New York, May 26, 2016 – ACG New York, the largest association of middle market deal making professionals in New York, and The M&A Advisor today announced the names of the companies, transactions and dealmakers selected as finalists for the 6th Annual ACG New York Champion’s Awards. The two organizations’ annual tribute recognizes and honors individual dealmakers and transactions, as well as the leading middle market firms who are driving growth within the greater New York metropolitan area. The winners will be announced at the 6th Annual ACG New York Champion’s Awards Gala on Thursday, June 16th at the Metropolitan Club in New York.

Selected from more than 150 participating companies in the first stage of evaluation, finalists will be judged by a panel of independent experts for 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.

“ACG New York is proud to recognize the significant accomplishments of our members at our 6th Annual ACG New York Champion Awards. In addition to celebrating the outstanding deals and dealmakers of the middle market, we are also excited to donate the proceeds of the event to our charitable foundation, ACG Cares,” said Heidi Deiner, President of ACG New York. “Our honoree awards this year include David Solomon, Chief Executive Officer, Lazard Middle Market, who will receive the Peter Hilton Founder’s Award for his contributions to ACG New York and to the middle market private equity community at large. This year’s Chapter Leadership Award will honor current ACG New York Chairman Martin Okner for his leadership and significant contribution to our chapter’s growth. And for the first time, we will be honoring a female in the middle market industry – Michelle Van Hellemont, Vice President of our Women of Leadership program, will be receiving the Women of Leadership Award.”

This year’s participants represent the industry’s leading firms, including: BDA Partners, Pepper Hamilton, Duane Morris, TM Capital, AUA Private Equity, Bertram Capital, Fifth Street, Venable, Zelnick Media Capital, Cain Brothers & Company, BCMS Corporate, Medley Management, SSG Capital Advisors, Redwood Capital Group, CBIZ, Fifth Street Capital; and Murray Devine.

Also, featured are many of the year’s leading M&A transactions including: $575 million sale of PlentyOfFish Media; Acquisition of Best Made Toys by SJ Partners; Liberty Hall Capital Partners’ Acquisition of AIM Aerospace Deal; TestPlant majority sale to the Carlyle Group; Starbucks Sells Rights to Puerto Rico Restaurants Deal; Time-Cap Labs Acquired by Marksans Pharma; and ZMC (Zelnick Media Capital) Sale of Cast & Crew Deal.

“We are very impressed with all of the submissions for the 6th Annual ACG New York Champion’s Awards and congratulate those who have achieved finalist status. We are honored to be collaborating with ACG New York in celebration of the best deals and dealmakers in the New York region,” said Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor.

The full list of the Award Finalists for the 2016 Champion’s Awards can be found here.
For more information on the 6th Annual ACG New York Champion’s Awards, click here.

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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, with membership now exceeding 1,000.

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