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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; Tegris 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
- 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

	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 Managment 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)

• 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.

	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)

• 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 Plastican, Inc. by North America Packaging Corp, a subsidiary of BWAY	Burns & Levinson LLP BDO Seidman, LLP BWAY Capstone Partners

	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)

• Acquisition of Midwest Hydroponic and Homebrewing Supplies, Inc. by Adirondack Growth Capital LLC, Bosworth Capital Partners, LLC	Generational Equity, LLC Adirodack 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 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 Imagines — 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, Pordy & 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

	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, Tegris 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 Contiuum 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 Conteineres 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 Saltchuk 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 Weird 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 Plastican, 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 Plastican, 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
  Earnt & 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 Adirodack 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
• Acqusition 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 Adirodack 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 Suppy & 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
- Tegris 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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