

**January 23, 2009: New York, NY:** Over thirty awards were presented to the winners of the M&A ATLAS AWARDS by the Master of Ceremonies, Ms. Betty Liu, anchor of the “Starting Bell” on Bloomberg Television.

The Awards Gala and Ceremony held at the American Museum of Natural History was attended by distinguished leaders and executives from the industry. Shanta Kumari, Chief Executive Officer said, “In a year that was full of surprises, there were impressive numbers of transactions completed. Deal makers and the industry participants can take pride for their outstanding performance which required creative collaboration and the very best from each of us.”

Gold standard of performance, the GLOBAL MAJOR MARKET AWARDS program honors brilliant leaders, influential dealmakers, victorious deals, and outstanding accomplishments in the mergers and acquisitions industries from all corners of the globe for completing transactions valued above a billion dollars.

Countless deals were tracked that were either completed, pending or announced to generate a short list of potential nominees. Additionally, any industry participants were able to submit nominations on behalf of their organization, colleagues, clients or peers. Completed deals that garnered top cumulative scores are selected as the winners.

## JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING the 2009 WINNERS CIRCLE:

### LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

**HONOREE: ROBERT GREIFELD, Chief Executive Officer, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.**

Mr. Greifeld led NASDAQ's combination with the OMX AB Group; and recently the purchase of Philadelphia Stock Exchange and the Boston Stock Exchange. Under Mr. Greifeld's leadership, the growth of The NASDAQ Stock Market has been impressive, with 13 consecutive quarters of top line growth.

**HONOREE: H. RODGIN COHEN, Chairman and Partner, SULLIVAN & CROMWELL, LLP**

Mr. Cohen led multiple teams of S&C lawyers since last year in representing more than a dozen major global clients in transactions that continue to reshape the financial services industry. Mr. Cohen worked on regulatory aspects of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and S&C has represented three of the initial nine financial institutions participating in this program.

### INDUSTRY EXECUTIVE AWARD HONOREE'S:

#### PRIVATE EQUITY DEALMAKER of the Year

**AWARD RECIPIENT: MARK A. McCOMISKEY, Managing Director, First Reserve Corporation**

Mark completed the largest oilfield services buyout—the purchase of CHC Helicopter Corporation, a provider of helicopter services to the global offshore oil and gas industries. The transaction is valued at 3.7 billion USD.

#### CORPORATE DEALMAKER of the Year

**AWARD RECIPIENT: ADENA T. FRIEDMAN, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy & Global Data Products, The NASDAQ OMX Group**

Adena led the team responsible for the successful acquisition of OMX AB, purchase of INET, along with agreements with global exchanges, including the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

#### M&A LEGAL COUNSEL of the Year

**AWARD RECIPIENT: CHARLES I. COGUT, Partner, Global Head of M&A Practice, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett**

Casey represented Aluminum Corporation of China, a government-controlled diversified metals and mining company's acquisition stake valued at 14 billion USD in Rio Tinto—the largest foreign investment ever by a Chinese entity. Casey also advised Northwest Airlines stock merger with Delta Airlines, Inc.

#### M&A INVESTMENT BANKER of the Year

**AWARD RECIPIENT: GARY W. PARR, Deputy Chairman, Lazard Ltd.**

Gary was instrumental in the acquisition of Bear Stearns by JP Morgan. He advised on US-led restructuring of Fannie Mae, Mitsubishi UFJ's investment in Morgan Stanley, MBIA's equity capital raise from Warburg Pincus and the sale of Lehman's North American investment banking business to Barclay's.

**GLOBAL FIRM of the YEAR AWARDS:**

**M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR: WINNER:** Goldman Sachs & Company

**M&A INVESTMENT BANKING HOUSE of the YEAR: WINNER:** Lazard Ltd.

**M&A Law Firm of the YEAR: WINNER:** Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP

**TURNAROUND ADVISORY FIRM of the YEAR: WINNER:** Alvarez & Marsal Holdings

**AUDIT & VALUATION Firm of the YEAR: WINNER:** KPMG International

**PRIVATE EQUITY Firm of the YEAR: WINNER:** First Reserve Corporation

**WINNERS CIRCLE for GLOBAL DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS:**

*(Transactions valued above a billion dollars completed within the time frame October 2007 – October 1, 2008)*

**GLOBAL M&A DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** NASDAQ, Dubai/DIFX (NASDAQ Dubai), OMX Group; London Stock Exchange Deal.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: The NASDAQ OMX Group

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS ACKNOWLEDGED: J.P. Morgan; UBS Securities; HSBC Investment Bank;

*Legal:* Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

**CORPORATE DEAL OF THE YEAR:**

**WINNER:** Delta Airlines, Inc. merger with Northwest Airlines, Inc.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Merrill Lynch (Bank of America)

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: J.P. Morgan to Northwest. *Legal:* Hunton Williams; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER:** The Blackstone Group acquisition of Apria Healthcare.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Banc of America Securities; Barclays Capital, Goldman Sachs. *Legal:* Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

**CROSS-BORDER DEAL OF THE YEAR:**

**WINNER:** Tata Motors Ltd. purchase of Land Rover & Jaguar Ltd. from Ford Motor Company

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: HSBC Investment Bank

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* J.P. Morgan; Goldman Sachs; *Legal:* Allen & Overy

**CONSORTIUM DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER:** Texas Utility Corporations acquisition by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Company, Texas Pacific Group and Goldman Sachs Private Equity

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Credit Suisse; Lazard; Goldman Sachs; J.P. Morgan; Barclay Capital; *Legal:* Cravath, Swaine & Moore; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett; Hunton & Williams

**TURNAROUND DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER:** Calpine Corporation exit from Chapter 11 Reorganization. January 2008.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Kirkland & Ellis, LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: Restructuring Advisor: AlixPartners

**DIVESTITURE DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER:** Spin-Off of Philip Morris International by the Altria Group

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Hunton & Williams, LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Goldman Sachs; Barclay Capital (Lehman Brothers) Credit Suisse; J.P. Morgan; *Legal:* Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

**WINNERS CIRCLE for REGIONAL DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS:**

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**AFRICA DEAL OF THE YEAR**

**WINNER:** Nikanor plc. merger with Katanga Mining Limited.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: CIBC WORLD MARKETS

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: J.P. Morgan

**ASIA DEAL of the YEAR:**

**WINNER:** Daiichi Sankyo Company controlling acquisition of Ranbaxy Laboratory

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Nomura Securities

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Strategic Advisor:* Mehta Partners, LLC; *Legal:* P&A Law Office.

**EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR:**

**WINNER:** Pernod Ricard acquisition of Vin & Sprit Group, from the Kingdom of Sweden

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: JP Morgan Securities

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Legal:* Debevoise & Plimpton

**MIDDLE EAST DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Saudi Telecom Company (STC) investment stake in Saudi Oger, the controlling shareholder of Oger Telecom Limited (Oger Telecom)

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Goldman Sachs & Company

**NORTH AMERICA DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group Inc. acquisition of NYMEX Holdings

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Barclays Capital (Lehman Brothers); Goldman Sachs; William Blair; J.P. Morgan; Merrill Lynch. *Legal:* Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Weil, Gotshal & Manges

**SOUTH AMERICA DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Bovespa Holding merger with BM&F Bovespa, Mercantile and Futures Exchange

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Credit Suisse Group

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Goldman Sachs to Bovespa, *Legal:* Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

**WINNERS CIRCLE for GLOBAL INDUSTRY DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS:**

*(Transactions valued above a billion dollars completed within the time frame October 2007 – October 1, 2008)*

**BASIC RESOURCES & MATERIALS DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Divestment of Orascom Construction Industries to Lafarge

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Allen & Overy LLP *Legal Advisor* to Orascom.

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

**WINNER:** Wrigley Company acquisition by Mars, Incorporated

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: William Blair & Company

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Goldman Sachs; J.P. Morgan. *Legal:* Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

**ENERGY & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** CHC Helicopter Corporation purchase by First Reserve Corporation

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: First Reserve Corporation

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Merrill Lynch; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

**WINNERS CIRCLE for GLOBAL INDUSTRY DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS:**

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**INDUSTRIAL GOODS & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** International Paper acquisition of Weyerhaeuser's Packaging Business.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Lazard; UBS Securities; *Legal:* Cravath, Swaine & Moore

**FINANCIAL INDUSTRIES DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Bank of America acquisition of Country Wide

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Goldman Sachs & Company

**MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Getty Images Inc. purchase by Hellman & Friedman LLC.

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Weil Gotshal & Manages, LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* Goldman Sachs; Barclays Capital. *Legal:* Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

**HEALTHCARE INDUSTRIES DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Bristol-Myers Squibb divestiture of ConvaTec and acquisition by Cidron Healthcare held by Nordic Capital Fund and Avista Capital Partners

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* J.P. Morgan. *Legal:* Weil, Gotshal & Manges

**REAL ESTATE & SERVICES DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Hilton Hotels Corporation acquisition by The Blackstone Group

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: UBS Securities

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Legal:* Sullivan & Cromwell; Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

**TECHNOLOGY & TELECOM DEAL of the YEAR**

**WINNER:** Hewlett Packard acquisition of Electronic Data Systems Corporation

DEAL RECOGNITION presented to: Barclays Capital

ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS RECOGNIZED: *Financial:* J.P. Morgan; *Legal:* Weil Gotshal & Manges

**RECOGNITION POLICY DISCLOSURE:**

- (i) AWARDS GALA and CEREMONY: "Winners" are formally recognized at the awards ceremony and firm or deal representatives must be present to receive their trophy. For individual awards – individuals must attend the gala; for deal and firm award – deal or firm representatives must attend the gala and ceremony.
- (ii) MERIT: Global M&A Network makes every effort to inform and invite each of the top contenders slated to win. Significantly, one complimentary VIP pass per firm is available as specified in the nominee entry forms.
- (iii) DEAL AWARDS: Naturally each deal has multiple advisors. **Order for the "official recognition":**  
(1) Nomination received by corporate or private equity firm; (2) Nomination received by primary-lead legal or financial advisor – buyer and the seller of the deal. If we receive more than one nomination for the deal, then we will officially recognize both nominees by presenting them with individual trophy.
- (iv) OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Global M&A Network issues the official WINNERS CIRCLE release that includes the recipient of the trophy(s); AND, the release will acknowledge other primary advisors who have attended the awards gala and ceremony. **Firms that are not present at the awards gala are not included in the release.**
- (v) TROPHY ORDER: Winners are able to order additional trophies for their deal teams, clients, and for any deals that won and they are included as "ADDITIONAL DEAL ADVISORS". Firms who do not attend the awards gala and ceremony cannot order trophies since they are not "officially" recognized.

**2010 INDUSTRY OPEN NOMINATIONS:**

We will begin accepting nominations from the industry for Global Major Markets beginning March 2009.

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