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15th ANNUAL M&A ADVISOR AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT
***Winners of the Top M&A Deals, Firms and Professionals will be announced
on November 9th at the New York Athletic Club.***

New York, NY, August 26, 2016 – 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 15th 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 Wednesday, November 9th 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 and Co-Chief Executive Officer of The M&A Advisor. “While our industry has undergone significant transformation since our first awards were presented 14 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 2016 award finalists have made.”

This year’s Finalists represent many of the industry’s leading firms, including: *Alleghany Capital Corporation; Cahill Gordon; Deloitte Consulting; Ernst & Young; Guggenheim Partners; PwC Corporate Finance; The General Electric Company; Huron Capital Partners; KPMG Corporate Finance; L Catterton; Raymond James; Schulte Roth & Zabel; Vonage; White & Case;* and many more. The finalists feature many of the year’s leading transactions including: *Merger of Coca-Cola Enterprises with Coca-Cola Iberian Partners/Erfrischungsgetränk to Form Coca-Cola European Partners Plc; Acquisition of eBay Enterprise by Permira, Banneker Partners, Sterling, Longview; Financing of Anheuser-Busch InBev; Merger of Cyberonics Inc. and Sorin SpA to create LivaNova PLC; Acquisition of Baxalta by Shire; Acquisition of Russell Investments by TA Associates/Reverence;* and many more.

For a detailed list of the 15th Annual M&A Advisor Award Finalists [CLICK HERE](#).

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The category winners will be announced and the awards will be presented at the 15th 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 2016 Awards, to celebrate the Finalists and Winners. The ceremony will also honor 2016 Lifetime Achievement and Leadership Award Winners with their induction into The M&A Advisor Hall of Fame.



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