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4th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Finalists Announced

Top M&A deals, firms and professionals to be honored June 19 at the Metropolitan Club in NYC

NEW YORK, May 30, 2014 – ACG[®] New York and The M&A Advisor announced today 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 mergers and acquisitions (M&A) industry in the greater New York metropolitan area.

Selected from over 350 participating companies in the first stage of evaluation, award finalists will now be judged by a panel of independent experts for the Transaction, Firm and Individual Awards categories. The winners will be announced at the 4th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala on Thursday, June 19 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 and managing director, SHM Corporate Navigators(tm). "This year marks our fourth annual event celebrating deals, firms and dealmakers in the New York region."

"We are very impressed with all of the submissions for the 4th 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, firms and dealmakers in the New York region," said David Fergusson, president of The M&A Advisor.

This year's finalists represent the industry's leading firms, including: *Houlihan Lokey; Business Development Asia; Greenberg Traurig; Allegiance Capital Corporation; Bertram Capital; Cain Brothers & Company; Duff & Phelps; GenNx360 Capital Partners; Grey Mountain Partners; High Road Capital Partners; LongueVue Capital; Marlin Equity Partners; Moelis & Company; Revelstoke Capital Partners; Stephens Inc.*

The M&A transactions selected as finalists also feature many of the year's leading deals including: *Sale of Santa Cruz Nutritionals to RoundTable Healthcare Partners; the \$1.8 billion Acquisition of MacDermid, Inc.; Majority Strategic Investment by Argonaut Private Equity II in Otis Eastern Service, Inc.; Sale of AgFeed China to Ningbo Tech Bank AGI Partners; Merger of Maxcess International Holding Corporation with Webex Inc.; Acquisition of Blue Bell Mattress Company by Longroad Asset Management; Highwinds Network Group Secured Credit Facility; Acquisition of Spire LLC by Datalogix; Sale of Cygnus Business Media's Agriculture group to a subsidiary of the American Farm Bureau; Acquisition of ATS Workholding, Inc. by Grey Mountain Partners; Investment in Aura XM Inc. by AGI Partners, LLC.*

For a detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 2014 ACG New York Champion's Awards, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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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. This year ACG New York is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

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