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8th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL M&A AWARDS FINALIST ANNOUNCEMENT
***Winners of the Top Deals, Firms and Professionals will be announced on April 12
at the New York Athletic Club.***

New York, NY, February 23rd, 2016 – The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce the Finalists for the 8th Annual International M&A Awards in the categories of Cross Border M&A Deal of the Year, Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year, Cross Border Restructuring of the Year, 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 Professionals of the Year.

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 12th at the New York Athletic Club.

“Global merger and acquisition announcements topped \$5 trillion for the first time in 2015, exceeding the previous record of 4.6 trillion set in 2007 with closed deals totaling an all time high of 3.7 trillion. One of the drivers behind the volume was an increase in cross border M&A, eclipsing the percentage growth of domestic M&A in 2014.” 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 international 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: *Nomura Securities International; Sullivan & Cromwell; Raymond James; Alvarez & Marsal; L Catterton; KPMG Corporate Finance; Headwaters MB; White & Case; Greenberg Traurig; and many more.* The finalists feature many of the year’s leading transactions including: *Acquisition of Cirque Du Soleil led by Fosun and TPG Capital; Acquisition of Talisman Energy by Repsol; Acquisition of The Republic Companies by AmTrust Financial Services; Acquisition of ABEL Pumps by Hillenbrand; Acquisition of Stern Rubber; Acquisition of Sapient Corporation by Publicis Groupe; Acquisition of Kolmar by Novacap; Sale of Premium Credit Limited to Cinven Partners LLP by GTCR; and many more.*

For a detailed list of all the 8th 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 on April 12, in conjunction with the 2016 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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