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**Winners Revealed for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Summit & Awards Gala**

***Top Deals and Professionals Honored Before Sell-Out Crowd***

**New York, October 13, 2011.** The M&A Advisor announced the winners of the 2011 International M&A Awards to a vibrant audience on October 11 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Summit & Awards Gala at **The Cornell Club in New York City**. The event was hosted by MandA.TV, Business Anchor, Maribel Aber.

The International M&A Summit & Awards Gala honored deal teams, deal makers, and firms whose activities set the standard for the industry. This year, 28 winners were chosen from 230 finalists. An independent body of experts, representing the International M&A industry, judged the finalists' deals, deal makers and firms.

"The ever-increasing influence of international M&A on the global marketplace is truly fascinating," says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. "These awards were created to recognize the valuable contribution made by these transactions, firms and individuals."

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

In addition to recognizing the winners, the event honored Howard Morgan, Co-President, Castle Harlan and Andrew W. Rice, Sr. Vice President, International Business, The Jordan Company, who were the recipients of the International M&A Leadership Award.

**A detailed list of all of the Award Winners 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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# Winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual International M&A Summit and Awards Gala

## I. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

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

#### WINNER

- Merger of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. (NYSE/AMEX:LIA) and Promotora de Informaciones (Madrid: PRS)  
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Garrigues  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

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

#### WINNER

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor  
GCA Savvian Advisors LLC  
Morrison & Foerster  
ON Semiconductor  
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.

### Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Over \$100 Million to \$500 Million)

#### WINNER

- 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)

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

### **WINNER**

- Acquisition of Octagon Process by Clariant Corporation  
TM Capital Corp.  
Clariant Corporation  
Octagon Process LLC  
Pepper Hamilton LLP  
Winston & Strawn LLP

## **Financing Deal of the Year**

### **WINNER**

- Acquisition of Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp. by Promotora de Informaciones  
Liberty Acquisition Holdings Corp  
Garrigues  
Greenberg Traurig, LLP  
Promotora de Informaciones  
Tegris Advisors  
Violy & Co  
Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz

## **Turnaround Deal of the Year**

### **WINNER**

- 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

## **II. Sector Transaction of the Year Categories**

### **Information Technology**

#### **WINNER**

- Acquisition of SANYO Semiconductor by ON Semiconductor  
GCA Savvian Advisors LLC  
Morrison & Foerster  
ON Semiconductor  
SANYO Electric Co. Ltd.

### **Healthcare/Life Sciences**

#### **WINNER**

- 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

## **Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution**

### **WINNER**

- 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**

### **WINNER**

- 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

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

### **WINNER**

- 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(PEP)  
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Greenhill Caliburn & Morgan Stanley  
LEK  
PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Ross Group Enterprises Limited  
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Russell McVeagh

## **Media, Entertainment and Telecom**

### **WINNER**

- 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

## **Energy**

### **WINNER**

- 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**

### **WINNER**

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

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

### **Investment Banking**

#### **WINNER**

- Houlihan Lokey

### **Boutique Investment Banking**

#### **WINNER**

- Sonenshine Partners LLC

### **Valuation Firm**

#### **WINNER**

- Houlihan Lokey

### **Law Firm of the Year (Large Size)**

#### **WINNER**

- Paul Hastings LLP

### **Law Firm of the Year (Mid-Sized)**

#### **WINNER**

- A&L Goodbody

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

#### **WINNER**

- Deloitte

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

### **WINNER**

- Merrill DataSite

## V. Major Transaction of the Year Categories

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

- Acquisition of Alcon by Novartis, Going Private of Alcon  
Bär & Karrer AG  
Alcon  
Allen & Overy  
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### M&A Deal of the Year (Over \$1 Billion to \$5 Billion)

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Nortons Incorporated  
Rand Merchant Bank  
RBB Economics  
Read Hope Phillips Thomas & Cadman Incorporated (RHP)

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

- 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

### **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

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

- Anthony Kerwick, Pacific Equity Partners(PEP)