

## CONGRATULATIONS *to the* WINNERS CIRCLE, 2010

**December 14, 2010 New York:** Evening host and master of ceremonies, Manus Cranny, international markets reporter at Bloomberg TV announced thirty four award winners at the inaugural Europe M&A Atlas Awards Gala held on the evening of December 8, at the Le Meridien Piccadilly hotel, in London.

“Winners represent the very finest from the European M&A mid-market communities and we look forward to building the prestigious world-class tradition with them and the industry over the years.” Shanta Kumari, managing partner Global M&A Network.

EUROPE M&A ATLAS AWARDS is part of the M&A ATLAS AWARDS global brand, honoring top deals, dealmaker teams and firms exclusively from the European mergers and acquisitions communities.

Winners are selected by group of independent awards advisors per eligibility standards and mid-market deal evaluative criteria. Dealmaker professional team awards are selected from top ranking transactions, team leadership qualities and additional attributes. Firm awards are selected based on diversities of deals executed across corporate, private equity, sectors, regions among additional criteria.

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## ANNOUNCING *the* 2010 WINNERS CIRCLE

### EUROPE M&A DEAL AWARDS

*(Note: it is the DEAL that WINS, and a representative(s) is recognized as the winner from the deal team)*

EUROPE M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* | (deal size above 500 million USD)

**Winner:** Bridgepoint acquisition of Histoire d'Or from Silverfleet Capital and Marc Orian from Qualium and subsequent merger of Histoire d'Or and Marc Orian.

*Deal winners:* Bridgepoint, Société Générale CIB

EUROPE M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* | (deal size above 250 million USD)

**Winner:** Veolia Water acquisition of several operations of United Utilities Group in Europe, including stakes in Sofiyska Voda (Bulgaria) AS Tallinna Vesi (Estonia); Aqua SA (Poland).

*Deal advisor winner:* Slaughter & May, LLP

EUROPE M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* | (deal size above 100 million USD)

**Winner:** TA Associates investment stake acquisition in Amann Girschbach AG from Alpine Equity and founders.

*Deal winners:* TA Associates, William Blair & Co

EUROPE M&A DEAL *of the YEAR* | (deal size above 5 million USD)

**Winner:** ECI Partners acquisition of XLN Telecom from Zeus Private Equity

*Deal winners:* ECI Partners

*Deal team includes:* Clearwater Corporate Finance, KPMG

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### PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the YEAR* | (deal size above 250 million USD)

**Winner:** Apax Partners stake acquisition of Sophos plc from the founders of Sophos and TA Associates.

*Deal winner:* Apax Partners

*Deal team includes:* TA Associates

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### PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS (continued)

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 100 million USD)

**Winner:** TA Associates investment stake acquisition in Amann Girrbach AG from Alpine Equity and founders.

*Deal winner:* TA Associates

*Deal advisor:* William Blair & Co

PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 5 million USD)

**Winner:** August Equity LLP led merger of Active Assistance and First Call Care Services Limited.

*Deal winner:* August Equity

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### CORPORATE M&A DEAL AWARDS

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CORPORATE DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 500 million USD)

**Winner:** Merger of Iride SpA and Enia SpA (IREN S.p.A).

*Deal advisor winner:* Banca IMI

CORPORATE DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 250 million USD)

**Winner:** Pace plc acquisition of 2Wire, Inc.

*Deal advisor winner:* Travers Smith LLP

CORPORATE DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 100 million USD)

**Winner:** Sulzer Holdings, Ltd., subsidiary of Sulzer AG acquisition of Castle Support Services Plc

*Deal advisor winner:* Strand Hanson Ltd

CORPORATE DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 5 million USD)

**Winner:** Sale of Gü Rensow Ltd to Noble Foods Ltd.

*Deal advisor winner:* Cavendish Corporate Finance

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### CROSS BORDER AWARDS *of the* YEAR

CROSS-BORDER DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 500 million USD)

**Winner:** CSM NV acquisition of Best Brands from Brantley Partners.

*Deal advisor winner:* William Blair & Co

*Deal team includes:* Rothschild

CROSS-BORDER DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 250 million USD)

**Winner:** AXA Private Equity sale of Eliokem to Omnova Solutions.

*Deal advisor winner:* Business Development Asia

*Deal team includes:* AXA Private Equity

CROSS-BORDER DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 100 million USD)

**Winner:** Sale of SHED Media to Warner Brothers.

*Deal advisor winner:* Altium Capital

CROSS-BORDER DEAL *of the* YEAR | (deal size above 5 million USD)

**Winner:** Sale of TravelJigsaw Holdings Ltd by ISIS Private Equity to subsidiary of Priceline.com, Inc

*Deal advisor winner:* KPMG

*Deal team includes:* ISIS Private Equity, Travers Smith LLP

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### INDUSTRY M&A DEAL AWARDS

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#### CONSUMER & SERVICES DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** Mibelle AG acquisition of Hallam Beauty Ltd from GRI Group.

*Deal advisor winner:* Clearwater Corporate Finance

#### FINANCIALS DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** Sale of Climate Exchange plc to Aether Ios Limited, subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.

*Deal advisor winner:* Slaughter & May, LLP

#### GREEN ENERGY DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** Soitec Group acquisition of Concentrix Solar GmbH from Good Energies.

*Deal advisor winner:* GP Bullhound

#### HEALTHCARE DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** Bridgepoint acquisition of Care UK

*Deal winner:* Bridgepoint

#### TECHNOLOGY DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** HgCapital and CPS Partners acquisition stake in Manx Telecom from Telefónica S.A.

*Deal advisor winner:* SJ Berwin LLP (*Deal Team: HgCapital, CPS Partners*)

#### MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** Central European Media Enterprises Ltd acquisition of bTV from News Corporation.

*Deal advisor winner:* Allen & Overy LLP

#### INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the* YEAR

**Winner:** AXA Private Equity sale of Eliokem to Omnova Solutions.

*Deal advisor winner:* Business Development Asia (*Deal Team: AXA Private Equity*)

#### UTILITIES DEAL *of the* YEAR (*includes infrastructure, transport, etc*)

**Winner:** SEGRO acquisition of BAA's interest in the Airport Property Partnership (APP) and subsequent sale of Assets to APP.

*Deal advisor winner:* SJ Berwin LLP

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### FIRM *of the* YEAR AWARDS

*Honoring firm for completing top deals in the mid-market segments per winner selection criteria and standards.*

EUROPE PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** Bridgepoint

UK PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** August Equity

EUROPE M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** Rothschild

M&A LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** Allen & Overy, LLP

BOUTIQUE M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** Cavendish Corporate Finance

ACCOUNTING & DUE DILIGENCE FIRM *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** BDO

EUROPE M&A TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FIRM *of the* YEAR: **Winner:** IntraLinks

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### M&A DEAL MAKER TEAM AWARDS

*Accolade honors achievements of deal team professionals and the firm as a result of completing top performing transactions predominantly in the mid-market segments.*

#### PRIVATE EQUITY DEALMAKER TEAM *of the* YEAR

Benoît Bassi, Jamie Wyatt and the team at Bridgepoint

*Recognition for noteworthy acquisition of Histoire d'Or and Marc Orian, subsequent merger; acquisition of Care UK.*

#### M&A INVESTMENT BANKER DEAL TEAM *of the* YEAR

Andrew Ware and the deal team at BDO

*Recognition for several noteworthy transactions including Sale of CPA Global to Intermediate Capital Group and George Topco Ltd; Inflexion buyout of FDM Group; among several other deals.*

#### M&A LAWYER DEAL TEAM *of the* YEAR

Chris Hale, Spencer Summerfield, Paul Dolman and the team at Travers Smith LLP

*Recognition for several noteworthy transactions including Intermediate Capital Group and George Topco Ltd stake in CPA Global; Pace plc acquisition of 2Wire; Sale of Traveljigsaw; Sale of Deb Group by Barclays Private Equity to Charterhouse Capital Partners; Lyceum Capital Partners acquisition stake in McKinnon & Clark; among other deals.*

#### M&A BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANK DEAL TEAM *of the* YEAR

Per Roman, partners and the team at GP Bullhound

*Recognition for specializing in executing transactions in the new and clean energies, media, internet and technology sectors including noteworthy transaction Soitec Group acquisition of Concentrix Solar.*

### *plan ahead, October 2011:*



## EUROPE M&A MID-MARKET FORUM EUROPE M&A ATLAS AWARDS GALA

October 2011 *at the* Le Meridien Piccadilly, London UK

Building up on the inaugural event, the 2011 gathering to bring together prominent experts and industry professionals to share latest information in a "Boardroom styled" forum meetings as well as to connect and celebrate at the awards gala.

*accepting industry nominations from February to July 20, 2011 for:*



### EUROPE M&A ATLAS AWARDS

TOP Deals, Dealmaker Teams and Firms from the European mid-market mergers, acquisitions, private equity communities.

**Nominations:** Industry Nominations: Any one from the industry can enter nominations on behalf of their organization, colleagues, and clients. There are no fees to nominate.

**Eligibility Standards:** (a) Deals must be closed; (b) Deal size above 5 million and below billion USD in size. (c) Proof of attendance at AWARDS GALA to advance to the winner selection process.

**Winner Selection Process:** Winners selected from short list of top finalists based on "deal performance" evaluative criteria by an independent awards advisory group. Winners are revealed for the first time at the awards ceremony.

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