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THE M&A ADVISOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 5TH ANNUAL TURNAROUND AWARDS

PALM BEACH FLORIDA, March 9, 2011 — [The M&A Advisor](#) announced the winners of the 2011 Turnaround Awards at the 5th Annual Turnaround Awards Gala at The Colony, Palm Beach Florida on Monday March 7th. The event was hosted by [Bloomberg TV](#) anchor Carol Massar.

“The award winners represent the best of the turnaround, restructuring and distressed investing industry in 2011 and earned these honors by standing out in a group of very impressive finalists,” said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. “Each winner should take pride in their award and the message it sends about the resilience of our industry.”

The Turnaround Awards Gala honored deal-teams, deal-makers, and firms whose activities set the standard for the industry. This year, 137 finalists in 31 categories were chosen. An independent body of experts that span the M&A industry determined the ultimate recipients of the awards. Winners were revealed “Academy-Award style” at the gala.

In addition to the 2011 honorees, Harvey R. Miller, Founding Partner of the Restructuring Practice of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his pioneering efforts and distinguished career in restructuring law.

The Annual Turnaround Awards Gala and Summit is one of the leading events for professionals in the distressed investing, restructuring and turnaround industry. In addition to recognizing and rewarding the industry’s top transactions and firms of the year, the Summit features over 30 of the top professionals leading exclusive interactive forums. Government as M&A Dealmaker; Trends in Private Equity Distressed Investing; Municipal Government Restructuring; and Navigating Companies in Challenging Times were just some of the key feature sessions.

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Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Harvey R. Miller

Major Deal Categories:

Turnaround of the Year (Large Market)

Turnaround and Chapter 11 Reorganization of Flying J, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Nominated by:

White & Case

Zolfo Cooper

Deal Team Members:

The Blackstone Group

Brown Rudnick

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones, LP

Pilot Travel Centers LLC

Turnaround of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

Turnaround of Natural Products Group

Nominated by:

EOS Partners

Deal Team Members:

Crescent Special Solutions

GE Capital

Turnaround of the Year (Lower Middle Market)

Chapter 11 Reorganization of TLC Vision

Nominated by:

Conway Del Genio Gries & Co

Deal Team Members:

CharlesBank Capital Partners

HIG Capital

Proskauer Rose

Torys LLP



Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Upper Middle Market)

Chapter 11 Reorganization of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., et al.

Nominated by:

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Deal Team Members:

FTI Consulting Inc.

Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Middle Market)

Restructuring in Chapter 11 and Sale of the Philadelphia Newspaper Group and Philadelphia Media Holdings.

Nominated by:

Sonenshine Partners LLC

Deal Team Members:

Alvarez & Marsal, LLC

Dilworth Paxson LLP

Proskauer Rose, LLP

Chapter 11 Reorganization of the Year (Lower Middle Market)

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of The Walking Company

Nominated by:

Arent Fox LLP

Clear Thinking Group LLC

Deal Team Members:

BDO Seidman

Pachulski Stang Ziehl Jones LLP

Venable LLP

Cross-Border Deal of the Year

Chapter 11 Reorganization of Sea Launch Company LLC

Nominated by:

Buccino & Associates, Inc.

Deal Team Members:

Alston & Bird

AVICON (UK)

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCoy, LLP

Salans, LLP

Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$100 mm)

Acquisition of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. by Promotora de Informaciones

Nominated by:

Tegris Advisors, LLC

Deal Team Members:

Greenberg Traurig, LLP



Distressed M&A Deal of the Year (\$100 mm and under)

Chapter 11 and 363 Sale of Penn Traffic to Tops Markets

Nominated by:

Conway Del Genio Gries & Co

Deal Team Members:

Haynes and Boone, LLP

Morgan Stanley Private Equity

Divestiture Deal of the Year

Turnaround and Chapter 11 Reorganization of Flying J, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Nominated by:

White & Case

Zolfo Cooper

Deal Team Members:

The Blackstone Group

Brown Rudnick

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones, LP

Pilot Travel Centers LLC

Out-of-Court Reorganization of the Year

Restructuring of Oerlikon

Nominated by:

Bär & Karrer AG

Deal Team Members:

Baker McKenzie

The Blackstone Group

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, LLP

Linklaters

Rothschild

Refinancing of the Year

Turnaround, Refinancing and Equity Infusion of Multimedia Commerce Group, Inc.

Nominated by:

NHB Advisors

Deal Team Members:

Multimedia Commerce Group, Inc.

Wachovia Bank



Turnaround Community Impact Award

Sale of Wick Building Systems, Inc. by Harney
Management Partners, LLC

Nominated by:
Harney Management Partners, LLC
Deal Team Members:
Murphy Desmond
Wick Building Systems, Inc.

Turnaround Consultant of the Year

Robert Katz, Executive Sounding Board Associates, Inc.

Firm and Product/Service Categories:

Turnaround Consulting Firm of the Year

Conway MacKenzie

Law Firm

White & Case

Boutique Investment Banking Firm

Gordian Group, LLC

Financial Lending Firm of the Year

PNC Financial

Turnaround Product/Service of the Year

Kurtzman Carson Consultants

Private Equity Firm of the Year

Sun Capital

Sector Deal Categories:

Healthcare/Life Sciences (pharmaceutical, biotech, etc)

Chapter 11 Reorganization of TLC Vision

Nominated by:

Conway Del Genio Gries & Co

Deal Team Members:

CharlesBank Capital Partners

HIG Capital

Proskauer Rose

Torys LLP

Industrial Goods and Basic Resource

Chapter 11 Reorganization of LyondellBasell Industries

Nominated by:

Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Deal Team Members:

Alix Partners,

Evercore Partners

FTI Consulting

Rothschild

Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution

Protective Products of America, Inc.

Nominated by:

Farlie Turner & Co., LLC

Deal Team Members:

Berger Singerman

Genovese Joblove and Battista

Sun Capital Partners, Inc.

Financial Services (Institutional or Consumer Services)

Turnaround of Bank United

Deal Team Members:

The Blackstone Group

The Carlyle Group

Centerbridge Partners

LeFrak Organization

Wellcome Trust

W.L. Ross



Energy

Acquisition of Lehigh Coal & Navigation by BET Associates IV, LLC and BET Lehigh Real Estate, LLC

Nominated by:

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

Deal Team Members:

Dilworth Paxson LLP

Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP

Stevens & Lee P.C.

Consumer and Retail Products (Over \$100mm)

Restructuring in Ch. 11 of EnviroSolutions Holdings, Inc.

Nominated by:

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

Deal Team Members:

Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC

Barclays Capital

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Consumer and Retail Products (\$100mm and under)

Sale of Trade Secret, Inc.

Nominated by:

SSG Capital Advisors, LLC

Deal Team Members:

Cooley Godward Kronish LLP

Loughlin Meghi & Company

Stoney Bridge Partners

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, 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.



Retail Manufacturing/Distribution

Chapter 11 and 363 Sale of Penn Traffic to Tops Markets

Nominated by:

Conway Del Genio Gries & Co

Deal Team Members:

Haynes & Boone

Morgan Stanley Private Equity

Media, Entertainment or Telecom

Pre-Packaged Ch. 11 of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc.

Nominated by:

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

Deal Team Members:

Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP

Moelis & Company

Zolfo Cooper

Professional Services

Acquisition of Ronson Aviation, Inc.

Nominated by:

SSG Capital Advisors

Deal Team Members:

Cole Schotz Meisel Forman & Leonard P.A.

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein, Blader &

Lehmann, P.C