



**AWARDS GALA and CEREMONY:**

**JANUARY 21, 2009 at the AMERICAN MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY, New York**

**November 21, 2008: New York, NY:** Thirty-two plus unique winners from the global major-markets will be honored at the M&A ATLAS AWARDS GALA and CEREMONY held at the prestigious American Museum of Natural History in New York, the evening of January 21, 2009.

The awards are given in recognition of victorious deals, brilliant leaders, sought-after dealmakers, and outstanding firms from the mergers, acquisitions, and related industries for completing billion dollar transactions in various industry sectors and geographical regions.

**The “gold standard”, global major-markets awards categories are:**

**“DEAL of the YEAR”** – 8 monumental global deals, 6 regional deals, and various sector deals

**“FIRM of the YEAR”** – outstanding performance in completing major-market transactions over the past year. 7 firm awards – Private Equity, M&A Investment Bank, M&A Investment House (Boutique), M&A Legal Firm, Lender, Audit & Due Diligence, and Turnaround Consulting

**“DEALMAKER of the YEAR”** – individual accolades for corporate dealmaker, private equity dealmaker, M&A investment bank dealmaker, and M&A legal counsel in 2008.

**“LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, Global 2008”** – a tribute to influential and authoritative leaders.

Award recipients must attend the awards gala held the evening of January 21, 2009 to officially be recognized as the “WINNER”; accept their trophy and share their accolade.

To request a copy of the short-listed finalists, or importantly to reserve and host your “DEAL or CORPORATE” tables at the gala, please contact:

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**M&A Atlas Awards Gala Policy Disclosure:**

**Awards Gala:** The gala is a privately hosted gathering, and by invitation to organizations and industry leaders. Space is limited and priority is given to guests with table reservations, and/or sponsor organization guests. It is closed to all media groups and reporters for coverage. Global M&A Network does not promote the finalists or the winners to media groups. A press release announcing the “winners” will be released January 22, 2009.

**“DEAL WINNERS”:** Since each major-market deal has multiple counter parties, advisors and sub-advisors, only ONE trophy is given to a representative from the collective “Deal Team”. The representative collecting the trophy at the awards ceremony can be executive from EITHER a strategic party, private equity party, primary legal OR financial advisor. Each organization involved in the winning transaction is collectively considered the “DEAL TEAM”, and can claim the victory for the “Deal of the Year” award.

**Awards Brochure** will list each deal, along with the “Deal Nominee”—the representative accepting the trophy, and include lead advisors for the said transaction as authorized.

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