corp. by AmericanWest Bancorporation

Morrison & Foerster LLP
C. K. Cooper & Company
- Acquisition of Alteva by Warwick Valley Telephone Company (dba: WVT Communications Group)

WVT Communication Group
Alteva
CoBank, ACB
Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Q Advisors
Withum Smith + Brown, PC
- 363 Bankruptcy Sale, Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands

Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Herman Law LLC
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Porody & Ecker, PPA.
Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods

Imperial Capital, LLC
Ernst & Young LLP
Scouler & Company
Contessa Premium Foods
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
GE Capital
Arent Fox LLP
Kelley Drye & Warren
Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
Wells Fargo Bank
- Sale of Townsends, Inc. to Peco Foods, Inc. (Arkansas assets) and Omtron, Ltd. (North Carolina assets)

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP
Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC
Greenberg Traurig
Huron Consulting Group
J.H. Cohn LLP
Lowenstein Sandler, PC
Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP
Omtron, Ltd.
Peco Foods, Inc.
Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.
Townsends, Inc.
Wilmington Trust Company
Womble Carlyle
- Acquisition of the Cosmopolis, WA Mill by The Gores Group from Weyerhaeuser

The Gores Group
Dermot Smurfit
McKinsey & Company

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| | Van Ness Feldman
Weil Gotshal & Manges
Weyerhaeuser |
| • Out-of-Court Restructuring of
PlayPower, Inc. | Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Apollo Investment Management
PlayPower, Inc
UBS AG
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP |

II. Dealmaker of the Year Category

Male Dealmaker of the Year

- Christo Els, Webber Wentzel
- Euan Rellie, Business Development Asia, LLC
- Paul Weisbrich, McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
- Rene-Pierre Azria, Tegriss Advisors
- Robert Townsend, Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Steve McLaughlin, Financial Technology Partners
- Susir Kumar, Intelenet Global Services- A Serco Company
- Tom O'Shea, Bentley Associates L.P.

Woman Dealmaker of the Year

- Angela Simpson, Webber Wentzel
- Jane Gladstone, Evercore
- Jennifer Allen, BAE Systems, Inc.
- Marie L. Gibson, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP
- Mary Anne Citrino, The Blackstone Group
- Paola Lozano, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP

III. Sector Transaction of the Year Categories

Information Technology (\$100 million and over)

- Acquisition of High Performance Technologies, Inc. by Dynamics Research Corporation (NASDAQ: DRCO)
KippsDeSanto & Co.
Ares Management LLC
Argy, Wiltse & Robinson, P.C.
Bank of America, N.A.
Commercial Bank - Northeast
Dynamics Research Corporation
High Performance Technologies, Inc
Holland & Knight
Merrill Lynch
Nixon Peabody
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
PNC Bank
SunTrust Banks, Inc.
- Acquisition of Nu Horizons Electronics Corp. by Arrow Electronics
Houlihan Lokey
Arrow Electronics, Inc.
Farrell Fritz, P.C.
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McLoy LLP
Nu Horizons Electronics Corp.
- Buyout and Merger of hybris AG and iCongo Inc. by HuntsmanGay Global Capital
Seward & Kissel LLP
Bentley Associates L.P.
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin
Homburger AG
HuntsmanGay Global Capital
Hybris AG
Kirkland & Ellis
Wenger & Vieli Ltd.
- Acquisition of TheMarkets.com by Standard and Poor's
Financial Technology Partners
Standard & Poor's
TheMarkets.com
- Acquisition of Herley Industries, Inc. by Kratos Defense & Security Solutions
Kratos Defense & Security Solutions
B.Riley & Co.
Blank Rome LLP
Grant Thornton, LLP
Herley Industries, Inc.
Jefferies & Company
KeyBanc
Oppenheimer & Company
Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
- Sale of iSupply Corp to HIS Inc.
Marlin & Associates

- Acquisition of SRA International, Inc. by Providence Equity
Houlihan Lokey
Bank of America
Citygroup
CSP Associate, Inc.
Debevoise & Plimpton
Kirkland & Ellis
Providence Equity
SRA International, Inc.
- Acquisition of McAfee, Inc. by Intel Corporation
Morrison & Foerster LLP

Information Technology (under \$100 million)

- Minority Capital Raise for Yapstone by Accel Partners
Financial Technology Partners
Accel Partners
YapStone
- Acquisition of Chamber Performance Services Division of Applied Materials
Houlihan Lokey
Applied Materials, Inc.
Argosy Capital
Bryant Park Capital
Dewey & LeBeouf
Fox Rothschild LLP
NewSpring Capital
Quantum Global Technologies
Spring Capital Partners
- Acquisition of GarrettCom
Houlihan Lokey
Belden Inc.
Berliner Cohen
GarrettCom, Inc.
Perkins Coie
- Acquisition of Procon and Enfotrace by Bertram Capital
Bertram Capital
Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, PC
McGladrey
Morgan Joseph TriArtisan, LLC
ProconGPS, Inc.
Wilson Sonsini
- Acquisition of Black Diamond Performance Reporting by Advent Software
Harbor View Advisors, LLC
Advent Software
Black Diamond Performance Reporting
Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
The Griggs Group
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
- Acquisition of MTCSC by ManTech International
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
CBIZ MHM LLC
Holland & Knight LLP
- Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard by SWIFT
Marlin & Associates

- Acquisition of Tollgrade Communications by Golden Gate Capital Golden Gate Capital

Healthcare/Life Sciences

- Equity Investment In and Joint Venture With Thorne Research, Inc. by Helsinn Group Partnership Capital Growth
Duff & Phelps, LLC
Helsinn Holding S.A.
Hogan Lovells US, LLP
Latham & Watkins, LLP
Thorne Research
VPCI, Inc.
- Acquisition of CaridianBCT by Terumo Corporation Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of Immucor Inc. by TPG Capital LP TPG Capital
- Acquisition of Fairview Ministries, Inc. by Lifespace DG, LLC Mesirow Financial Interim Management
Lifespace DG, LLC
Fairview Ministries, Inc.
RBC Capital Markets
Bank of America
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Wells Fargo Bank, Corporate, Municipal & Escrow Solutions
Senior Housing Properties
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Ungaretti & Harris
Contium Development Services
- Acquisition of BestPractices by Emergency Medical Services Corp Ziegler
BestPractices
Emergency Medical Services Corp
Katten Muchin
Morrison & Foerster LLP
Rosenman LLP
- Acquisition of Stock of Sucampo AG from Ryuji Ueno Revocable Trust and Sachiko Kuno Revocable Trust Manatt Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Atsumi & Sakai
Buis Bürgi AG
Houlihan Lokey
McGuire Woods LLP
Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Acquisition of drugstore.com by Walgreens Sonenshine Partners

- Acquisition of Continucare Corporation by Metropolitan Health Networks, Inc.
 - Greenberg Traurig, LLP
 - Continucare
 - GE Capital
 - Metropolitan Health Networks, Inc.
 - Morgan Joseph TriArtisan
 - Paul Hastings
 - UBS Securities LLC

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (\$250 Million and over)

- Out-of-Court Restructuring of PlayPower, Inc.
 - Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
 - Apollo Investment Management
 - PlayPower, Inc
 - UBS AG
 - Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Takeover of ATC Technology by Genco Distribution
 - Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.
 - Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
 - Republic Partners
 - Throp Reed & Armstrong
- Sale of Lincoln Holdings Enterprises, Inc. to AB SKF
 - Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Out of Chapter 11 Reorganization and Recapitalization of Visteon Corp.
 - White & Case LLP
 - CQS US LLC
 - Deutsche Bank
 - Elliott Management Corporation
 - Goldman Sachs
 - Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 - Monarch Alternative Capital
 - Morgan Stanley Senior Funding
 - Oak Hill Advisors, LP
 - Rothschild
 - Solus, LP
 - Visteon Corp.
- Acquisition of Protective Industries (Caplugs) by Windjammer Capital Investors
 - Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
 - Duff and Phelps
 - GE Capital Corporation
 - Houlihan Lokey Capital
 - Oaktree Capital Management
 - Protective Industries
 - Shoreview Capital Partners
 - Sidley Austin LLP
 - Windjammer Capital Investors
- Acquisition of Stackpole International Ltd. By The Sterling Group and Current Capital
 - The Sterling Group
- Acquisition of Terminal de Conteneres de Paranagua SA by Advent International Corp.
 - Advent International Corp.

- Sale of Industrial Container Services by Wingate Partners III LP
Wingate Partners LP
Haynes & Boone
Piper Jaffray & Co.

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (\$50 Million to under \$250 Million)

- Sale of Tara Technologies Corporation to Enpro Industries
Tara Capital Partners
Enpro Industries
Moore & Van Allen
Robinson Bradshaw
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- Acquisition of a Controlling Interest of Judlau Contracting by Obrascon Huarte Lain SALain SA
Seward & Kissel LLP
Baker & McKenzie LLP
Grassi & Co.
Judlau Contracting, Inc.
Obrascon Huarte Lain SA
Sperry Mitchell & Company
- Acquisition of ROTEX Global, LLC by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI) from Windjammer Capital Investors.
P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
Baker & Daniels, LLP
Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
Ernst & Young
Hillenbrand, Inc.
Lincoln International
PwC
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP
Windjammer Capital Investors/ROTEX Global, LLC
- Leveraged Recapitalization of Diversitech
TM Capital Corp.
DiversiTech Corporation
GE Capital
Goodwin Proctor LLP
Greenberg Traurig, LLC
PenantPark Investment Advisors
Regions Business Capital
King & Spalding LLP
- Acquisition of Heath Tecna, Inc. by Zodiac Aerospace S.A.
Houlihan Lokey
K&L Gates
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP
N M Rothschild & Sons
RBS Equity Finance
Zodiac Aerospace S.A.

- Acquisition of Interstate Distributor Co. by Saltchuck Resources, Inc. Cascadia Capital, LLC
Brent L. Jones
Davies Pearson
Garvey Schubert Barer
Interstate Distributors
McGavick Graves PS
Saltchuck Resource, Inc.
- Acquisition of National Envelope Corporation by The Gores Group's William Blair & Company, LLC
Latham & Watkins, LLP
National Envelope Corp.
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor
The Gores Group

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (under \$50 Million)

- Acquisition of Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc. by Mission Critical Electronics, Inc. , a holding of Evolve Capital Generational Equity, LLC
Andrews Kurth
Evolve Capital
King & Associates
Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc.
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP
- Acquisition of Airtec Products Corporation by The RectorSeal Corporation Capstone Partners LLC
Airtec Products
Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, P.C.
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP
Piccerelli, Gilstein & Co., LLP
The RectorSeal Corporation
- Sale of Gorham Paper Mill to an affiliate of Patriarch Partners, LLC SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Chaitons LLP
Counsel RB Capital, LLC
Drummond Woodsum & MacMahon
Jones Day
McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton P.A.
McMillan LLP
Patriarch Partners, LLC
Thompson Hine LLP
- Recapitalization of Nobles Manufacturing by Inverness Graham Investments McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Dorsey & Whitney
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- Acquisition of Valves Business From HIM Tech, Korea by The Weir Group Business Development Asia, LLC
Bae, Kim & Lee (BKL)
HIM Tech Co.
PwC
The Weir Group Plc
- Acquisition of Adhesives and Products for the Building Industry from Henkel by Ampei Group Business Development Asia, LLC
Henkel
The Mapei Group

- Acquisition of Plastikan, Inc. by North America Pckaging Corp, a subsidiary of BWAY.
 - Burns & Levinson LLP
 - BDO Seidman, LLP
 - BWAY
 - Capstone Partners LLC
 - Ernst & Young
 - Francis S. Wyman & Co
 - Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 - Longview Development, LLC
 - Plastikan, Inc.
 - PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Acquisition of L.W. Matteson by Great Lakes Dredge & Dock
 - McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
 - Duane Morris LLP
 - CPA Associates PC

Financial Services

- Acquisition of Black Diamond Performance Reporting by Advent Software
 - Harbor View Advisors, LLC
 - Advent Software
 - Black Diamond Performance Reporting
 - Harbor View Advisors
 - Seyfarth Shaw, LLP
 - The Griggs Group
 - Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
- Acquisition of RI3K by Qatar Insurance Services
 - Marlin & Associates
- Acquisition of Emerging Sovereign Group by The Carlyle Group
 - Seward & Kissel LLP
 - Emerging Sovereign Group
 - Gleacher & Company
 - Mesirow Financial
 - Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
 - The Carlyle Group
- Majority Investment in Stadion Money Management by TA Associates
 - Silver Lane Advisors
 - Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry
 - Deloitte and Touche LLP
 - Goodwin Procter LLP
 - Stadion Money Management Inc.
 - TA Associates
 - Tarpley and Underwood, P.C.
- Sale and Recapitalization of AmericanWest to SKBHC Holdings and SKBHC Hawks Nest Acquisition Corp. by AmericanWest Bancorporation
 - Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of TheMarkets.com by Standard and Poor's
 - Financial Technology Partners
 - Standard & Poor's
 - TheMarkets.com

- Acquisition of Subserveo by DST Systems
Marlin & Associates
Subserveo
- Acquisition of Matrix Financial Solutions, Inc. by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge")
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Bluff Point Associates
Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc.
Ellenoff, Grossman & Schole LLP
Matrix Financial Solutions Inc.
- Minority Investment in Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS by BBVA
White & Case LLP
Akol Law Office
White & Case Müşavirlik Limited

Consumer Services

- Acquisition of Marquis Jets Holdings, Inc. by NetJets Inc.
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Bank of America Leasing & Capital LLC
Barnes & Thornberg, LLP
Evins Communications, Ltd.
Holland & Knight, LLP
Jefferies & Company, Inc.
Kaye Scholer LLP
Marquis Jet Holdings, Inc.
NetJets Inc
Vedder Price & Reed Smith
- Recapitalization of Astor & Black Custom Clothiers Ltd. by Castanea Partners
Western Reserve Partners LLC
Astor & Black Custom Clothiers, Ltd.
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff
Castanea Partners
Deloitte & Touche
Ropes & Gray
SS&G Financial Services
- Recapitalization of Kiosk Information Systems by Alerion Capital Group
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Faegre & Benson LLP
Kaplan & Associates
- Sale of Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc. to An Affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, LLC
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Altman and Company, LLC
BB&T Capital Markets
Capitalsource Bank
H.I.G. Capital Management
Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP
Next Generation Vending and Food Service, Inc.
Paul Hastings LLP
Robinson & Cole LLP
Updike, Kelly & Spellacy
- Minority Capital Raise for Yapstone by Accel Partners
Financial Technology Partners
Accel Partners
YapStone

- Acquisition of Jumer's Casino & Hotel by Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment, Inc. Innovation Capital, LLC
- Acquisition of Petmate, A Westar Capital Portfolio Company by Wind Point Partners Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP
O'Melveny & Meyers LLP
Westar Capital
Wind Point Partners
- Acquisition of drugstore.com by Walgreens Sonenshine Partners

Media, Entertainment or Telecom

- Acquisition of Alteva by Warwick Valley Telephone Company WVT Communications Group
Alteva
CoBank, ACB
Harter Secrest & Emery LLP
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP
Q Advisors
Withum Smith + Brown, PC
- Sale of US Motorsports Corporation (the Iowa Speedway) Capstone Partners LLC
Barokas Public Relations
Clifton Gunderson
Iowa Speedway
Manaco, dba Manatts
USMC Corporation
Whitfield & Eddy PLC
- Growth Capital Financing of GoWireless, Inc. by Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners, L.P. Allegiance Capital Corporation
GoWireless, Inc.
Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners
White & Case
Winstead Partners
- Restructuring and Acquisition of First Media Group Makes & Partners Law Firm
Allen Gledhil
Bank of America
CVC Capital Partners Asia III Limited
Hiswara Bunjamin & Tandjung
Merrill Lynch
PT First Media Tbk
Reed Smith Richards Butler
- Acquisition of Peak10 by Welsh, Carson, Anderson and Stowe Signal Hill
Peak10
RBC Capital Markets
Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe
Womble Carlyle

- Takeover of ATC Technology by Genco Distribution
Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Republic Partners
Throp Reed & Armstrong
- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp
Garrigues
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Promotora de Informaciones
Tegris Advisors
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
Violy & Co
- Acquisition of Sonic Solutions by Rovi Corporation
William Blair & Company

Energy

- Acquisition of Great White Energy Services by Archer Limited
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
Archer Limited
Credit Suisse
Ernst & Young
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Wexford Capital
- Acquisition of Morgan Contracting by Starboard Capita, Main Street Resources, Ironwood Mezzanine, and Management
Generational Equity, LLC
Ironwood Capital
Levett Rockwood PC
Main Street Resources
Morgan Contracting, Inc.
Naegele & Mears, CPAs
Starboard Capital Partners, LLC
Trenam Kemker
- Acquisition of M&L Petroleum, Inc., by Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
Generational Equity, LLC
Alvarez & Marsal (A&M)
Boge Wybenga & Bradley, P.C.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
M&L Petroleum, Inc., dba Beard Oil Pipeline Petroleum
Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
- Capital Raise for Houston-Based Oilfield Service Company
GulfStar Group
AmergyBank
Post Oak Energy Capital
- Acquisition of SAE Towers Holdings, LLC by KEC International Limited
Harris Williams & Co.
Hogan Lovells US LLP
KEC International Limited
SAE Towers Holdings, LLC
- Sale of Summit Energy Services, Inc. to Schneider Electric SA
Robert W. Baird & Co.

- Acquisitions of INEOS Holdings Limited and AlphaGary by Mexichem
White & Case LLP
Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V.
- Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group by GMR Group
White & Case LLP
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek
GMR Group
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
China Huaneng Group

Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

- Acquisition of Farm Lands of Guinea Limited by Kryptic Entertainment Inc.
Hunter Wise Financial Group, LLC
Child, Van Wagoner & Bradshaw CPAs
Farm Lands of Guinea, Inc.
Guzov Ofsink, LLC
Law Offices of Thomas E. Puzzo, PLLC
- Acquisition of the Cosmopolis, WA Mill by The Gores Group from Weyerhaeuser
The Gores Group
DSmurfit
McKinsey & Company
Van Ness Feldman
Weil Gotshal & Manges
Weyerhaeuser
- Recapitalization of Calabrian Corporation by SK Capital Partners
McGladrey Capital Markets LLC
Orgain, Bell and Tucker
Porter & Hedges
- Acquisition of Morgan Contracting by Starboard Capital, Main Street Resources, Ironwood Mezzanine, and Management
Generational Equity, LLC
Ironwood Capital
Levett Rockwood PC
Main Street Resources
Morgan Contracting, Inc.
Naegele & Mears, CPAs
Starboard Capital Partners, LLC
Trenam Kemker
Generational Capital Markets, Inc.
- Acquisition of M&L Petroleum, Inc., by Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
Generational Equity, LLC
Alvarez & Marsal (A&M)
Boge Wybenga & Bradley, P.C.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
M&L Petroleum, Inc., dba Beard Oil Pipeline Petroleum
- Investment in Jiangsu Xinghe by Baird Capital and Investor Growth Capital Asia
Business Development Asia LLC
Baird Capital Partners Asia
Earnst & Young
HHP Attorneys at Law
Investor Growth Capital
Jiangsu Xinghe Group Co Ltd
OMM

- Acquisition of Protective Industries (Caplugs) by Windjammer Capital Investors
 - Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
 - Duff and Phelps
 - GE Capital Corporation
 - Houlihan Lokey Capital
 - Oaktree Capital Management
 - Protective Industries
 - Shoreview Capital Partners
 - Sidley Austin LLP
 - Windjammer Capital Investors
- Merger of Acergy S.A. and Subsea 7
 - White & Case LLP
 - Acergy S.A.
 - Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (\$50 million and over)

- Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods
 - Imperial Capital, LLC
 - Ernst & Young LLP
 - Scouler & Company
 - Contessa Premium Foods
 - Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
 - GE Capital
 - Arent Fox LLP
 - Kelley Drye & Warren
 - Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
 - Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
 - Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
 - Wells Fargo Bank
- ESOP of Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc.
 - SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
 - Alston & Bird LLP
 - BB&T Capital Markets
 - BMO Harris Bank, N.A.
 - ESOP Services Inc.
 - Narron & Holdford, P.A.
 - Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP
 - SunTrust Bank, Inc.
 - Tobacco Rag Processors, Inc.
 - Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
 - Willamette Management Associates
- Sale of Prime Distribution Services, Inc. to Road Runner Transportation Systems, Inc. (NYSE:RRTS)
 - BB&T Capital Markets
 - Baker Daniels
 - Deloitte & Touche
 - Greenberg Traurig, LLP
 - HCI Equity
 - Mason Wells
 - Prime Distribution Services, Inc.
 - Roadrunner Transportation Systems

- Acquisition of Petmate, A Westar Capital Portfolio Company by Wind Point Partners

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP
O'Melveny & Meyers LLP
Westar Capital
Wind Point Partners
- Recapitalization of Saxco International by certain members of senior management and The Sterling Group

Houlihan Lokey
Saxco International Inc.
The Sterling Group
- Acquisition of S.T. Specialty Foods by TreeHouse Foods

Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
Deloitte & Touche
Houlihan Lokey
RSM McGladrey
TreeHouse Foods, Inc.
Windjammer Capital Investors
Winston & Strawn LLP
- Out-of-Court Restructuring of Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.

Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC
Bank of America
Bingham McCutchen LLP
Celtis Capital Inc
FTI Consulting
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
KPMG
Littlejohn & Co. LLC
Platinum Equity
The Garden City Group, Inc.
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
- Sale of Burger King Holdings, Inc. to 3G Capital

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP
Kirkland & Ellis

Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (under \$50 million)

- Acquisition of Midwest Hydroponic and Homebrewing Supplies, Inc. by Adirondack Growth Capital LLC, Bosworth Capital Partners, LLC

Generational Equity, LLC
Adirondack Growth Capital, LLC
Anchor Bank, National Association
Baker Tilly
Gary R. Nylund & Associates, LTD
Generational Capital
Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered
Lindquist & Vennum PLLP
Midwest Hydroponic

- Acquisition of Gulf Coast Supply by Cove Point Holdings, LLC

Generational Equity, LLC
Beauchamp and Edwards, CPA's
CBIZ Accounting
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Cove Pint Holdings, LLC
Generational Capital
Gulf Coast Supply & Manufacturing, Inc.
Tomas A. Simser, Jr. PL
- Acquisition of Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc. by Mission Critical Electronics, Inc., a Holding of Evolve Capital

Generational Equity, LLC
Andrews Kurth
Evolve Capital
Generational Equity
King & Associates
Kussmaul Electronics Co., Inc.
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, LLP
- Acquisition of Vishal Retail Ltd. by TPG Capital LLP

TPG Capital LLP
- Recapitalization of Astor & Black Custom Clothiers Ltd. by Castanea Partners

Western Reserve Partners LLC
Astor & Black Custom Clothiers, Ltd.
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff
Castanea Partners
Deloitte & Touche
Ropes & Gray
SS&G Financial Services
- Acquisition of Okami by Fuji Food Products

McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Jones Day
RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- Recapitalization of Kiosk Information Systems by Alerion Capital Group

McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Faegre & Benson LLP
Kaplan & Associates
- Growth Capital Financing of GoWireless, Inc. by Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners, L.P.

Allegiance Capital Corporation
GoWireless, Inc.
Kayne Anderson Mezzanine Partners
White & Case LLP
Winstead Partners

Consumer and Retail Products (\$250 Million and Over)

- Equity Investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.p.A.

Sonenshine Partners

- Acquisition of Floor & Decor by Ares Management and Freeman Spogli & Co.

Houlihan Lokey
Ares Capital Corp.
Ares Management, LLC
E&Y
Finn Dixon & Herling
Freeman Spogli
Najeti Ventures, LLC
Proskauer Rose LLP
Saugatuck Capital Company
TWJ Capital
- Acquisition of drugstore.com by Walgreens

Sonenshine Partners
- Sale of C2 Corporation to TOMY COMPANY, LTD.

Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Acquisition of Acushnet Company by Fila Korea Ltd. and Mirae Asset Private Equity

McDermott Will & Emery
Chadbourne & Parke LLP
Fila Korea
Fortune Brands, Inc.
Korea Development Bank
Mirae Asset Private Equity
Morgan Stanley
Nomura
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- Acquisition of a Controlling Interest in Massmart Holdings Limited by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs (ENS)
Deloitte & Touche
Deutsche Securities (SA)
Ernst & Young
JP Morgan Securities LLC
Massmart Holdings Limited
N M Rothschild & Sons
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Webber Wentzel
- Sale of Burger King Holdings, Inc. to 3G Capital

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
Kirkland & Ellis
- Acquisition of California Pizza Kitchen, Inc. (NasdaqGS: CPKI) from Clinton Magnolia Master Fund, Ltd. and Clinton Equity Strategies Master Fund, Ltd. of Clinton Group, Inc.

Golden Gate Capital

Consumer and Retail Products (\$50 Million to Under \$250 Million)

- Recapitalization of Merrick Pet Care by Swander Pace Capital

JD Ford & Company
Kirkland & Ellis
KPMG
Merrick Pet Care
Sprouse Law
Swander Pace Capital
Wells Fargo Bank
- Sale of Townsends, Inc. to Peco Foods, Inc. and Omtron Ltd.

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP
Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC
Greenberg Traurig
Huron Consulting Group
J.H. Cohn LLP
Lowenstein Sandler, PC
McKenna Long & Aldridge
Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP
Omtron, Ltd.
Peco Foods, Inc.
Townsends, Inc.
Wilmington Trust Company
- Turnaround and Sale of Contessa Premium Foods

Imperial Capital, LLC
Arent Fox LLP
Contessa Premium Foods
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Ernst & Young LLP
GE Capital
Kelley Drye & Warren
Pachulski Stang Ziehl Young
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker
Scouler & Company
Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
Wells Fargo Bank
- Acquisition of Colgate-Palmolive Company's Colombian Laundry Detergent Business by Unilever

Herrick Feinstein
- Acquisition of Sanuk Brand, from C&C Traders Ltd (licensee) and Sanuk LLC (licensor), by Deckers Outdoor Corporation

Moss Adams Capital LLC
C&C Traders
Daniel Murphy Law Firm
Deckers Outdoor Corp.
KPMG
Moss Adams LLP
Peter J. Solomon Company
Sanuk LLC
Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth
- Acquisition of Petmate, A Westar Capital Portfolio Company by Wind Point Partners

Raymond James & Associates
Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell LLP
O'Melveny & Meyers LLP
Westar Capital
Wind Point Partners

- Recapitalization of Saxco International by Certain Members of Senior Management and The Sterling Group
Houlihan Lokey
Saxco International Inc.
The Sterling Group
- Acquisition of S.T. Specialty Foods by TreeHouse Foods
Choate Hall & Stewart LLP
Houlihan Lokey
RSM McGladrey
TreeHouse Foods, Inc.
Windjammer Capital Investors
Winston & Strawn LLP

Consumer and Retail Products (Under \$50 Million)

- Acquisition of Midwest Hydroponic and Homebrewing Supplies, Inc. by Adirondack Growth Capital LLC, Bosworth Capital Partners, LLC
Generational Equity, LLC
Adirondack Growth Capital, LLC
Anchor Bank, National Association
Baker Tilly
Gary R. Nylund & Associates, LTD
Horwood Marcus & Berk Chartered
Lindquist & vennum PLLP
Midwest Hydroponic
- Acquisition of Gulf Coast Supply by Cove Point Holdings, LLC
Generational Equity, LLC
Beauchamp and Edwards, CPA's
CBIZ Accounting
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Cove Pint Holdings, LLC
Gulf Coast Supply & Manufacturing, Inc.
Tomas A. Simser, Jr. PL
- Recapitalization of Something Sweet, Inc.
LockeBridge Partners, Inc.
Agincourt Capital Partners
Goldberg Kohn Ltd.
Levy & Droney P.C.
Rosen Seymour Shapss Martin & Company LLP
- Sale of Birdola/Seed Resources, LLC to United Pet Group, Inc., a Subsidiary of Spectrum Brands, Inc.
Capstone Partners LLC
Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Helmholdt
Seed Resources LLC (d/b/a Birdola Products)
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
United Pet
- Acquisition of The Combs Company dba BOGS Footwear by Weyco Group, Inc.
Partnership Capital Growth
Cleary Gull Inc.
Doster & Riihimaki, CPAs, LLC
Gleaves Swearingen Potter & Scott LLP
Quarles & Brady LLP
The Combs Company
Weyco Group, Inc.

- Recapitalization of Astor & Black Custom Clothiers Ltd. by Castanea Partners
Western Reserve Partners LLC
Astor & Black Custom Clothiers, Ltd.
Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff
Castanea Partners
Deloitte & Touche
Ropes & Gray
SS&G Financial Services
- 363 Bankruptcy Sale and Turnaround and Restructuring of Classic Brands.
Executive Sounding Board Associates Inc.
Classic Brands LLC
Cole Taylor Bank
Herman Law LLC
Miles & Stockbridge P.C
Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, PP.A.
Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP
The CIT Group - CIT Commercial Services
- Recapitalization of Kiosk Information Systems by Alerion Capital Group
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
Faegre & Benson LLP
Kaplan & Associates

Professional Services (B-to-B)

- Takeover of ATC Technology by Genco Distribution
Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Republic Partners
Throp Reed & Armstrong
- Acquisition of High Performance Technologies, Inc (HPTi) by Dynamics Research Corporation (NASDAQ: DRCO)
KippsDeSanto & Co.
Ares Management LLC
Argy, Wiltse & Robinson, P.C.
Bank of America, N.A.
Commercial Bank - Northeast
Dynamics Research Corporation
High Performance Technologies, Inc
Holland & Knight
Merrill Lynch
Nixon Peabody LLP
PNC Bank
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP
SunTrust Banks, Inc.
- Acquisition of Morgan Contracting by Starboard Capital, Main Street Resources, Ironwood Mezzanine, and Management
Generational Equity, LLC
Ironwood Capital
Levett Rockwood PC
Main Street Resources
Morgan Contracting, Inc.
Naegele & Mears, CPAs
Starboard Capital Partners, LLC
Trenam Kemker

- Acquisition of M&L Petroleum, Inc by Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
 - Generational Equity, LLC
 - Alvarez & Marsal (A&M)
 - Boge Wybenga & Bradley, P.C.
 - Generational Capital Markets, Inc.
 - Kirkland & Ellis LLP
 - M&L Petroleum, Inc., dba Beard Oil Pipeline Petroleum
 - Maxum Petroleum, Inc.
- Minority Capital Raise for Yapstone by Accel Partners
 - Financial Technology Partners
 - Accel Partners
 - YapStone
- Acquisition of TheMarkets.com by Standard and Poor's
 - Financial Technology Partners
 - Standard & Poor's
 - TheMarkets.com
- Acquisition of EDC by Company Cardtronics
 - Financial Technology Partners
 - Cardtronics
 - EDC
- Acquisition of Procon and Enfotrace by Bertram Capital
 - Bertram Capital
 - Egerton, McAfee, Armistead & Davis, PC
 - McGladrey
 - Morgan Joseph TriArtisan, LLC
 - ProconGPS, Inc.
 - Wilson Sonsini

III. Firm of the Year Categories

Private Equity

- Argosy Capital
- Bertram Capital
- General Atlantic
- GTCR
- High Road Capital Partners
- Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
- The Gores Group
- Wingate Partners

Investment Banking

- Business Development Asia, LLC
- Generational Equity, LLC
- Headwaters MB
- Houlihan Lokey
- McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
- Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Robert W. Baird & Co.
- TripleTree, LLC

Boutique Investment Banking (Less Than 20 Employees)

- Capstone Partners LLC
- Financial Technology Partners
- JD Ford & Company
- MP Corporate Finance
- Silver Lane Advisors
- SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
- Tegriss Advisors
- TM Capital Corp.

Law Firm

- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs (ENS)
- Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
- Morrison & Foerster LLP

- Paul Hastings LLP
- Seward & Kissel LLP
- Webber Wentzel

Valuation Firm

- CBIZ Valuation Group
- FMV Opinions, Inc.
- Generational Equity, LLC
- Houlihan Lokey
- Valuation Research Corporation

M&A Consulting/Advisory Service

- C.K. Cooper & Company
- Generational Equity, LLC
- Mesirow Financial Consulting
- O'Keefe & Associates
- P&M Corporate Finance

IV. M&A Product/Service of the Year Category

- AxialMarket
- DealGate
- MergerID
- mergermarket
- Merrill DataSite
- Navatar M&A and Navatar Deal Connect

- S&P Capital IQ

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