



CONGRATULATIONS *to the* WINNERS CIRCLE, 2010

November 21, 2010: Evening host and master of ceremonies, Ms. Lisa Murphy, anchor at Bloomberg Television announced thirty-six award winners at the AMERICAS M&A ATLAS AWARDS GALA CEREMONY held evening of November 19 at the Waldorf Astoria.

“Winners should take pride in completing outstanding transactions, representing the very finest from the Americas middle market mergers and acquisitions communities. Winners’ earned high-marks in a competitive selection process from 175 finalists in 25 deal categories of awards.” Shanta Kumari, managing partner Global M&A Network.

AMERICAS M&A ATLAS AWARDS is part of the M&A ATLAS AWARDS global brand, and exclusively honors top deals, deal-makers and firms from North and South American mid-market mergers and acquisitions communities. The program attracted 207 deal nominations from 41 unique firms world-wide. Finalists and winners are selected by group of independent advisors per eligibility standards, proof of attendance and mid-market deal performance evaluative criteria.

Executive awards are logically selected from top winning transactions, deal leadership qualities and additional criteria. Firm awards are selected based on nominations, diversities of deals executed across corporate, private equity, venture capital segments, sectors and deal sizes; transactions executed nationally and cross-border including deals in South Americas; and team.

ANNOUNCING *the* 2010 WINNERS CIRCLE

M&A EXECUTIVE AWARDS *of the* YEAR

The executive accolade recognizes achievements of a deal leader and the deal team.

CORPORATE DEALMAKER *of the* YEAR

Recipient: Eric DeMarco, Chief Executive Officer, Edward Lake, Executive Vice President and Management Team, Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc

Recognition for bid to acquire Henry Bros. Electronics, completed acquisitions’ of DEI Services; Gichner Holdings.

PRIVATE EQUITY DEALMAKER *of the* YEAR

Recipient: David Hillman, President and Partner, and team, PNC Equity.

Recognition four acquisitions - Stacole Fine Wines; Revolution Inc; Wheaton Industries, Inc; Oracle Elevator Company; and Sale exits - Tangent Rail; Griffith Energy.

M&A INVESTMENT BANKER *of the* YEAR

Recipient: David Solomon Co-Chief Executive Officer, Lazard Middle Markets, LLC

Recognition for completing several transactions including sale of Silpada Designs to Avon Inc.

M&A BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKER *of the* YEAR

Recipient: Euan Rellie, Co-founder, Senior Managing Director, Business Development Asia

Recognition for completing several transactions including sale of Pfizer Inc vaccine business to Harbin Pharmaceutical; acquisition by Molex Inc of Zhenjiang Tean Telecom & Appliances Co Ltd

M&A LAWYER *of the* YEAR

Recipient: Douglas N. Cogen, Partner, Co-Chair M&A and Private Equity Group, Fenwick & West, LLP

Recognition for completing several transactions including Diamond Foods, Inc. acquisition of Kettle Foods from Lion Capital LLP, Cisco Systems, Inc. acquisition of Starent Networks, Corp.

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M&A DEAL AWARDS *of the* YEAR

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

Winner: Euronet Inc (USA) epay Division acquires Telecom Net S.A, (Brazil).
William Blair & Co.

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

Winner: Monster Worldwide, Inc. acquisition of HotJobs, from Yahoo!
Bank of America Merrill Lynch

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

Winner: Acquisition of Diedrich Coffee Inc by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters, Inc.
Houlihan Lokey

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

Winner: Danaher Corporation acquisition of Analytical Technologies division of MDS Inc., including takeover of Applied Biosystems/MDS Sciex joint venture.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP

AMERICAS BOUTIQUE M&A DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Sale of Penn Foster Education Group, Inc. by the Wicks Group to Princeton Review, Inc.
Signal Hill Capital

CORPORATE M&A DEAL AWARDS *of the* YEAR

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

Winner: The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. acquisition of SMARTS Group.
Marlin & Associates; The NASDAQ OMX Group,

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

Winner: Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. acquisition of Gichner Holdings, Inc, from Argosy Private Equity. **Kratos Defense & Security Solutions**

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

Winner: Avon Products Inc. acquisition of Silpada Designs.
Sullivan & Cromwell, LLP, Lazard Middle Market LLC

SOUTH AMERICA CORPORATE M&A DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Braskem S.A. acquisition of polypropylene business from Sunoco Chemicals.
The Blackstone Group

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PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL AWARDS *of the* YEAR

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

Winner: Epic MedStaff, acquisition by Webster Capital.

Provident Healthcare Partners.

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

Winner: Acquisition of Dura Automotive Systems, Inc.

Patriarch Partners

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

Winner: Acquisition of Protection One, Inc, by an affiliate of GTCR, LLC from affiliates of Quadrangle Group LLC and Monarch Capital Partners.

GTCR.

SOUTH AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Silver Lake Sumeru stake Locaweb Serviços de Internet S.A..

Silver Lake

AMERICAS CROSS BORDER AWARDS *of the* YEAR

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

Winner: Molex Inc. acquisition of Zhenjiang Tean Telecom & Appliances Co Ltd.

Business Development Asia

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

Winner: Goldcorp acquisition of Canplats Resources including resources of Camino Roja.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

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

Winner: Diamond Foods, Inc acquisition of Kettle Foods from Lion Capital.

Fenwick & West LLP

INDUSTRY M&A DEAL AWARDS *of the* YEAR

Honoring firm for completing top transactions in the mid-market segments per eligibility standards.

CONSUMER DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Acquisition of Revolution Inc. by PNC Equity Partners.

PNC Equity Partners

ENERGY DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Select Energy Services acquisition by Crestview Partners.

Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.

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TOP INDUSTRY M&A DEAL AWARDS *of the* YEAR

FINANCIALS DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Oriental Financial Group, Inc. acquisition of Eurobank from FDIC receivership.
McColl Partners.

GREEN ENERGY DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Acquisition of Poland wind portfolio by the AES Corporation.
Jordan, Knauff & Co

MANUFACTURING DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Hillenbrand, Inc. acquisition of K-Tron International, Inc.
P&M Corporate Finance

HEALTHCARE DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Sale of Verathon Inc. by DW Healthcare Partners and Rho Capital Partners to Roper Industries.
Harris Williams & Co

RESOURCES & HEAVY INDUSTRIALS DEAL *of the* YEAR

Winner: Acquisition of Parsons Brinkerhoff by Balfour Beatty.
Houlihan Lokey

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

Winner: Morningstar acquisition of Logical Information Machines, Inc.
Marlin & Associates

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

Winner: SonicWALL, Inc. acquisition by investor group led by Thoma Bravo, LLC and includes Teachers Private Capital.
Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Fenwick & West LLP

FIRM *of the* YEAR AWARDS

Honoring firm for completing top transactions in the mid-market segments per eligibility standards.

NORTH AMERICA PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR

Winner: Irving Place Capital

BOUTIQUE M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR

Winner: Harris Williams & Company

NORTH AMERICA M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR

Winner: William Blair & Co

SOUTH AMERICA M&A INVESTMENT BANK *of the* YEAR

Winner: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

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NORTH AMERICA M&A LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR

Winner: Kirkland & Ellis LLP

SOUTH AMERICA M&A LAW FIRM *of the* YEAR

Winner: Baker & McKenzie LLP

AMERICAS ACCOUNTING & TRANSACTION ADVISOR *of the* YEAR

Winner: BDO Consulting

AMERICAS M&A TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FIRM *of the* YEAR

Winner: IntraLinks

2011, Plan Ahead:



AMERICAS M&A FORUM

and the

AMERICAS M&A ATLAS AWARDS

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

New York USA

Accepting nominations, beginning March 1st through September 12, 2011. There are NO fees to enter nominations, and anyone from the industry can nominate on behalf of their firm, colleagues, clients or peers from the industry.

Presently, accepting nominations for the annual:

GLOBAL MAJOR MARKETS

Thursday, February 24, 2011

Qualifications:

Deals must be closed any time between December 1, 2009 to December 25, 2010.

Deal size must be above 1 billion USD in size, any sector, any region.

DEADLINE to nominate: December 28, 2010.

Finalists and Nominees must attend Awards Gala Dinner, February 24, New York

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