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**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Winners of the Top M&A Deals, Firms and Professionals will be announced on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the New York Athletic Club.***

***New York, NY, September 8th, 2014*** – 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 Deals of the Year, Firms of the Year, M&A Product/Service of the Year and M&A Professionals of the Year for the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 12 years ago, we are convinced, more than ever before, that M&A is a driving force of the economy. It is truly an honor for our firm to be able to recognize the contribution that the 2014 award finalists have made.”

This year’s Finalists represent many of the industry’s leading firms, including: *Raymond James; Reed Smith; Ares Management; Cerberus Capital Management LP; Veritas Capital; Marlin Equity Partners; PwC;* and feature many of the year’s leading transactions including: *Merger American Airlines with US Airways; Acquisition of GeoSouthern Energy by Devon Energy; Acquisition of Nest by Google; Sale of Shares to Fiat by Chrysler VEBA Trust; Sale of EMTEQ, Inc. to B/E Aerospace, Inc.; Restructuring of Genco Shipping and Trading; Acquisition of Jos. A. Bank Clothiers by the Men's Warehouse; Acquisition of Deposition Sciences Inc. by Lockheed Martin.*

**For a detailed list of all the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual M&A Advisor Award Finalists by category [CLICK HERE](#).**

The Winners of all the categories will be announced and the awards will be presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 2014 Awards, to celebrate the Finalists and Winners. The ceremony will also honor 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Barry W. Ridings together with 2014 Leadership Award Winners – Timothy Coleman, Van Conway, Thomas Lauria, Laura Brank and James DeNaut for their induction into The M&A Advisor Hall of Fame.

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