



Winners of 6th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Revealed

***Top M&A Deals, Firms and Professionals Recently Honored at
Award Ceremony at the Metropolitan Club in NYC***

NEW YORK, NY – June 17, 2016 – [ACG New York](#), the largest association of middle market deal making professionals in New York, and [The M&A Advisor](#) announces the winners of the 6th Annual ACG New York Champion's Award which was held on June 16th, 2016 at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. The annual tribute recognized and honored the leading middle market transactions, firms and dealmakers within the local ACG community responsible for supporting middle market growth in New York. The winners were selected in the following categories – Business Services Deal of the Year (Consultant, Management Co, Valuation Firm), Consumer/Retail Deal of the Year, Healthcare Deal of the Year, Manufacturing Deal of the Year, Technology Deal of the Year, Cross Border Deal of the Year and Entertainment/Media/Telecom Deal of the Year.

“It is truly an honor to recognize The 6th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards winners and their outstanding M&A successes from these past 12 months,” said Heidi Deiner, President of ACG New York. “We are thrilled to celebrate excellence and the tireless work of the professionals and firms from the New York area that contribute to the strength of the middle market through their creativity, perseverance, and professional talents.”

Among the esteemed honorees were David Solomon, CEO of Lazard Middle Market, who was presented with the Peter Hilton Founder's Award and Martin Okner of SHM Corporate Navigators, who received the Chapter Leadership award. Additionally, Michelle Van Hellemont, Vice President of ACG New York's Women of Leadership program and Managing Director of Accordion Partners received the Women of Leadership Award.

“This year's winners represent the very best of the M&A industry in 2016 and were able to stand out amongst a group of impressive finalists. We are excited to toast this year's Champion's Awards winners and discuss the trends that made this a banner year for deal making,” said Marcia Nelson, Chairman of ACG New York's Champion's Awards committee and Founder and CEO of Deals & Divas.

In addition to recognizing the significant accomplishments of its members, ACG New York also strives to give back to the community and have donated all the proceeds of the event to the charitable foundation, ACG Cares. ACG Cares is a not-for-profit charity helps nurture the next generation of New York business leaders by assisting recent college and graduate students from a range of social backgrounds who are interested in a career in business find their first job.

Judges and their affiliations consisted of the following: Beth Addonizio, Managing Director, Cranemere; Stephen Altman, Partner, Cornerstone Capital Partners; Scott Baxter, Managing Partner, Baxter Enterprises, LLC; Philip L. Berliner, Vice President, Valufinder Group; Richard A. Friedman, Partner, Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP; Sylvie Gadant, Partner, CitrinCooperman; Adam Goodfriend, Chief Investment Officer, The Alberleen Group; Brett A. Hickey, Founder and CEO, Star Mountain Capital, LLC; Glenn T. Kim, Managing Director, Fifth Street Asset Management; Corey L. Massella, Partner, Katz Sapper & Miller; Martez Moore, Chairman & CEO, Moore Frères & Company, LLC; Marc Nadritch, Managing Director - Private Equity & Transaction Advisory Services, Anchin, Block & Anchin LLP; Cal Navatto, Senior Vice President, NewStar Business Credit; James Rosener, Managing Partner, Pepper Hamilton LLP; Richard G. Satin, Partner, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP; Inoki A. Suarez, Managing Director, Varagon Capital Partners.



Criteria used by the judges included the importance of the transaction, product, service or dealmaker to the industry and also the level of creativity, resourcefulness and perseverance it took to complete the deal.

The full list of the winners can be found [here](#).

About ACG New York

[ACG® New York](#), Inc., the founding chapter of The Association for Corporate Growth, is the largest association of middle market deal making and corporate professionals in New York, with more than 1,000 members across all industry sectors. ACG New York facilitates long term relationship building, driving middle-market growth. ACG's members are focused on investing private capital, which benefits the pension funds held by municipal workers, fireman, policeman, health workers and others that provide years of service for the public good.

Each year over 8,000 professionals participate in ACG New York's 70+ networking and educational events in New York City and Westchester and on Long Island, including healthcare, manufacturing & logistics, and retail conferences. ACG Deal-Source® and ACG Capital Connection® events put buyers together with funding sources in scheduled private meetings and bring M&A specialists together for open networking.

The organization's annual Champion's Awards recognize the year's outstanding middle market firms and deals, while its Education Cup competition honors the best graduate business school team from the New York City area for M&A counseling prowess. These and other programs have spurred ACG New York's rapid growth in recent years.

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