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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Finalists Announced**

***Top M&A deals, firms and professionals to be honored June 20 at the Metropolitan Club in NYC***

**New York, June 6, 2013** – ACG® New York and The M&A Advisor are pleased to announce the names of companies, transactions and dealmakers selected as finalists for the ACG New York Champion's Awards, the two organizations' annual tribute to the outstanding achievements of participants in the middle market M&A industry in the greater New York metropolitan area.

Selected from over 300 participating companies in the first stage of evaluation, award finalists will now be judged by a panel of independent experts for the M&A Deal of the Year, Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year, Cross Border Deal of the Year, Turnaround Deal of the Year, Sector Deal of the Year, M&A Product/Service of the Year and Dealmaker of the Year. And, new this year, ACG New York members will be invited to cast their votes for the Firm of The Year candidates. The winners will be announced at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala on Thursday, June 20 at the Metropolitan Club in New York.

"ACG New York is thrilled to recognize and celebrate the significant accomplishments our members have made driving the growth of middle market companies over the past year", said Martin L. Okner, president of ACG New York. "This year marks our third annual event celebrating deals and dealmakers in the New York region. In addition, we will be honoring our friend and colleague Pam Hendrickson, chief operating officer of The Riverside Company with the Peter Hilton Founder's Award for her contributions to ACG New York and to the middle-market private equity community at large. We are also launching a Chapter Leadership Award this year and honoring our past president and current chairman Stephen V. Prostor with it for his leadership and significant contribution to our chapter's growth."

"We are very impressed with all of the submissions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards and congratulate those who have achieved finalist status. And we are honored to be collaborating again with the ACG New York chapter in celebration of the best deals and dealmakers in the New York region," said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and founder of The M&A Advisor.

This year's finalists represent the industry's leading firms, including: *Greenberg Traurig; Loeb & Loeb; The Jordan, Edmiston Group, Inc.; Pepper Hamilton; Accordion Partners; Bertram Capital; Catterton Partners; Graycliff Partners; Mesirov Financial; High Road Capital Partners, and KPMG Corporate Finance*. They also feature many of the year's leading M&A transactions including: *\$8.1 Billion Merger of Burger King and Justice Holdings Ltd.; Acquisition of Parfums de Coeur by Yellow Wood Partners; Acquisition of Assets of Arctic Glacier Income Fund by H.I.G. Capital; Sale of Doe & Ingalls Management LLC to Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.; Sale of Accentus to Nuance Communications, Inc.; Acquisition of Karo Film; Acquisition of First Support Services, Inc. by Parsons; and Recapitalization of Industrial Color Brands by Webster Capital*.

**For a detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 2013 ACG New York Champion's Awards [CLICK HERE](#).**

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Each year over 8,000 professionals participate in ACG New York's 70+ networking and educational events in New York City and Westchester and on Long Island, including healthcare, manufacturing & logistics, and retail conferences. ACG Deal-Source® and ACG Capital Connection® events put buyers together with funding sources in scheduled private meetings and bring M&A specialists together for open networking.

The organization's annual Champion's Awards recognize the year's outstanding middle market firms and deals, while its Education Cup competition honors the best graduate business school team from the New York City area for M&A counseling prowess. These and other programs have spurred ACG New York's rapid growth in recent years, with membership now exceeding 1,000.

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