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40 UNDER 40 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**RECIPIENTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS GALA
ON JULY 26 IN LOS ANGELES**

NEW YORK, JUNE 17, 2011 — [The M&A Advisor](#) today announced the winners and runners up of the 2nd Annual 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition and presentation of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this recognition awards program to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

The 2011 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists have been chosen for their accomplishments and expertise from a pool of prominent nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. The 2011 Judges included: John K Castle, Chairman and CEO, Castle Harlan; Al Koch, Vice Chairman, Alix Partners; Steven Goldberg, Partner and Co-Chairman of the Transactions Practice Team, Baker Hostetler; Lee Duran, Private Equity Practice Leader, BDO; Gordon McCoun, Vice Chairman, FD; Robert “Bobby” Blumenfeld, Executive Director, ACG New York; Bernard Zaia, Managing Director, Wells Fargo Securities; and J. Scott Victor, Partner & Managing Director, SSG.

“For over a decade we have been recognizing US and international transactions, firms and dealmakers for their achievements. In 2010 we initiated the 40 UNDER 40 Awards to recognize the emerging industry leaders” says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. “This year our judges reported that they were truly challenged to select just 40 winners and 40 runners up from such an accomplished group of Awards Finalists.”

On Tuesday July 26th, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala at The Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles to introduce the 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists to the business community and celebrate their achievements.

A complete list of the 2011 40 Under 40 Award Winners and Finalists can be found below.

Since 1998, The M&A Advisor has been presenting, recognizing achievement of and facilitating connections between the world’s leading mergers and acquisitions, financing and turnaround professionals with a comprehensive range of services including M&A SUMMITS; M&A AWARDS; M&A CONNECTS™; M&A ALERTS™, M&A LINKS™ and M&A MARKET INTEL™. To learn more visit: www.maadvisor.com.

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Winners of the 2011 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards

Note that the Winners are listed in alphabetical order.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Title</u>
Andrew M. Apfelberg	Rutter Hobbs & Davidof, Inc.	Partner
Tripp Baird	Partnership Capital Growth	Director & Founding Principal
Anthony U. Choe	Brentwood Associates	Partner
David Connolly	Shearman & Sterling, LLP	Partner
Alysa Craig	Tegris Advisors, LLC	Director
Jaret L. Davis	Greenberg Traurig, PA	Co-Managing Shareholder
James L. Doak	Miller Buckfire & Co., LLC	Managing Director
Kristine Dunn	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Partner
Scott M. Estill	Coady Diemar Partners	Co-Founder & Director
Timothy Joseph Fazio	Atlas Holdings	Managing Partner
Brian Galison	Nelson Mullins Riley	Partner
Jean Grasso	Wells Fargo Capital Finance	Managing Director of Loan Sales & Syndications
Chelsea A. Grayson	Jones Day	Partner
Marianne Halvorsen	Lockton Companies, LLC	Vice President
David Iverson	Lazard Middle Market	Managing Director
Alexander B. Johnson	Hogan Lovells US LLP	Partner
Glen Kunofsky	Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services Inc.	Senior Vice President
Natasha Labovitz	Kirkland & Ellis, LLP	Partner
Miroslav Lazarov	McGladrey Capital Markets LLC	Director
Anton Levy	General Atlantic	Managing Director
Saif Mansour	Breakwater Investment Management	Managing Partner
Karen Martin	BMO Capital Markets	Managing Director
Kevin J. Mayer	Western Reserve Partners	Director
Charles Maynard	Business Development Asia LLC	Senior Managing Director
Michael M. Metzger	Covert & Co.	Principal

Edward Micheletti	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Partner
Charles M. Moore	Conway MacKenzie, Inc.	Senior Managing Director
Martin Okner	S. H. Martin & Company, Inc.	President & CEO
Ronan O'Sullivan	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP	Partner
Richard M. Powell	AP Capital Partners, LLC	Chairman
Nishen Radia	FocalPoint Partners, LLC	Managing Director
Jerome Romano	TM Capital Corp.	Managing Director
Jonathan Saltzman	Torque Capital Group	Co-Founder & Managing Director
Alexander Shapiro	Tegris Advisors, LLC	Director
Jeffrey R. Shuman	Jenner & Block LLP	Partner
Brian Smith	Partnership Capital Growth	Director
Benjamin C. Spero	Spectrum Equity Investors	Managing Director
Carolyn Vardi	White & Case, LLP	Partner
Kristin Winford	Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC	Senior Managing Director
Kevin Yamashita	Bertram Capital	Partner

Finalists of the 2011 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Title</u>
Bhuvanesh K. Abrol	Deloitte Consulting	Senior Manager
John E.F Armstrong	BMO Capital Markets	Managing Director, M&A
Paul J. Aversano	Alvarez & Marsal, LLC	Managing Director & Global Practice Leader, Transaction Advisory Group
Joseph M. Barry	Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP	Attorney
Thomas C. Berg	FMV Opinions, Inc.	Managing Director
Evan S. Borenstein	Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP	Partner
Stephen P. Borman, CPA	Borman Consulting, LLC	Managing Director
Jeffrey Brill	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Partner
Jason D. Brown	GE Capital	SVP - Team Leader
Thomas L. Burgett	MHT Partners, LP	Director
Peter S. Burke	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP	Partner
Gabriel Cailaux	General Atlantic	Managing Director
Brian D. Christiansen	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Partner
John Dimovski	O'Keefe & Associates	Director
Riddhish Dubal	Alvarez & Marsal, LLC	Managing Director
Christo Johannes Els	Webber Wentzel	Partner, Co-head of the M&A Practice Group
Steven Epstein	Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson	Partner
Ferran Escayola	Garrigues LLP	Managing Partner, New York Office
Jonathan P. Gill	Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP	Partner

Evan Greebel	Katten Muchin Rosenman, LLP	Partner
David Grinberg	Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP	Partner, Chair M&A Practice Group
Jeffrey T. Hartlin	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP	Partner
Gina N. Hintz	McGladrey Capital Markets LLC	Co-Head Private Equity Coverage
Tuan M. Hoang	McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC	Co-Head Of Private Equity Coverage
Hendrik F. Jordaan	Morrison & Foerster, LLP	Partner
Jeff Larsen	Larsen MacColl Partners	Managing Director
Craig Levine	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	Associate
Sammy Li	Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP	Partner
Jeremy Lurey	Plus Delta Consulting, LLC	Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Todd D. Morris	Harris Williams & Co.	Managing Director
Gordon Z. Novod	Brown Rudnick, LLP	Partner, Bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Group
John B. Paffendorf	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	Senior Vice President
Damien E. Petty	Europlay Capital Advisors	Vice President
John K. Reinke	Generation Growth Capital Fund	Partner
Daniel Saval	Brown Rudnick, LLP	Partner, bankruptcy & Corporate Restructuring Group
Kevin L. Scheible	Innovation Capital	Managing Director
Jeffrey Schlosser	Alvarez & Marsal, LLC	Principal - Transaction Services
Jonathan T. Shepard	Pryor Cashman, LLP	Partner
Wayne (Chip) L. Smith III	AHM Financial Group	Counsel & Business Development Officer
Leonard Tannenbaum	Fifth Street Finance Corp.	Chief Executive Officer