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**Finalists Announced for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Awards**

***Top International M&A Deals and Professionals to be honored October 11 in New York at The Cornell Club***

**New York, September 16, 2011** – *The M&A Advisor* has named over 230 finalist companies in 27 different categories in preparation for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Awards tribute. An independent body of experts, who represent the International M&A industry will now judge the finalist deals, deal makers and firms.

The winners for Major Transaction of the Year Categories, Sector Transaction of the Year Categories, Firm of the Year Categories, M&A Product/Service of the Year Categories and Dealmaker of the Year categories will be recognized at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Summit and Awards Gala on Tuesday, October 11 at The Cornell Club in New York City.

“We are very impressed with the quality of the nominations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Awards and the range of leading and emerging firms who are finalist candidates from around the world,” says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of *The M&A Advisor*.

This year’s finalists represent a number of leading firms, including: *White & Case; Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Andrews Kurth; A&L Goodbody; Pacific Equity Partners; Sonenshine Partners; TM Capital; Webber Wentzel; YES Bank; Merrill Corporation; Houlihan Lokey and Simpson Thacher* and the most significant international M&A transactions of the year including: *the Acquisition of Occidental Petroleum Corporation's Oil and Gas Assets by Sinopec; the Acquisition of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. by Promotora de Informaciones; and AIB's acquisition of the deposit book of Anglo Irish Bank.*

To qualify, all transactions involved a non US buyer or seller and were completed between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011.

**A detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Awards is attached. For more information, please visit at [www.maadvisor.com](http://www.maadvisor.com) or contact The M&A Advisor at 718 997 7900.**

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## THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL M&A AWARDS FINALISTS

The Awards will be presented at the **INTERNATIONAL M&A SUMMIT AND AWARDS GALA in New York, NY on October 11, 2011**. Please visit [www.maadvisor.com](http://www.maadvisor.com) for additional details. The finalists for the 2011 International M&A Awards are as follows:

### I. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

#### M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$5 Billion)

- **BBVA Purchases Stake in Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS**  
White & Case LLP  
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentina (BBVA)  
Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS  
White & Case Müşavirlik Limited
- **Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)**  
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Greenberg Traurig  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
- **Acergy S.A. Merger with Subsea 7**  
White & Case LLP  
Acergy S.A.  
Arendt & Medernach (Luxembourg)  
Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)
- **AIB's acquisition of the deposit book of Anglo Irish Bank**  
A&L Goodbody  
AIB Corporate Finance  
Allied Irish Banks  
Anglo Irish Bank  
Arthur Cox  
Hawpoint
- **Acquisition of Alcon by Novartis, Going Private of Alcon**  
Bär & Karrer AG  
Alcon  
Allen & Overy  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore  
Homburger  
Novartis International Inc.  
Pestalozzi  
Sullivan & Cromwell

## **M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion to \$5 Billion)**

- Acquisition of Occidental Petroleum Corporation's Oil and Gas Assets by Sinopec  
Andrews Kurth  
Alfaro-Abogados  
Ernst & Young  
Occidental Petroleum Corporation  
Scotia Waterous  
Sinopec  
Vinson & Elkins
- Martek Biosciences Corporation on its US\$1.09bn acquisition by Royal DSM N.V.  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
Allen & Co.  
Cleary Gottlieb & Hamilton  
JP Morgan  
Martek Biosciences Corporation  
Royal DSM
- GMR Group Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group  
White & Case LLP  
China Huaneng Group  
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek  
GMR Group  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Pfizer Sale of Capsugel  
White & Case LLP  
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. ("KKR")  
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated;  
Pfizer, Inc.  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett 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.  
Salans, LLP  
Sea Launch

### **M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$500 Million to \$1 Billion)**

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor  
GCA Savvian Advisors LLC  
Morrison & Foerster  
ON Semiconductor  
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.
- Mexichem Acquisitions of INEOS Holdings Limited and AlphaGary  
White & Case LLP  
INEOS Holdings Limited  
Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V.
- Project COPA: Acquisition of UNX Energy by HRT Participacoes Em Petroleo of Brazil  
BMO Capital Markets  
Credit Suisse  
Fraser Milner Casgrain  
HRT Participacoes  
McCarthy Tetrault  
UNX Energy
- Elan's proposed merger of Elan Drug Technologies with Alkermes Inc  
A&L Goodbody  
Alkermes  
Arthur Cox  
Cahill Gordon & Reindel  
Citigroup Inc.  
Cleary Gottlieb  
Dechert  
Houlihan Lokey  
HSBC  
Morgan Stanley  
Ondra Partners

### **M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$100 Million to \$500 Million)**

- Acquisition of Kramer Levin client Answers Corporation by AFCV Holdings, LLC  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel  
AFCV Holdings, LLC  
Answers Corporation  
Gross, Kleinhendler, Hodak, Halevy, Greenberg & Co.  
Jefferies & Company, Inc.  
Meitar Liquornik Geva & Leshem Bradwein  
UBS Investment Bank  
Wells Fargo  
Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati
- Trintech Group's acquisition by Cerasus II Limited  
A&L Goodbody  
Cerasus II Limited  
Goodbody Corporate Finance  
Latham & Watkins  
Maples and Calder  
Trintech  
William Blair & Son  
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati P.C.

- Acquisition of Polestar by Sun European Partners

Houlihan Lokey  
 Consortium led by BlueBay Asset Management  
 Deloitte  
 Ernst & Young  
 Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
 GE Capital  
 Polestar  
 Sun European Partners
- Acquisition of JOYOU AG by GROHE AG

Acxit Capital Management  
 CMS Hasche Sigle  
 Ernst & Young  
 GROHE AG  
 JOYOU AG  
 Weil, Gotshal & Manges
- \$250 million equity investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.P.A

Sonenshine Partners LLC  
 Borghesi Colombo & Association  
 Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP  
 Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.  
 Luigi Lavazza S.P.A.  
 Ropes & Gray LLP
- Hostile takeover of Freeworld Coatings Limited ("Freeworld") (South Africa) by Kansai Paint Co., Ltd ("Kansai") (Japan)

Newman Lowther & Associates  
 Bowman Gilfillan Attorneys  
 Freeworld Coatings Ltd  
 Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.  
 Nomura International plc  
 Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.  
 Nortons Incorporated  
 Rand Merchant Bank  
 RBB Economics  
 Read Hope Phillips Thomas & Cadman Incorporated (RHP)
- Sale of New Zealand Poultry Enterprises Limited (more commonly known as "Tegel") to Ross Group Enterprises Limited (representing Funds advised by Affinity Equity Partners)

Pacific Equity Partners  
 Greenhill Caliburn  
 LEK  
 Morgan Stanley  
 Pricewaterhouse Coopers  
 Ross Group Enterprises Limited  
 Russell McVeagh

### **M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$50 Million to \$100 Million)**

- Bank of Ireland's sale of BoISS to Northern Trust Corporation  
A&L Goodbody  
Arthur Cox  
Bank of America Merrill Lynch  
Bank of Ireland  
Deutsche Bank AG  
Northern Trust
- Representation of Pangea3 in its acquisition by Thomson Reuters.  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel  
Desai & Diwanji  
KPMG  
Pangea3, Inc.  
Thomson Reuters Corporation  
William Blair & Company, LLC
- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation  
TM Capital Corp.  
Clariant Corporation  
Octagon Process LLC  
Pepper Hamilton LLP  
Winston & Strawn LLP
- United Phosphorus Limited (Bloomberg-UNTP IN) acquired 50% stake in Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
YES BANK LIMITED  
GOG&P  
Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
United Phosphorus Limited
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
MHT Partners, LP  
Archipelago Learning  
Education City  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

### **M&A Deal of the Year (Under \$50 Million)**

- Acquisition of Ambit Messaging Hub from Sungard by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication)  
Marlin & Associates, LLC  
S.W.I.F.T. SCRL
- Permira's acquisition and financing of the Creganna Tactx Medical group  
A&L Goodbody  
Altaris Capital Partners  
Clifford Chance  
Permira  
Price Waterhouse Cooper  
UBS Investment Bank
- Kramer Levin client AIG's divestiture of consumer finance business in Argentina.  
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel  
AIG Consumer Finance Group, Inc.  
Baker & McKenzie  
Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A.  
Tarjetas Regionales S.A.  
Estudio Beccar Varela  
UBS Securities LLC

- Acquisition of Robertson College by Education Consolidation Corporation (ECC) and Maxim Partners LLC  
Capstone Partners LLC  
Aird & Berlis LLP  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce  
Education Consolidation Corporation (ECC)  
Grant Thornton LLP  
Robertson College
- Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc (Bloomberg HIK LN) acquired a significant minority stake in Unimark Remedies Ltd.  
YES BANK LIMITED  
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.  
Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc  
J Sagar  
KPMG India Private Limited  
Trilegal  
Unimark Remedies Limited

### **Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$1 Billion)**

- Martek Biosciences Corporation on its US\$1.09bn acquisition by Royal DSM N.V.  
Hogan Lovells US LLP  
Allen & Co.  
Cleary Gottlieb & Hamilton  
JP Morgan  
Martek Biosciences Corporation  
Royal DSM
- GMR Group Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group  
White & Case LLP  
China Huaneng Group  
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek  
GMR Group  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Strategic Acquisition by Uranium One  
BMO Capital Markets  
ARMZ  
Fasken Martineau  
Goldman Sachs  
Stikeman Elliott  
Uranium One
- Pfizer Sale of Capsugel  
White & Case LLP  
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. ("KKR")  
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated;  
Pfizer, Inc.  
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- BBVA Purchases Stake in Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS  
White & Case LLP  
Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentina (BBVA)  
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- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS) Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Greenberg Traurig  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
- Acergy S.A. Merger with Subsea 7 White & Case LLP  
Acergy S.A.  
Arendt & Medernach (Luxembourg)  
Slaughter & May (UK, Belgium)

### **Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$500 Million to \$1 Billion)**

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor GCA Savvian Advisors LLC  
Morrison & Foerster  
ON Semiconductor  
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.
- Mexichem Acquisitions of INEOS Holdings Limited and AlphaGary White & Case LLP  
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### **Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$100 Million to \$500 Million)**

- Acquisition of Kramer Levin client Answers Corporation by AFCV Holdings, LLC Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel  
AFCV Holdings, LLC  
Answers Corporation  
Gross, Kleinhendler, Hodak, Halevy, Greenberg & Co.  
Jefferies & Company, Inc.  
Meitar Liquornik Geva & Leshem Bradwein  
UBS Investment Bank  
Wells Fargo  
Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati
- Acquisition of Polestar by Sun European Partners Houlihan Lokey  
Consortium led by BlueBay Asset Management  
Deloitte  
Ernst & Young  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
GE Capital  
Polestar  
Sun European Partners



- Acquisition of JOYOU AG by GROHE AG

Acxit Capital Management  
CMS Hasche Sigle  
Ernst & Young  
GROHE AG  
JOYOU AG  
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- \$250 million equity investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.P.A

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Freeworld Coatings Ltd  
Kansai Paint Co., Ltd.  
Nomura International plc  
Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.  
Nortons Incorporated  
Rand Merchant Bank  
RBB Economics  
Read Hope Phillips Thomas & Cadman Incorporated (RHP)

#### **Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Under \$100 Million)**

- Kramer Levin client AIG's divestiture of consumer finance business in Argentina.

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Estudio Beccar Varela  
UBS Securities LLC
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Desai & Diwanji  
KPMG  
Pangea3, Inc.  
Thomson Reuters Corporation  
William Blair & Company, LLC

- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation  
TM Capital Corp.  
Clariant Corporation  
Octagon Process LLC  
Pepper Hamilton LLP  
Winston & Strawn LLP
- Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc (Bloomberg HIK LN) acquired a significant minority stake in Unimark Remedies Ltd.  
YES BANK LIMITED  
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.  
Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc  
J Sagar  
KPMG India Private Limited  
Trilegal  
Unimark Remedies Limited
- United Phosphorus Limited (Bloomberg-UNTP IN) acquired 50% stake in Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
YES BANK LIMITED  
GOG&P  
Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
United Phosphorus Limited
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
MHT Partners, LP  
Archipelago Learning  
Education City  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

### Financing Deal of the Year

- Acquisition of Polestar by Sun European Partners  
Houlihan Lokey  
Consortium led by BlueBay Asset Management  
Deloitte  
Ernst & Young  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
GE Capital  
Polestar  
Sun European Partners
- NASDAQ OMX Acquires SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia)  
Marlin & Associates  
ArgyStar.com
- \$250 million equity investment in Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc. by Luigi Lavazza S.p.A  
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Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Greenberg Traurig  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

## Turnaround Deal of the Year

- 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.  
Salans, LLP  
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Violy & Co  
Greenberg Traurig  
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## II. Sector Transaction of the Year Categories

### Information Technology

- Trintech Group's acquisition by Cerasus II Limited  
A&L Goodbody  
Cerasus II Limited  
Goodbody Corporate Finance  
Latham & Watkins, Maples and Calder  
Trintech  
William Blair & Son  
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Marlin & Associates  
S.W.I.F.T. SCRL
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)

MHT Partners, LP  
Archipelago Learning  
Education City  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

### Healthcare/Life Sciences

- Elan's proposed merger of Elan Drug Technologies with Alkermes Inc

A&L Goodbody  
Alkermes  
Arthur Cox  
Cahill Gordon & Reindel  
Citigroup Inc.  
Cleary Gottlieb  
Dechert  
Houlihan Lokey  
HSBC  
Morgan Stanley  
Ondra Partners
- Permira's acquisition and financing of the Creganna Tactx Medical group

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- Martek Biosciences Corporation on its US\$1.09bn acquisition by Royal DSM N.V.

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### **Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution**

- Acquisition of JOYOU AG by GROHE AG  
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Ernst & Young  
GROHE AG  
JOYOU AG  
Weil, Gotshal & Manges
- Acquisition of Polestar by Sun European Partners  
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Nomura Securities Co., Ltd.  
Nortons Incorporated  
Rand Merchant Bank  
RBB Economics  
Read Hope Phillips Thomas & Cadman Incorporated (RHP)

- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation  
TM Capital Corp.  
Clariant Corporation  
Octagon Process LLC  
Pepper Hamilton LLP  
Winston & Strawn LLP
- Acquisition of Bronx International International, Inc. by Fives Group  
Western Reserve Partners  
Bronx International, Inc.  
Fives Group  
Goodwin Procter  
Jones Day  
Western Reserve Partners LLC
- United Phosphorus Limited (Bloomberg-UNTP IN) acquired 50% stake in Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
YES BANK LIMITED  
GOG&P  
Sipcam Isagro Brazil  
United Phosphorus Limited

### **Financial Services**

- AIB's acquisition of the deposit book of Anglo Irish Bank  
A&L Goodbody  
AIB Corporate Finance  
Allied Irish Banks  
Anglo Irish Bank  
Arthur Cox  
Hawpoint
- Bank of Ireland's sale of BoISS to Northern Trust Corporation  
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Bank of Ireland  
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Northern Trust
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AIG Consumer Finance Group, Inc.  
Baker & McKenzie  
Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A.  
Tarjetas Regionales S.A.  
Estudio Beccar Varela  
UBS Securities LLC
- NASDAQ OMX Acquires SMARTS Group Holding Pty, Ltd (Australia)  
Marlin & Associates  
ArgyStar.com
- Acquisition of RI3K by Qatar Insurance Services  
Marlin & Associates  
Charles Russell LLP
- Sale by Deutsche Börse of its majority interest in Avox to Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC)  
Marlin & Associates  
Avox

- BBVA Purchases Stake in Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS

White & Case LLP  
 Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentina (BBVA)  
 Turkiye Garanti Bankasi AS

### **Consumer and Retail Products and Services**

- Acquisition of JOYOU AG by GROHE AG
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 GROHE AG  
 JOYOU AG  
 Weil, Gotshal & Manges

Pacific Equity Partners  
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 Greenhill Caliburn & Morgan Stanley  
 LEK  
 PricewaterhouseCoopers  
 Ross Group Enterprises Limited  
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 Russell McVeagh

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Ernst & Young  
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer  
GE Capital  
Houlihan Lokey  
Polestar  
Sun European Partners
- Acquisition of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. by Promotora de Informaciones  
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Greenberg Traurig  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz
- Acquisition of EducationCity by Archipelago Learning (Nasdaq: ARCL)  
MHT Partners, LP  
Archipelago Learning  
Education City  
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## Energy

- Acquisition of Occidental Petroleum Corporation's Oil and Gas Assets by Sinopec  
Andrews Kurth  
Alfaro-Abogados  
Ernst & Young  
Occidental Petroleum Corporation  
Scotia Waterous  
Sinopec  
Vinson & Elkins
- Project COPA: Acquisition of UNX Energy by HRT Participacoes Em Petroleo of Brazil  
BMO Capital Markets  
Credit Suisse  
Fraser Milner Casgrain  
HRT Participacoes  
McCarthy Tetrault  
UNX Energy
- GMR Group Sale of Stake in InterGen N.V. to China Huaneng Group  
White & Case LLP  
China Huaneng Group  
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek  
GMR Group  
Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom

## Industrial Goods and Basic Resources

- Strategic Acquisition by Uranium One  
BMO Capital Markets  
ARMZ  
Fasken Martineau  
Goldman Sachs  
Stikeman Elliott  
Uranium One



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of Bronx International International, Inc. by Fives Group</li> </ul> | <p>Western Reserve Partners LLC<br/>Bronx International, Inc.<br/>Fives Group<br/>Goodwin Procter<br/>Jones Day</p>       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acergy S.A. Merger with Subsea 7</li> </ul>                                      | <p>White &amp; Case LLP<br/>Acergy S.A.<br/>Arendt &amp; Medernach (Luxembourg)<br/>Slaughter &amp; May (UK, Belgium)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mexichem Acquisitions of INEOS Holdings Limited and AlphaGary</li> </ul>         | <p>White &amp; Case LLP<br/>INEOS Holdings Limited<br/>Mexichem S.A.B. de C.V.</p>  |

### **III. Firm of the Year Categories**

#### **Investment Banking**

- Deloitte
- GCA Savvian Advisors LLC
- Houlihan Lokey
- Scotia Waterous

#### **Valuation Firm**

- Deloitte
- Houlihan Lokey
- Valuation Research Corp.

#### **Boutique Investment Banking**

- Marlin & Associates
- Sonenshine Partners LLC
- Tegris Advisors, LLC
- TM Capital Corp.

#### **Law Firm**

- A&L Goodbody
- Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs, Inc.
- Latham & Watkins
- Paul Hastings LLP
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- Webber Wentzel

#### **Accounting/Due Diligence Firm**

- Bruner-Cox LLP
- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- Grant Thornton LLP
- KPMG

#### **IV. M&A Product/Service of the Year Category**

- Capital IQ
- Epiq Systems - Bondholder Solicitation and Balloting Services
- Merrill DataSite
- PEGBASE

#### **V. Dealmaker of the Year Category**

- Rene Pierre Azria, Tegriss Advisors, LLC
- Randy Crath, Scotia Waterous
- Christo Els, Webber Wentzel
- Michael Katz, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs, Inc. (ENS)
- Anthony Kerwick, Pacific Equity Partners
- Ken Marlin, Marlin & Associates