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Winners Announced for the 4th Annual 40 Under 40 Recognition Awards Recipients to be Recognized on October 1st at the New York Athletic Club

NEW YORK, July 24, 2013, —The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce the winners of the 4th Annual 40 Under 40 Recognition Awards in each of the categories of Dealmaker, Legal Advisor and Service Provider.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition and presentation of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this recognition awards program to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

The 2013 40 Under 40 Award Winners have been chosen for their accomplishments and contribution from a pool of prominent nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. The 2013 Judges included: John (Jack) Wm. Butler Jr., Partner, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Barry W. Ridings, Vice Chairman of US Investment Banking, Lazard Freres; Ted Stenger, Managing Director, Alix Partners; Dino Mauricio, COO and Senior Managing Director, M&A Advisory, Brock Capital; Teresa Kohl, Director, Business Development, SSG Capital Advisors LLC; Joseph O'Donnell, Vice President, Investigative Management Group; Michelle D. Bergman, Attorney, Bergman Law LLC; Corey Massella, Partner, Citrin Cooperman; Katie Lane Chaverri, Attorney at Law, Tayman Lane Chaverri LLP; Thomas C. Berg Jr., Managing Director, FMV Opinions Inc.; James Abbott, Partner, Seward & Kissel; Meagan Hardcastle, Managing Partner, Harmon Partners LLC; and Derek C. Abbott, Partner, Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP.

“In 2010 we initiated the 40 UNDER 40 Awards to recognize the emerging leaders of the M&A, Financing and Turnaround industries” said David Fergusson, President of The M&A Advisor. “It is our belief that this group of accomplished women and men will have a significant effect on the advancement of our industry. And it is our great pleasure to recognize them and provide a forum for them to meet and engage with one another.”

On Tuesday, October 1st, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan, in conjunction with the 2013 Emerging Leaders Summit – an exclusive event pairing 40 Under 40 winners together with their mentors and other stalwarts, to introduce the 40 Under 40 Award Winners to the business community and celebrate their achievements.

A complete list of the 2013 40 Under 40 Award Winners is to follow. For more information, please contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.

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Winners of the 4th Annual 40 Under 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards

I. Dealmaker Category

(Note that the Winners are listed in alphabetical order by last name)

| First Name | Last Name | Title | Company |
|------------|------------|---|--|
| Brandon | Aebersold | Director | Lazard Freres |
| Anjali | Agarwal | Vice President | The Chartres Lodging Group |
| David | Berry | Partner | Flagship Ventures |
| Joseph S. | Berry, Jr. | Managing Director | Keefe Bruyette & Woods, Inc. (a Stifel Company) |
| Sameer | Bhargava | Managing Director and Director of Corporate Development | The Carlyle Group |
| Charles | Boguslaski | Managing Director | Carl Marks Advisory Group LLC |
| CJ | Brown | Managing Director | Blackstone |
| Mark | Buschmann | Managing Director | Blackstone |
| Wendy | Cai-Lee | Senior Managing Director, Head of Eastern Region | East West Bank |
| Ryan | Caldbeck | CEO | CircleUp |
| Alper | Cetingok | Managing Director, Investment Banking Co-Head, Security, Defense & Government Services Practice | Raymond James & Associates, Inc. |
| Ryan | Craig | Partner | Bertram Capital Management |
| Benjamin | Gordon | Managing Partner | BG Strategic Advisors |
| Justin | Hand | Managing Director and Head of Business Development | Provident Healthcare Partners |
| Gokce | Kabatepe | Managing Director | Raiffeisen Investment Finansal Danışmanlık Hizmeti |
| Andrew | Kline | Managing Director | Park Lane |
| Linos | Lekkas | Managing Director | Citi |
| Adrianna | Ma | Managing Director | General Atlantic |
| Manish | Madhvani | Managing Partner | GP Bullhound |

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| Sean | Madnani | Senior Managing Director | The Blackstone Group |
| Justine | Mannering | Managing Director | Business Development Asia |
| Shirish | Nimgaonkar | Managing Director | C.W. Downer & Co |
| Greg | Nossaman | Managing Director | The McLean Group |
| Jamie | O'Connell | Managing Director | Blackstone |
| Kevin | Palamara | Managing Director of Mergers & Acquisitions | Provident Healthcare Partners |
| Sam | Powers | Co-Head of Media, Communications and Internet - Americas | UBS |
| Brian D. | Price | Vice President and Chief Operating Officer | Mesirow Financial Global Markets - Investment Banking |
| William | Pruellage | Co-President | Castle Harlan Inc. |
| Eric | Reiter | Partner | Brentwood Associates |
| Matthew | Roberson | Principal | SC&H Capital |
| Stephen | Rossi | Founder and Managing Partner | CounterPoint Capital Partners, LLC |
| Eric | Roth | Managing Director | Lazard Middle Market |
| Scott | Schneider | Senior Vice President | Deloitte CRG |
| Kyle | Shonak | Senior Vice President, Portfolio Manager, Special Opportunities | Salus Capital Partners |
| Steven | Sugarman | Managing Member | COR Capital LLC |
| Geoffrey | Teillon | Principal | Pouschine Cook Capital Management, LLC |
| Tim | Wolfe | Director | Financial Technology Partners |
| Ian | Wooden | President | IJW Management Inc. |
| Suzanne | Yoon | Managing Director | Versa Capital Management, LLC |
| Steven | Zuckerman | Managing Director | Farlie Turner & Co. |

II. Legal Advisor Category

(Note that all the Winners are listed in alphabetical order by last name)

| First Name | Last Name | Title | Company |
|------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mark | Adkins | Partner | Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP |
| Christian | Atwood | Partner | Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP |
| David | Bernsohn | Partner | Duane Morris LLP |
| Giovanni | Caruso | Partner | Loeb & Loeb LLP |
| D. Brock | Denton | Partner | Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL |
| Pablo | Ferrante | Partner | Mayer Brown LLP |
| Joseph | Frasca | Senior Corporate Counsel | EMC Corporation |
| Eduardo | Gallardo | M&A Partner | Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP |

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| C. Andrew | Gerlach | Partner | Sullivan & Cromwell LLP |
| Sartaj | Gill | Partner | Davis Polk & Wardwell |
| Matthew | Gilroy | Partner | Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP |
| Lewis | Grimm | Partner | Jones Day |
| Steven | Haas | Partner | Hunton & Williams LLP |
| Justin | Hamill | Partner | Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP |
| Ryan | Harris | Partner | McDermott Will & Emery LLP |
| Yosbel | Ibarra | Shareholder | Greenberg Traurig |
| Margaret | Isa Butler | Of counsel | Greenberg Traurig |
| Teddy | Kapur | Attorney at Law | Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP |
| Karyn | Koiffman | Partner | Baker & McKenzie |
| Sophie | Lamonde | Partner | Stikeman Elliott LLP |
| Lisa | Laukitis | Partner | Jones Day |
| Amanda | Linett | Partner | Stikeman Elliott LLP |
| Jeffrey | Litle | Partner | Jones Day |
| Nicholas P. | Luongo | Partner | Latham & Watkins |
| Christina | Melendi | Partner | Bingham McCutchen LLP |
| Adam | Moses | Partner | Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP |
| Chris | Nugent | Partner | Goodwin Procter LLP |
| Jon | Oram | Partner | Proskauer Rose LLP |
| Christian | Pilkington | Partner; Head of EMEA Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Practice | White & Case LLP |
| Tim | Rampe | Partner | Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP |
| Graham | Robinson | Partner | Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP |
| Benjamin | Roth | Partner | Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz |
| Daniel | Saval | Partner | Brown Rudnick LLP |
| Kevin | Schulz | Partner | Foley & Lardner LLP |
| George | Shuster | Partner | WilmerHale |
| Venu | Talanki | Shareholder | Vedder Price |
| Keith | Townsend | Partner | King & Spalding |
| Brad | Vaiana | Partner | Winston & Strawn LLP |
| Ken | Young | Partner | Dechert LLP |
| Alan | Zoccolillo, Jr. | Partner | Baker & McKenzie |

III. Service Provider Category

(Note that all the Winners are listed in alphabetical order by last name)

| First Name | Last Name | Title | Company |
|----------------|-------------|---|--|
| Jason | Abbott | Managing Director | FTI Consulting |
| Ozgur | Aksoy | Managing Partner | Alfa Investment |
| Christopher | Alberta | Managing Director | Conway MacKenzie, Inc. |
| Leigh | Ann Schultz | Managing Director | Riveron Consulting |
| John | Bly | Managing Partner | LB&A, Certified Public Accountants, PLLC |
| Alexander | Cohen | Chief Executive Officer | Liberty SBF |
| Mark | Coleman | Managing Partner | Laurus Transaction Advisors |
| Melissa | Coopersmith | SVP, Business Development | BMC Group |
| Robert | Crisafulli | Managing Director | Mesirow Financial Consulting |
| Christopher M. | DeMayo | Senior Manager | WithumSmith+Brown, PC |
| Paul | Edwards | Managing Director | Stax Inc. |
| Carlos | Ferreira | Partner, Transaction Advisory Services | Grant Thornton LLP |
| Steven | Fleming | Director | PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP |
| Sylvie | Gadant | Principal | Rothstein Kass |
| Timothy | Garnett | Partner | Avascent |
| Savannah | George | Vice President of Media Relations | IBISWorld |
| Katie | Goodman | Managing Partners | GGG Partners, LLC |
| Michael | Grant | Vice President | Willis |
| Nick | Gruidl | Partner | McGladrey LLP |
| Paul | Hoffman | Senior Vice President | Dresner Partners |
| Randall | Hottle | Senior Manager | Deloitte Consulting LLP |
| Anthony | Jackson | Principal | Deloitte CRG |
| Brian | Kennedy | Senior Managing Director, Global Head of Energy & Natural Resources, Strategic Communications | FTI Consulting |
| Osman | Khan | Managing Director, Transaction Advisory | Alvarez & Marsal |
| Tim | Lynch | Partner | Joele Frank, Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher |
| Nishant | Machado | Managing Director | Mackinac Partners LLC |
| Laura | Marcero | Managing Director | Huron Consulting Group |
| Scott | Mashuda | Managing Director | River's Edge Alliance Group, LLC |
| Michael | Paley | Managing Director | Focus Financial Partners |
| Puneet | Pamnani | SVP & Chief Strategy Officer | PRGX Global, Inc. |
| John | Potter | Partner | PwC |

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| Asish | Ramchandran | Principal | Deloitte Consulting LLP |
| Jay | Rittberg | Vice President | AIG |
| Pavle | Sabic | Applications Specialist - Research | S&P Capital IQ |
| Manav | Singh | Founding Partner | SOAPProjects, Inc |
| Barry | Smith | Managing Director | Pine Hill Group |
| Matt | Sondag | Director | West Monroe Partners |
| Dominic | Spiri | Director | Terra Firma Capital Partners |
| Matthew | Steele | Managing Director | Mesirow Financial Consulting |
| Eric ("Rick") | Yarger | Managing Director | Ernst & Young Capital Advisors |

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