



**BREAKING NEWS  
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**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL M&A AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT**  
*Winners of the Top M&A Deals, Firms and Professionals will be announced on April 28  
at the New York Athletic Club.*

**New York, NY, March 18th, 2015** – The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce the Finalists in the categories of Cross Border M&A Deal of the Year, Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year, Cross Border Restructuring Deal of the Year, Deal Financing of the Year, Sector Deals of the Year, Regional Deals of the Year, Firms of the Year, M&A Product/Service of the Year and M&A Professional of the Year for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International M&A Awards.

The Finalists 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 that will be announced at the Awards Gala on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the New York Athletic Club.

“In 2014, we witnessed the return of M&A volumes to pre-crisis level and with that an unprecedented transformation of local market firms and dealmakers into global M&A experts whose intimate knowledge and expertise in the cultural, financial and legal arenas are redefining our industry,” said David Fergusson, President and Co-CEO of The M&A Advisor. “We are honored to be able to celebrate the creativity, perseverance and ingenuity of our industry’s professionals and to recognize the contribution that the 2015 award finalists have made in the global M&A market.”

This year’s Finalists represent many of the industry’s leading firms, including: *Aeroflex; Raymond James; BDA Partners; Catterton; Lazard Middle Market; Houlihan Lokey; KPMG Corporate Finance LLC; Reed Smith; UBS; Greenberg Traurig; Jones Day; The Presidio Group*; and feature many of the year’s leading transactions including: *Growth Capital Financing for One Diamond Electronics; Acquisition of SAC Wireless by Nokia Networks; Acquisition of Pactera by a Blackstone-led Consortium; Acquisition of Stake in Standard Bank by Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC); Sale of Lohmann SE to Eli Lilly; American Express’s Global Business Travel Joint Venture with Certares Investor Group; Acquisition of Omega Pharma by Perrigo; Acquisition of Concur Technologies; and Restructuring of Genco Shipping and Trading Limited.*

**For a detailed list of all the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International M&A Award Finalists by category [CLICK HERE](#).**

The awards will be presented at a black tie gala at the New York Athletic Club, in conjunction with the 2015 International Financial Forum. The International Financial Forum is a private “invitation only” summit that will bring together leading US and international M&A professionals and financial markets experts from over 30 countries. Led by a faculty of over 50 industry stalwarts, delegates will engage in interactive sessions about the key issues in the international M&A markets today. While highlighting the latest stage in the evolution of international investment strategies, the 2015 agenda: **“Transnational Dealmaking in The Era of Reglobalization and Technological Innovation”**, places a spotlight on the advancement of technology as a sector and the effect of technology on all geographies and industries.

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