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12th ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Winners of the Top M&A Deals, Firms and Professionals will be announced on December 17th at the New York Athletic Club.

New York, NY, October 14th, 2013 – The M&A Advisor is pleased to announce the Finalists in the categories of M&A Deal of the Year, Restructuring Deal of the Year, Cross-Border Deal of the Year, Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year, Deal Financing of the Year, Sector Deal of the Year, Firms of the Year, M&A Product/Service of the Year and M&A Professionals of the Year for the 12th Annual M&A Advisor Awards.

The Finalists 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 that will be announced at the Awards Gala on Tuesday, December 17th at the New York Athletic Club.

“Since the inception of the M&A Advisor Awards in 2002, we have been recognizing the leading dealmakers, firms and transactions. And each year we celebrate the creativity, perseverance and ingenuity of our industry’s professionals” says David Fergusson, President of The M&A Advisor. “While our industry has undergone significant transformation since our first awards were presented 11 years ago, we are convinced, more than ever before, that investment in middle market companies will continue to be the driving force of the economy. It is truly an honor for our firm to be able to recognize the contribution that the 2013 award finalists have made.”

This year’s Finalists represent many of the industry’s leading firms, including: *Morgan Stanley; Headwaters MB; News Corporation; Berkshire Hathaway; Morrison & Foerster; Rothschild; Baird; Generational Equity; Goldman Sachs & Co.; FTI Consulting; J.P. Morgan Securities LLC; The Blackstone Group; Soros Fund Management; BB&T Capital Markets; Cerberus Capital Management LP; Capstone Partners LLC; Barclays Capital; Raymond James Financial, Inc.; Credit Suisse, AG; Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.; NASDAQ OMX; Bank of America Merrill Lynch; and Lazard Freres & Co. LLC;* and feature many of the year’s leading transactions including: *Acquisition of Skippy Peanut Butter; Acquisition of YES Network Equity Stake by News Corp.; Acquisition of Pfizer’s Infant Nutrition Business by Nestlé’s; Acquisition of a Stake in Nephila Capital by KKR; Acquisition of N-able Technologies, Inc. by Solarwinds, Inc.; Acquisition of a 78% Stake in Sprint Nextel Corporation by SoftBank Corp.; Acquisition of Thomson Reuters Property Tax Services by Ryan, LLC; and Acquisition of BrightPoint by Ingram Micro.*

For a detailed list of all the Award Finalists by category [CLICK HERE](#).

The Winners of all the categories will be announced and the awards will be presented at the 12th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala - the premier celebration of the year for firms and professionals in the M&A industry. Held in conjunction with the Annual M&A Advisor Summit, the Gala will bring together the industry’s leaders, vying for the 2013 Awards, to celebrate the Finalists and Winners. The ceremony will also honor 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner William C. Repko together with 2013 Leadership Award Winners - Corinne Ball, René-Pierre Azria, Rodger Krouse, Marc Leder, Patricia Menendez-Cambo and Mark Zeffiro for their induction into The M&A Advisor Hall of Fame.



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