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## **FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARDS** *Winners to Be Revealed at Awards Gala Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> in New York City*

**NEW YORK, OCT. 28, 2010**— *The M&A Advisor* today announced 234 finalists in 47 categories for its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Awards. The finalists will now be judged by an independent panel and the award winners will be revealed at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Awards Gala and Summit at the New York Athletic Club in New York City on December 14, 2010.

“In 2010, we witnessed continued growth in M&A and, as a result of the challenging market conditions, creative deal-making has really flourished,” said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. “I’m particularly impressed by the number of corporate and strategic transactions that were submitted. The firms that have successfully accomplished deals this year are eager to share their achievements, resulting in the largest number of nominations in the 9 year history of our Awards.”

This year’s finalists represent the leading firms in the industry, including *Sun Capital Partners; Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft; JP Morgan Securities; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; William Blair; Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Houlihan Lokey, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Catterton Partners* and the most significant transactions such as *the Sale of Volvo Car Corporation; the Acquisition of BJ Services by Baker Hughes; and the Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company*. To qualify, the finalists’ transactions had to close between September 1, 2009 and August 31, 2010 and be over \$10 million in transaction value. An independent group of experts from the M&A industry will now begin the judging to determine the winning recipients of the awards.

The 9th Annual M&A Advisor Awards and Summit is the original and premiere event bringing together over 400 of the leading M&A dealmakers, deal team members and key service providers in an exclusive gathering. The Summit will feature the industry’s leading M&A professionals including stalwarts **Wilbur L. Ross; Robert “Steve” Miller, John Borer, Charles W. Downer, Marshall Sonenshine and John “Jack” Butler** keynoting and participating in exclusive interactive forums. M&A in the BRIC’s; US Financial Reform – Dodd Frank and Beyond; Maximizing M&A Performance with Technology; and Navigating Turbulent Markets are just some of the key feature sessions.

In addition to the announcement of the winners of the 2010 M&A Advisor Awards, the Awards Gala will feature the induction of M&A Lifetime Achievement Award Winners into the M&A Advisor Hall of Fame: **Peter G. Peterson; David T. Morgenthaler; John K. Castle; Wilbur L. Ross; Charles W. Downer, Robert “Steve” Miller and Bruce Wasserstein** (posthumously).

Finalists for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Awards are listed below and can be found on at [www.maadvisor.com](http://www.maadvisor.com).

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## Finalists for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Advisor Awards

The finalists for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Awards are as follows. Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala in New York City on December 14, 2009. Please visit [www.maadvisor.com](http://www.maadvisor.com) for additional details.

### I. Major Deal Categories

#### Upper Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Bell Microproducts Inc. by Avnet, Inc. **Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc. **Nominated by:**  
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff  
**Deal Team Members:**  
3S Advisors, LLC  
William Blair & Company
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global **Nominated by:**  
Access International Capital LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India **Nominated by:**  
Religare Enterprises Ltd  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Rajah & Tann LLP  
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.
- Acquisition of Switch and Data by Equinix **Nominated by:**  
Piper Jaffray & Co.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Holland & Knight LLP  
Seaport Capital
- Hostile acquisition of Energy Developments Ltd, an Australian Public Company **Nominated by:**  
Pacific Equity Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers  
UBS
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners **Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Mercury Payment Systems  
Silver Lake

#### Middle-Market Deal of the Year (Between \$250mm and \$500mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores **Nominated by:**  
Xnergy LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Global Solutions  
Las Vegas Business Services  
Law Offices of Donald Johnson
- Acquisition of certain assets from Pacific Energy Resources Ltd. by Rise Energy Beta, LLC et al **Nominated by:**  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Rise Energy Partners, LP

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Diedrich Coffee  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Acquisition of K-Torn International (NASDAQ: KTII) by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI)

**Nominated by:**  
P&M Corporate Finance, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Hillenbrand, Inc.
- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation

**Nominated by:**  
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
McNeil Technologies  
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP  
Veritas Capital
- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey
- Equity investment in NXT Capital by Kramer Levin-client Stone Point Capital LLC/Trident Funds et al

**Nominated by:**  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Stone Point Capital, LLC
- Sale of a majority equity stake of Provo Craft to BAML Capital Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union

**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Custom House

#### Middle-Market Deal of the Year (From \$100mm to \$250mm)

- Acquisition of Evolution Benefits by Genstar Capital

**Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dechert LLP  
Talcott Partners, CCP Equity Partners
- Acquisition of Axolotl, Inc. by Ingenix (UnitedHealth Group)

**Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.
- Acquisition of Character Licensing LLC ("Peanuts"), owned by The E.W. Scripps Company by Iconix Brand Group

**Nominated by:**  
Weber Shandwick  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Baker Hostetler LLP  
Blank Rome LLP  
The E.W. Scripps Company
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company

**Nominated by:**  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation

**Nominated by:**  
Jordan, Knauff & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
AES Corporation  
U.S. Global Energy LLC

- Sale of Ross Education by Huron Capital Partners  
**Nominated by:**  
Huron Capital Partners, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
BMO Capital Markets  
Clayton McKerverve, P.C.  
Goldberg Kohn
- Sale of Shoes for Crews to AEA Investors  
**Nominated by:**  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Sale of SterilMed Inc. to Great Hill Partners  
**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

#### Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$750mm)

- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global  
**Nominated by:**  
Access International Capital LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of RiskMetrics Group, Inc. by MSCI Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Evercore Partners  
MSCI
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited  
**Nominated by:**  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
J.P. Morgan Securities  
KPMG

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- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff  
**Deal Team Members:**  
3S Advisors, LLC  
William Blair & Company
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India  
**Nominated by:**  
Religare Enterprises Ltd  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Rajah & Tann LLP  
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.

### Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$300mm to \$500 mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores  
**Nominated by:**  
Xnergy LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Global Solutions  
Las Vegas Business Services  
Law Offices of Donald Johnson
- Acquisition of K-Torn International (NASDAQ: KTII) by Hillenbrand, Inc. (NYSE: HI)  
**Nominated by:**  
P&M Corporate Finance, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Hillenbrand, Inc.
- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation  
**Nominated by:**  
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
McNeil Technologies  
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP  
Veritas Capital
- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey
- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.

### Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$100mm to \$300mm)

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Diedrich Coffee  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company  
**Nominated by:**  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Acquisition of Stuart Weitzman Holdings by Jones Apparel Group  
**Nominated by:**  
Financo, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Chadbourne & Parke
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

### Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (\$100 mm and less)

- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com  
**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
**Nominated by:**  
MHT Partners, LP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Archipelago Learning  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.  
**Nominated by:**  
B.C. Ziegler and Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP  
Brown McCarroll, LLP
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX  
**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
McColl Partners, LLC  
Michael Baker Corp.  
The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical  
**Nominated by:**  
Business Development Asia LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Clifford Chance US LLP  
King & Wood

### Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (From \$50mm to \$100mm)

- Sale of "Doe & Ingalls" assets to Doe & Ingalls Management, LLC to Pouchine Cook Capital Management, LLC and Anchor Capital, LLC  
**Nominated by:**  
Capstone Partners LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico  
Nixon Peabody
- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com  
**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of Alliance Entertainment by Platinum Equity and The Gores Group from Source Interlink  
**Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
**Nominated by:**  
MHT Partners, L.P.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Archipelago Learning  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.  
**Nominated by:**  
B.C. Ziegler and Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP  
Brown McCarroll, LLP
- Acquisition of Epic MedStaff Services by Webster Capital  
**Nominated by:**  
Provident Healthcare Partners

- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company

**Nominated by:**  
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group

**Deal Team Members:**  
SGIS  
Venable LLP
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph

**Deal Team Members:**  
McColl Partners, LLC  
Michael Baker Corp.  
The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Hugin to Thomson Reuters by NYSE Euronext

**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical

**Nominated by:**  
Business Development Asia LLC

**Deal Team Members:**  
Clifford Chance US LLP  
King & Wood

#### Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (From \$30mm to \$50mm)

- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle

**Nominated by:**  
Branford Castle, Inc.

**Deal Team Members:**  
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP  
Harris Williams / Cobblestone  
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph

**Deal Team Members:**  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
Michael Baker Corp.  
Reed Smith LLP
- Acquisition of Logical Information Machines, Inc. by Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN)

**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Acquisition of Safety Tubs, Inc. by American Standard Brands a portfolio company of Sun Capital Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Cross Keys Capital

**Deal Team Members:**  
Carstens & Cahoon, LLP  
Lamont Neiman Interian & Bellet, PA
- Recapitalization of BHS Marketing LLC by Post Capital Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

**Deal Team Members:**  
Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC  
Post Capital Partners LLC  
Private Capital Research, LLC
- Sale of Dow Chemicals to Arkema

**Nominated by:**  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

### Lower Middle Market Deal of the Year (Less than \$30mm)

- Acquisition of Preview Services Limited by Cintas Corporation  
**Nominated by:** Beanstalk Management Limited  
**Deal Team Members:** Clarks Legal LLP  
Squire, Sanders & Dempsey
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics  
**Nominated by:** Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:** Fesnak & Associates  
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.
- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation  
**Nominated by:** Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of Southside Container and Trailer LLC by a SCT Acquisition LLC  
**Nominated by:** Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group  
**Nominated by:** McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:** Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Spectrum Chemical  
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC
- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners  
**Nominated by:** JD Ford & Company  
**Deal Team Members:** Catterton Partners  
Sun Water Systems, Inc.
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.  
**Nominated by:** Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:** Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP  
Sullivan & Worcester LLP
- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems  
**Nominated by:** Generational Equity, LLC
- Creation of US LBM Holdings, LLC by BlackEagle Partners, LLC  
**Nominated by:** BlackEagle Partners LLC  
**Deal Team Members:** Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.  
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP  
Moelis & Company
- Recapitalization of Global X-Ray and Testing Corp. by Platte River Ventures  
**Nominated by:** McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:** King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC  
Leblanc and Carpenter

### Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion)

- Acquisition of OSI Pharmaceuticals by Astellas Pharma, Inc.  
**Nominated by:** Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings Company  
**Nominated by:** Tegriss Advisors, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:** Citigroup Global Markets  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP



- Combination of Mitsubishi UFJ Group, Inc. and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co., Ltd with Morgan Stanley Japan Securities  
**Nominated by:**  
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited  
**Nominated by:**  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
J.P. Morgan Securities  
KPMG

#### **Cross-Border Deal of the Year (Between \$100 mm and \$1 Billion)**

- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation  
**Nominated by:**  
Jordan, Knauff & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
AES Corporation  
U.S. Global Energy LLC
- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global  
**Nominated by:**  
Access International Capital LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India  
**Nominated by:**  
Religare Enterprises Ltd  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Rajah & Tann LLP  
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union  
**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Custom House
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

#### **Cross-Border Deal of the Year (\$100mm and less)**

- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com  
**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
K&L Gates LLP
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics  
**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Fesnak & Associates  
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
**Nominated by:**  
MHT Partners, LP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Archipelago Learning  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX  
**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Sale of Hugin to Thomson Reuters by NYSE Euronext  
**Nominated by:**  
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- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
Michael Baker Corp.  
Reed Smith LLP

- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical

**Nominated by:**  
Business Development Asia LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Clifford Chance US LLP  
King & Wood

### Dealmaker of the Year

- William J. Curtin, III, Hogan Lovells US LLP
- Scott P. George, P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
- John Ferrara, Capstone Partners LLC
- Thomas E. Knauff, Jordan, Knauff & Company
- Miroslav Lazarov, McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC
- Steve J. McLaughlin, Financial Technology Partners
- Bill Timmerman, Xnergy LLC
- Robert Townsend, Morrison & Foerster LLP

### Woman Dealmaker of the Year

- Christine LaFollette, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Marguerite Piret, Newbury Piret & Company
- Nia Stefany, Xnergy LLC

### Magnus Deal of the Year (Over \$1 billion)

- Acquisition of TASC by General Atlantic, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., and the management of TASC from Northrop Grumman
- Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company
- Acquisition of BJ Services by Baker Hughes
- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company
- Acquisition of Terra Industries by CF Industries
- Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Lyondell Chemical Company

**Nominated by:**  
General Atlantic  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.  
TASC

**Nominated by:**  
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

**Nominated by:**  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Tegris Advisors, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
AlixPartners  
Evercore Partners

- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

**Nominated by:**  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
J.P. Morgan Securities  
KPMG

### **Magnus Cross-border/International Deal of the Year**

- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company
- Merger of Max Capital and Harbor Point
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation and related assets by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

**Nominated by:**  
Tegris Advisors, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
J.P. Morgan Securities  
KPMG

## **II. Sector Deal Categories**

### **Information Technology (Over \$500mm)**

- Acquisition of Bell Microproducts Inc. by Avnet, Inc.
- Acquisition of Nortel's assets by Ciena's Global
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Access International Capital LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Luthra & Luthra Law Offices

**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Mercury Payment Systems  
Silver Lake

### **Information Technology (\$500 mm or less)**

- Acquisition of Silicon Storage Technology by Microchip
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union
- Acquisition of Auctiva by Alibaba.com

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey

**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Custom House

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
K&L Gates LLP

- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company
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***Nominated by:***

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***Deal Team Members:***

Archipelago Learning  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

***Nominated by:***

BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group

***Deal Team Members:***

SGIS  
Venable LLP

***Nominated by:***

Marlin & Associates New York, LLC

**Media, Entertainment or Telecom (Over \$500mm)**

- Acquisition of Marvel Entertainment, Inc. by The Walt Disney Company
- Acquisition of Switch and Data by Equinix

***Nominated by:***

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker

***Nominated by:***

Piper Jaffray & Co.

***Deal Team Members:***

Holland & Knight LLP  
Seaport Capital

**Media, Entertainment or Telecom (\$500mm and less)**

- Acquisition of Character Licensing LLC ("Peanuts"), owned by The E.W. Scripps Company by Iconix Brand Group
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)
- Acquisition of The Weinstein Company's film Library by Goldman Sachs' and Assured Guaranty

***Nominated by:***

Weber Shandwick

***Deal Team Members:***

Baker Hostetler LLP  
Blank Rome LLP  
The E.W. Scripps Company

***Nominated by:***

MHT Partners, LP

***Deal Team Members:***

Archipelago Learning  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP

***Nominated by:***

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld  
LLP

**Healthcare/Life Sciences (Over \$100mm)**

- Acquisition of Axolotl, Inc. by Ingenix (UnitedHealth Group)
- Acquisition of OSI Pharmaceuticals by Astellas Pharma, Inc.
- Acquisition of Parkway Holdings Ltd., Singapore by Fortis Healthcare Ltd, India
- Sale of Pfizer's animal vaccine business in China to Harbin Pharmaceutical

***Nominated by:***

Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

***Nominated by:***

Morrison & Foerster LLP

***Nominated by:***

Religare Enterprises Ltd

***Deal Team Members:***

Rajah & Tann LLP  
RHC Holding Pvt. Ltd.

***Nominated by:***

Business Development Asia LLC

***Deal Team Members:***

Clifford Chance US LLP  
King & Wood

- Sale of SterilMed Inc. to Great Hill Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.

#### Healthcare/Life Sciences (\$100 mm and less)

- Acquisition of Epic MedStaff Services by Webster Capital
- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics
- Acquisition of Home Health Services, Inc. by Professional HealthCare, LLC, a portfolio company of Mainsail Partners
- Acquisition of Pinnacle Consultants Mid Atlantic by Emergency Medical Services Corporation.
- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.
- Acquisition of Equinox Healthcare, Inc. by Serent Capital

**Nominated by:**  
Provident Healthcare

**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Fesnak & Associates  
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.

**Nominated by:**  
The Braff Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Hinton, Budrick, Hall & Spiker, LLC  
Isaacks & Associates, Ltd., LLP  
Mainsail Partners

**Nominated by:**  
B.C. Ziegler and Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP  
Brown McCarroll, LLP

**Nominated by:**  
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Spectrum Chemical  
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP  
Sullivan & Worcester LLP

**Nominated by:**  
The Braff Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Bishop & Adkins, PA  
Epstein Becker Green Wickliff & Hall, P.C.  
Serent Capital

#### Energy (Over \$100mm)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation

**Nominated by:**  
Xnergy LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Global Solutions  
Las Vegas Business Services  
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

**Nominated by:**  
Jordan, Knauff & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
AES Corporation  
U.S. Global Energy LLC

- Hostile acquisition of Energy Developments Ltd, an Australian Public Company

**Nominated by:**  
Pacific Equity Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Gilbert & Tobin Lawyers  
UBS

#### **Energy (\$100mm and less)**

- Acquisition of Lehigh Coal & Navigation by BET Associates IV, LLC and BET Lehigh Real Estate, LLC
- Acquisition of Logical Information Machines, Inc. by Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN)
- Recapitalization of Global X-Ray and Testing Corp. by Platte River Ventures
- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

**Nominated by:**  
SSG Capital Advisors, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dilworth Paxson LLP  
Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP  
Stevens & Lee P.C.

**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
King, Krebs & Jurgens, PLLC  
Leblanc and Carpenter

**Nominated by:**  
Branford Castle, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP  
Harris Williams / Cobblestone  
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
Michael Baker Corp.  
Reed Smith LLP

#### **Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (Over \$500mm)**

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
- Acquisition of PT Matahari Department Store Tbk by PT Meadow Indonesia (indirect subsidiary of CVC Capital Partners).

**Nominated by:**  
Xnergy LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Global Solutions  
Las Vegas Business Services  
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

**Nominated by:**  
Makes & Partners Law Firm  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Clifford Chance US LLP  
Linklaters Allen & Gledhill Pte Ltd

#### **Retail Manufacturing/Distribution (\$500 or less)**

- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP  
Sullivan & Worcester LLP

- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

#### **Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (Over \$100 mm)**

- Acquisition of Interconnect Devices, Inc. a portfolio company of Milestone Partners by Smiths Group plc
- Sale of Volvo Car Corporation by Ford Motor Company to Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Company Limited

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey

**Nominated by:**  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
J.P. Morgan Securities  
KPMG

#### **Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (\$100 mm and less)**

- Sale of "Doe & Ingalls" assets to Doe & Ingalls Management, LLC to Pouchine Cook Capital Management, LLC and Anchor Capital, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Capstone Partners LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Moody, Famiglietti & Andronico  
Nixon Peabody

- Acquisition of Burton Medical Products by Royal Philips Electronics

**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Fesnak & Associates  
Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson P.C.

- Acquisition of Spectrum Pharmacy Products by Harvard Drug Group

**Nominated by:**  
McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP  
Spectrum Chemical  
Stahl Cowen Crowley Addis LLC

- Creation of US LBM Holdings, LLC by BlackEagle Partners, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
BlackEagle Partners LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Alvarez & Marsal, Inc.  
Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP  
Moelis & Company

- Recapitalization of BHS Marketing LLC by Post Capital Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough PC  
Post Capital Partners LLC  
Private Capital Research, LLC

- Sale of Robert Manufacturing Company to Control Devices, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
FMV Capital Markets, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Control Devices  
Corridor Capital

## Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

- Acquisition of Terra Industries by CF Industries  
**Nominated by:**  
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Michael Baker Corporation acquisition of The LPA Group, Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
McColl Partners, LLC  
Michael Baker Corp.  
The LPA Group, Inc.
- Sale of Tembec Inc.'s French paper pulp mills to Paper Excellence B.V.  
**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Dewey & LeBoeuf, LLP

## Financial Services (institutional or consumer services) (Over \$500mm)

- Acquisition of Pearl Group by Liberty Acquisition Holdings (International) Company  
**Nominated by:**  
Tegris Advisors, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Citigroup Global Markets  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
- Acquisition of RiskMetrics Group, Inc. by MSCI Inc.  
**Nominated by:**  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Evercore Partners  
MSCI
- Combination of Mitsubishi UFJ Group, Inc. and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities Co., Ltd with Morgan Stanley Japan Securities  
**Nominated by:**  
Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners  
**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Mercury Payment Systems  
Silver Lake

## Financial Services (\$500mm and less)

- Acquisition of Equifax's Direct Marketing Services Division by Alliance Data Systems  
**Nominated by:**  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- Acquisition of SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia) by NASDAQ OMX  
**Nominated by:**  
Marlin & Associates New York, LLC
- Equity investment in NXT Capital by Stone Point Capital LLC/Trident Funds et al  
**Nominated by:**  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Stone Point Capital, LLC
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union  
**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Custom House



### Consumer and Retail Products (\$400mm and over)

- Acquisition of 230 ExxonMobil gas stations and convenience stores by Mid Atlantic Convenience Stores
- Acquisition of Best Brands Corp. and its affiliated entities by CSM America, Inc.
- Sale of a majority equity stake of Provo Craft to BAML Capital Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Xnergy LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Global Solutions  
Las Vegas Business Services  
Law Offices of Donald Johnson

**Nominated by:**  
Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff  
**Deal Team Members:**  
3S Advisors, LLC  
William Blair & Company

**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.

### Consumer and Retail Products (Between \$100mm and \$400mm)

- Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc. (Nasdaq: DDRX) by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Inc. (Nasdaq: GMCR)
- Acquisition of Pabst Brewing Company by Metropoulos & Company
- Acquisition of Stuart Weitzman Holdings by Jones Apparel Group
- Sale of Shoes for Crews to AEA Investors

**Nominated by:**  
Houlihan Lokey  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Diedrich Coffee  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

**Nominated by:**  
Financo, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Chadbourne & Parke

**Nominated by:**  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

### Consumer and Retail Products (\$100mm and less)

- Acquisition of Alliance Entertainment by Platinum Equity and The Gores Group from Source Interlink
- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation
- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners
- Acquisition of Veterinary Ventures by Radio Systems

**Nominated by:**  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
JD Ford & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Sun Water Systems, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

### Professional Services (Over \$100mm)

- Acquisition of McNeil Technologies by AECOM Technology Corporation

**Nominated by:**  
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
McNeil Technologies  
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP  
Veritas Capital

- Sale of COMSYS IT Partners, Inc. to Manpower, Inc.
- Sale of Custom House to Western Union
- Sale of Mercury Payment Systems to Silver Lake Partners

**Nominated by:**  
Robert W. Baird & Co.

**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Custom House

**Nominated by:**  
Financial Technology Partners  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Mercury Payment Systems  
Silver Lake

#### Professional Services (\$100 mm and less)

- Acquisition of Southside Container and Trailer LLC by a SCT Acquisition LLC
- Acquisition of SGIS by Salient Solutions, a portfolio company of Frontenac Company
- Sale of Michael Baker Corporation's Energy Services division to John Wood Group plc

**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC

**Nominated by:**  
BB&T Capital Markets | Windsor Group  
**Deal Team Members:**  
SGIS  
Venable LLP

**Nominated by:**  
Morgan Joseph LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Haynes and Boone, LLP  
Michael Baker Corp.  
Reed Smith LLP

#### Green/Environmental Deal of the Year

- Acquisition of Sun Water Systems, Inc. d/b/a Aquasana by Catterton Partners
- Sale of E-Mon LLC to Honeywell International by Branford Castle
- Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by The AES Corporation
- Polaris Geothermal's Financing and development of the largest renewable energy facility in Nicaragua's history

**Nominated by:**  
JD Ford & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Catterton Partners  
Sun Water Systems, Inc.

**Nominated by:**  
Branford Castle, Inc.  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP  
Harris Williams / Cobblestone  
Peninsula Capital Partners LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Jordan, Knauff & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
AES Corporation  
U.S. Global Energy LLC

**Nominated by:**  
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld 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.

- Acquisition of Reynoldsville Casket Company by Matthews International Corporation  
**Nominated by:**  
Generational Equity, LLC
- Acquisition of the Eaton Apothecary business of D.A.W., Inc., a subsidiary of Nyer Medical Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NYER), by Walgreen Co.  
**Nominated by:**  
Newbury Piret & Company  
**Deal Team Members:**  
Siegel, Lipman, Dunay, Shepard & Miskel, LLP  
Sullivan & Worcester LLP
- Sale of Ross Education by Huron Capital Partners  
**Nominated by:**  
Huron Capital Partners, LLC  
**Deal Team Members:**  
BMO Capital Markets  
Clayton McKerverve, P.C.  
Goldberg Kohn

### III. Firm/Product Categories

#### Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- BB&T Capital Markets
- Business Development Asia LLC
- Generational Equity
- Houlihan Lokey
- Morgan Joseph
- Robert W. Baird & Co.

#### Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year

- Capstone Partners, LLC
- Financial Technology Partners
- Jordan, Knauff & Company
- P&M Corporate Finance, LLC
- Provident Healthcare Partners
- SSG Capital Advisors, LLC
- Tegriss Advisors, LLC
- The Braff Group
- Xnergy LLC

#### Law Firm of the Year

- Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
- ENS (Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs) Inc.
- Herrick, Feinstein LLP
- Luthra & Luthra Law Offices
- Morrison & Foerster LLP
- Seward & Kissel LLP

#### Services/Valuation Firm of the Year

- FMV Opinions, Inc.
- Generational Equity
- Houlihan Lokey

**Private Equity Firm of the Year**

- Evercore Partners, LLC
- Huron Capital Partners, LLC
- Pacific Equity Partners
- Sun Capital Partners, Inc.
- Platinum Equity

**M&A Product/Service of the Year**

- "Capital Markets and IPO Advisory" Service Offering, *Financial Technology Partners*
- Bridge Capital Associates
- Merrill DataSite, *Merrill Corporation*
- PitchBook, *PitchBook Data, Inc.*
- Pritchett, LP

**Accounting/Due Diligence Firm**

- KPMG
- RSM McGladrey, Inc.
- WeiserMazars LLP

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