March 12, 2012, New York: Congratulating the finalists of the annual M&A ATLAS AWARDS, GLOBAL MAJOR MARKETS. This year’s finalists represent forty-two global markets across thirty unique categories of the deal of the year awards, five global M&A firm of the year awards and the coveted global dealmaker team awards.

The prestigious M&A ATLAS AWARDS, GLOBAL MAJOR MARKETS is the only program to exclusively honor the best deals, star dealmaker teams and top performing firms for closed transactions valued above billion dollars from all corners of the globe.

"We are delighted to continue the tradition of honoring the best from the major market communities. The community should take pride for successfully completing an impressive array of deals, demonstrating their talents, inventiveness and resiliency during the unpredictable and volatile period of last year." Shanta Kumari, managing partner and CEO, Global M&A Network.

GOLD STANDARD of PERFORMANCE: The logo is decisive mark of distinction, conveying a clear message that the winners have accomplished the highest performance and excellence standards. Over the last five years, the M&A ATLAS AWARDS winners are selected based on identifiable deal performance metrics such as novelty and structure; sector and market complexities; jurisdictional intricacies; deal synergies, financial value, professional leadership; brand strength; resourcefulness; among other criteria.

AWARDS GALA CEREMONY: Winners are revealed for the 1st time at the awards gala ceremony held on the evening of April 26, 2012, at the New York Stock Exchange Floor and Dining Room. Venue details made available only to confirmed guests. Finalists and nominee representatives must attend the awards gala to be officially honored by accepting their trophy in company of clients, colleagues and peers.

WHAT to DO if you are among the TOP FINALISTS?

Many congratulations on making the finalist circle list. We encourage you to acknowledge and submit any additional information you feel will be of value for the winner selection process.

Significantly, confirm your corporate table or individual delegate guest reservations for the awards gala dinner. The gala is foremost gathering of "who's who" from the corporate, private equity, investment bank, law and industry senior professionals and dealmakers from the global mergers and acquisitions communities. It is an excellent occasion to invite clients, colleagues, family and friends to celebrate the moment!

STANDARDS of WINNER SELECTION: Independent advisory group audits the "performance" evaluative criteria for each category, scores and ranks the results. Additional information available on the nomination and selection process.

WINNERS RECOGNITION POLICY....It is the "deal" that wins!

Naturally each deal has multiple advisors and following is the order of trophy presentations: Corporate or private equity firm along with nominations received by the buyers primary advisors; followed by Nominations received or as invited from the buy side primary legal or financial advisor; followed by Nominations received or as invited from the sell side primary legal or financial advisor.

If there are multiple nominations received for a award category, then we will honor all the nominees by presenting them with a trophy provided they have confirmed registrants.

Firms cannot accept trophy on behalf of another firm or nominee.

WINNER CIRCLE: Global M&A Network issues the WINNERS CIRCLE announcement which includes the recipient of the trophy as well as acknowledges deal team advisors who have attended the awards gala.
GLOBAL DEAL AWARDS

(Selection Standard: Corporate or private equity deal from any sector that has an impact in two or more world markets.)

- Sanofi-aventis acquisition of Genzyme Corporation. Advisors: Evercore Partners, J.P Morgan, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Ropes & Gray
- Spin-off of NBC Universal LLC to joint venture entity consisting of General Electric Company and managed by the Comcast Corporation. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, BoFA Merrill Lynch, UBS, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, J.P Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

GLOBAL M&A DEAL of the YEAR | $10 billion plus

- LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA acquisition of Bulgari SpA. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Bonelli Erede Pappalardo Legale, Credit Suisse, Chiomenti Studio Legale
- Microsoft Corporation acquisition of Skype Global S.à r.l. from investor group including Silver Lake Partners, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, ebay International AG, Andreessen Horowitz, Joltid Ltd. Advisors: Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan, Lazard, Moelis & Co, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Sullivan & Cromwell

GLOBAL M&A DEAL of the YEAR | $5 billion plus

- China National BlueStar Co., subsidiary of China National Chemical Corp acquisition of Elkem unit from Orkla ASA. Advisors: Royal Bank of Scotland; Selmer, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, Moelis & Co, Thommessen
- PepsiCo control acquisition of Wimm-Bill-Dann Foods OJSC. Advisors: Centerview Partners, Morgan Stanley, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Linklaters, J.P Morgan, Latham & Watkins
- Rio Tinto Jersey Holdings, wholly-owned subsidiary of the Rio Tinto Group acquisition of Riversdale Mining Ltd. Advisors: Macquarie Capital, Minter Ellison, UBS, Gilbert + Tobin
- Steinhoff International Holdings Ltd. acquisition of Conforama Holding from PPR SA. Advisors: BoFA Merrill Lynch, Standard Bank, Gide Loyrette Nouel, DLA Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Bowman Gilfillan, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Tognum AG acquisition by Daimler AG and Rolls-Royce Group Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hengeler Mueller, Deutsche Bank, Lazard, Latham & Watkins

GLOBAL M&A DEAL of the YEAR | billion plus

- Metorex Ltd acquisition by Newshelf Proprietary Ltd, subsidiary of Jinchuan Group Ltd. Advisors: Standard Bank, One Capital, DLA Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Goldman Sachs, Allen & Overy; Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs
- Spartan Capital Holdings acquisition of Polkomtel S.A. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, Trigon Dom Maklerski, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Chajec, Don-Siemion & Ïzyto, Goldman Sachs, ING, Nomura, Rothschild, Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Gide Loyrette Nouel, K&L Gates

EMERGING MARKETS M&A DEAL of the YEAR

(Selection Standards: Corporate or private equity deal from any sector from global emerging markets, valued above billion USD.)

- Metorex Ltd acquisition by Newshelf Proprietary Ltd, subsidiary of Jinchuan Group Ltd. Advisors: Standard Bank, One Capital, DLA Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Goldman Sachs, Allen & Overy; Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs
- Spartan Capital Holdings acquisition of Polkomtel S.A. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, Trigon Dom Maklerski, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Chajec, Don-Siemion & Ïzyto, Goldman Sachs, ING, Nomura, Rothschild, Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Gide Loyrette Nouel, K&L Gates

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GLOBAL DEAL AWARDS
(Selection Standards: Deals from any sector across national boundaries and jurisdictions.)

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | $10 billion plus

- Sanofi-aventis acquisition of Genzyme Corporation. Advisors: Evercore Partners, J.P Morgan, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Rogers & Gray

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | $5 billion plus

- Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. acquisition of Cephalon Inc. Advisors: Credit Suisse, Kirkland & Ellis, Deutsche Bank, BofA Merrill Lynch, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- UK Water Ltd, wholly owned by consortium including Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd, Cheung Kong Holdings and Li Ka Shing Foundation Ltd acquisition of Northumbrian Water Group plc. Advisors: HSBC, Royal Bank of Canada, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Allen & Overy, Hogan Lovells
- Western Power Distribution LLP, subsidiary of PPL Corp acquisition of Central Networks from E.ON UK plc. Advisors: BofA Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Barclays Capital, J.P Morgan, Allen & Overy, Ashurst

CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | billion plus

- China National Agrochemical Corp, subsidiary of China National Chemical Corp majority acquisition of Makhteshim Agan Industries. Advisors: Compass Advisers Group, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, GKH Law Offices, Kirkland & Ellis
- PepsiCo control acquisition of Wimm-Bill-Dann Foods OJSC. Advisors: Centerview Partners, Morgan Stanley, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Linklaters, J.P Morgan, Latham & Watkins
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. control acquisition of Massmart Holdings Ltd. Advisors: J.P Morgan, Rothschild, Webber Wentzel, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs

SPIN-OFF | DIVESTITURE DEAL of the YEAR

- E-MART Co., Ltd. spin-off from Shinsegae Co. Advisors: Lee & Ko, Citigroup, Samsung Securities
- ITT Corporation split off into three companies - ITT Corporation, ITT Exelis and Xylem Inc. Advisors: Lazard, J.P Morgan, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
- Marathon Oil Corp spin-off of Marathon Petroleum Corp. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, Baker Botts
- The Mosaic Company demerger from Cargill, Inc. Advisors: Credit Suisse, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, J.P Morgan, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, UBS, Lazard, Loeb & Loeb

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PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR

- BC Partners acquisition of Gruppo Coin from Financiere Tintoretto SA. Advisors: BofA Merrill Lynch, HSBC, Dickson Minto & Gilberti Pappalatera e Triscornia, UBS, Mediobanca, Latham & Watkins
- Clayton, Dubilier & Rice acquisition of Emergency Medical Services Corp. Advisors: Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank, Debevoise & Piper, Goldman, Sachs, BofA Merrill Lynch, Kaye Scholer
- Emdeon Inc. acquisition by the Blackstone Private Equity. Advisors: Blackstone Advisory Partners, BofA Merrill Lynch, Barclays Capital, Citigroup, Ropes & Gray, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Morgan Stanley, UBS, Paul Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

CONSORTIUM DEAL of the YEAR

(Selection Standards: Acquisition by investor group or joint corporate entity. Deal size has no impact on winner selection.)

- Kinetic Concepts Inc acquisition led by Apax Partners together with affiliates of Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Public Sector Pension Investment Board. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Epstein Becker Green, Kirkland & Ellis, J.P Morgan, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Securitas Direct acquisition by Bain Capital and Hellman & Friedman LLC from EQT Partners. Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Nomura, BofA Merrill Lynch, Kirkland & Ellis, Morgan Stanley, Morgan Keegan, Nordea, White & Case

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR | $10 billion plus

(Selection Standards: Strategic acquisition or merger from any sector from any part of the world markets.)

- Sanofi-aventis acquisition of Genzyme Corporation. Advisors: Evercore Partners, J.P Morgan, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Ropes & Gray
- Vivendi acquisition of Societe Francaise du Radiotelephone from Vodafone plc. Advisors: Rothschild, Societe Generale, Allen & Overy, Bird & Bird, BNP Paribas, Lazard, Linklaters
GLOBAL DEAL AWARDS
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CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR | $5 billion plus
(Selection Standards: Strategic acquisition or merger from any sector from any part of the world markets.)

- Actividades de Construcción y Servicios acquisition of Hochtief AG. Advisors: Lazard, Linklaters, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hengeler Mueller
- INTER RAO UES acquisition and consolidation of over 30 power generation and distribution assets from several companies including Northgas, OAO OGK-3 and Federal Grid Company of Unified Energy System. Advisors: ZAO Troika Dialog, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Allen & Overy, Debevoise & Plimpton
- Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. acquisition of Cephalon Inc Advisors: Credit Suisse, Kirkland & Ellis, Deutsche Bank, BofA Merrill Lynch, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR | billion plus

- DENTSPLY International Inc. acquisition of Astra Tech AB from AstraZeneca. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, J.P Morgan, Greenberg Traurig Maher, Mannheimer Swartling
- Kirin Holdings Co majority acquisition of Schincariol Participações e Representações S.A. from Aleadri-Schinni Participacoes e Representacoes S.A and Jadangil Participações e Representações Ltda. Advisors: Citigroup, Allen & Overy, Shearman & Sterling, Tozzini Freire Teixeira e Silva, BTG Pactual, Mattos Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga
- Peabody Energy Corp acquisition of Macarthur Coal Ltd. Advisors: BofA Merrill Lynch, UBS, Freehills, J.P Morgan, Macquarie Group, Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- Statoil ASA acquisition of Brigham Exploration Company Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co., Vinson & Elkins, Jeff eries & Co., Thompson & Knight
- VF Corporation acquisition of The Timberland Company. Advisors: Greenhill & Co, Davis Polk & Wardell, Goldman Sachs, Ropes & Gray

REGIONAL DEAL AWARDS
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AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from Africa or Middle East markets.)

- Gold Reef Resorts Ltd merger with Tsogo Sun Holdings Pty Ltd. Advisors: Deutsche Bank, Grant Thornton Corporate Finance, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs, Investec, Tabacks Law
- International Petroleum Investment Company acquisition stake of Compania Espanola de Petroleos SA from Total SA. Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Linklaters, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, BNP Paribas, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Metorex Ltd acquisition by Newshelf Proprietary Ltd, subsidiary of Jinchuan Group Ltd. Advisors: Standard Bank, One Capital, DLA Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Goldman Sachs, Allen & Overy, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs
- Steinhoff International Holdings Ltd. acquisition of Conforama Holding from PPR SA. Advisors: BofA Merrill Lynch, Standard Bank, Gide Loyrette Nouel, DLA Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Bowman Gilfillan, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. control acquisition of Massmart Holdings Ltd. Advisors: J.P Morgan, Rothschild, Webber Wentzel, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs

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REGIONAL DEAL AWARDS

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ASIA PACIFIC DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from Asia Pacific or the Oceanic markets.)

- Asahi Group Holdings acquisition of Flavoured Beverages Group Holdings from Pacific Equity Partners and Unitas Capital. Advisors: Nomura, UBS, Clayton Utz, Rothschild, Freshhills

EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR | WESTERN
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from the Western European markets.)

- Actividades de Construcción y Servicios acquisition of Hochtief AG. Advisors: Lazard, Linklaters, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hengeler Mueller
- LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA acquisition of Bulgari SpA. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Bonelli Erede Pappalardo Legale, Credit Suisse, Chiomenti Studio Legale
- Solvay SA acquisition of Rhodia SA. Advisors: HSBC, Morgan Stanley, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, BNP Paribas, Credit Suisse, Bredin Prat
- Volkswagen AG acquisition of MAN SE. Advisors: Credit Suisse, Rothschild, Clifford Chance, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Barclays Capital, Goldman Sachs, Hengeler Mueller

EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR | CENTRAL EASTERN
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from the central, eastern Europe including the Russian markets.)

- INTER RAO UES acquisition and consolidation of over 30 power generation and distribution assets from several companies including Northgas, OAO OGK-3 and Federal Grid Company of Unified Energy System. Advisors: ZAO Troika Dialog, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Allen & Overy, Debevoise & Plimpton
- Spartan Capital Holdings acquisition of Polkometel S.A. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, Trigon Dom Maklerski, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Chajec, Don-Siemion & Żyto, Goldman Sachs, ING, Nomura, Rothschild, Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Gide Loyrette Nouel, K&L Gates
Regional Deal Awards
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North America Deal of the Year | $5 billion plus
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from the North American markets.)

- Berkshire Hathaway acquisition of Lubrizol Corp LZ.N Advisors: Munger, Tolles & Olson, Citigroup, Evercore Partners, Jones Day
- Kinetic Concepts Inc acquisition led by Apax Partners together with affiliates of Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Public Sector Pension Investment Board. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Epstein Becker Green, Kirkland & Ellis, J.P. Morgan, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Spin-off of NBC Universal LLC to joint venture entity consisting of General Electric and managed by Comcast Corporation Advisors: Morgan Stanley, UBS Investment Bank, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Willkie Farr & Gallagher, J.P. Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

North America Deal of the Year | billion plus
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from the North American markets.)

- Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. acquisition of Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd. Advisors: J.P. Morgan, Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Jones Day, BMO Capital Markets, GMP Securities, Fraser Milner Casgrain
- RockTenn Company acquisition of Smurfit-Stone Corp. Advisors: Wells Fargo Securities, King & Spalding, Lazard, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

South America Deal of the Year
(Selection Standards: Deal from any sector involving at least one entity from the North American markets.)

- Grupo de Inversiones Suramericana acquisition of Latin American insurance business from ING Group. Advisors: UBS, Bancolombia, Shearman & Sterling
- Kirin Holdings Co majority acquisition of Schincriol Participações e Representações S.A. from Aleadri-Schinni Participacoes e Representacoes S.A and Jadangil Participações e Representações Ltda. Advisors: Citigroup, Allen & Overy, Shearman & Sterling, Tozinated Freire Teixeira e Silva, BTG Pactual; Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quirra
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GLOBAL INDUSTRY DEAL AWARDS
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the healthcare industries.)
- DENTSPLY International Inc. acquisition of Astra Tech AB from AstraZeneca. Advisors: Morgan Stanley, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, J.P. Morgan, Greenberg Traurig, Maher, Mannheimer Swartling
- Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. acquisition of Cephalon Inc Advisors: Credit Suisse, Kirkland & Ellis, Deutsche Bank, BoFA Merrill Lynch, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

INDUSTRIALS GOODS & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the industrial products, manufacturing and B-to-B industries.)
- Berkshire Hathaway acquisition of Lubrizol Corp L.Z.N Advisors: Munger, Tolles & Olson, Citigroup, Evercore Partners, Jones Day
- Ecobal Inc. acquisition of Nalco Holding Company Advisors: BoFA Merrill Lynch, Baker & McKenzie, Goldman Sachs, Cravath, Swaine & Moore
- Solvay SA acquisition of Rhodia SA. Advisors: HSBC, Morgan Stanley, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, BNP Paribas, Credit Suisse, Bredin Prat

MATERIALS & RESOURCES DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to metals, mining.)
- Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. acquisition of Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd. Advisors: J.P. Morgan, Blake, Cassels & Graydon, Jones Day, BMO Capital Markets, GMP Securities, Fraser Milner Casgrain
- Peabody Energy Corp acquisition of Macarthur Coal Ltd. Advisors: BoFA Merrill Lynch; UBS, Freehills, J.P Morgan, Macquarie Group, Curr Chambers Westgarth
- JSC Uralkali acquisition of JSC Silvinit. Advisors: Goldman Sachs, VTB Capital, Debevoise & Plimpton, BoFA Merrill Lynch, Linklaters

TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the Internet, technology and services industries.)
- eBay Inc. acquisition of GSI Commerce. Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Peter J. Solomon Company, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Morgan Stanley, Davis Polk & Wardwell, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius
- Hewlett-Packard Company acquisition of Autonomy Corp plc Advisors: Barclays Capital, Perella Weinberg Partners, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Qatalyst Partners, UBS, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, JPMorgan, BoFA Merrill Lynch, Slaughter & May
- Intel Corporation acquisition of McAfee, Inc. Advisors: Goldman Sachs, Morrison & Foerster, Morgan Stanley, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

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GLOBAL INDUSTRY AWARDS
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REAL ESTATE & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the real estate, hospitality, and services industries.)

- HCP acquisition of assisted living facilities of HCR ManorCare, Inc. Advisors: CSCA Capital Advisors, Citigroup, UBS, Wells Fargo Securities, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, J.P. Morgan, Latham & Watkins
- Ventas, Inc. acquisition of senior housing communities of Atria Senior Living Group from Lazard Real Estate Partners. Advisors: Jefferies & Co, Centerview Partners, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg, Lazard, Sullivan & Cromwell, Roberts and Holland
- Ventas, Inc. acquisition of Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. Advisors: Centerview Partners, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, J.P. Morgan, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

TELECOM & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the telecommunications and services industries.)

- Spartan Capital Holdings acquisition of Polkomtel S.A. Advisors: Credit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, Trigon Dom Maklerski, Dewey & LeBoeuf, Chajec, Don-Siemion & Zytow, Goldman Sachs, ING, Nomura, Rothschild, Allen & Overy, Clifford Chance, Gide Loyrette Nouel, K&L Gates

UTILITIES & POWER DEAL of the YEAR
(Selection Standards: Major markets transaction exclusive to the utilities, power, infrastructure and construction industries.)

- INTER RAO UES acquisition and consolidation of over 30 power generation and distribution assets from several companies including Northgas, OAO OGK-3 and Federal Grid Company of Unified Energy System. Advisors: ZAO Troika Dialog, J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Allen & Overy, Debevoise & Plimpton
- UK Water Ltd, wholly owned by consortium including Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd, Cheung Kong Holdings and Li Ka Shing Foundation Ltd acquisition of Northumbrian Water Group plc. Advisors: HSBC, Royal Bank of Canada, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Allen & Overy, Hogan Lovells
- Western Power Distribution, subsidiary of PPL Corp acquisition of Central Networks from E.ON UK plc. Advisors: BofA Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Barclays Capital, J.P Morgan, Allen & Overy, Ashurst

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GLOBAL M&A DEALMAKER TEAM AWARDS: Revealed for the first-time at the awards gala.
(Selection Standards: The awards honors A-list deal team leader for exclusively for executing transactions valued above billion USD.)

- **CORPORATE M&A DEALMAKER of the YEAR**
  Recognition for successfully executing merger, acquisition or sale that delivers value to the company.

- **PRIVATE EQUITY DEALMAKER of the YEAR**
  Recognition for executing transaction that exemplifies the investment objective of the fund and the firm.

- **M&A INVESTMENT BANKER of the YEAR**
  Recognition for executing transformative transaction in the industry.

- **M&A LAWYER of the YEAR**
  Recognition for advising on top ranking deal requiring multi-jurisdictional issues.

GLOBAL FIRM AWARDS:

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the YEAR
(Performance Evaluative Criteria for Selection: (1) Notable transaction completed in 2011 valued above billion USD; (2) Dedicated team presence in two or more continents; (3) Acquisition exemplifies the fund investment strategy; (4) Team leadership, expertise and track record.)

- Apax Partners
- Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co
- The Carlyle Group
- The Blackstone Group
- TPG Capital

GLOBAL M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
(Performance Evaluative Criteria for Selection: (1) For advising on completed deals valued above billion USD; (2) Improvement in terms of volume/values on deals advised worldwide compared to the previous year; (3) Practice diversity across several global industries; (4) Dedicated team presence in three or more continents; (5) Team leadership, expertise and track record.)

- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- Deutsche Bank
- Goldman Sachs
- J.P Morgan
- Morgan Stanley

GLOBAL M&A LAW FIRM of the YEAR
(Performance Evaluative Criteria for Selection: (1) For advising on completed deals valued above billion USD; (2) Improvement in terms of volume/values on deals advised worldwide compared to the previous year; (3) Practice diversity across several global industries; (4) Dedicated team presence in three or more continents; (5) Team leadership, expertise and track record.)

- Allen & Overy LLP
- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
- Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP
- Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

GLOBAL M&A INVESTMENT BANK | BOUTIQUE
(Performance Evaluative Criteria for Selection: (1) For advising on completed deals valued above billion USD; (2) Improvement in terms of volume/values on deals advised worldwide compared to the previous year; (3) Practice diversity across several global industries; (4) Team leadership, expertise and talents for executing cross border major market transactions.)

- Centerview Partners
- Evercore Partners
- Moelis & Company
- Qatalyst Partners
- Perella Weinberg Partners

GLOBAL TRASACCTION ADVISOR of the YEAR

- Deloitte
- Ernst & Young
- KPMG
- PriceWaterHouse