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**Winners of 8th 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 22, 2018** – [ACG New York](#), the largest association for middle-market dealmaking professionals in New York, and [The M&A Advisor](#) announced today the winners of the 8th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards held last night at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. The annual tribute recognizes and honors 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, Financial Services Deal of the Year; Consumer/Retail Deal of the Year; Healthcare/Pharma Deal of the Year; Manufacturing/Industrials Deal of the Year; Technology, Media, and Telecom Deal of the Year; and Cross-Border Deal of the Year.**

"Once again, ACG New York was proud to honor a very deserving group of middle market dealmakers and the firms that help make those transactions possible at the 8th Annual Champion's Awards," said David Hellier, President of ACG New York and Partner at Bertram Capital. "The ACG New York Champion's Awards has become an industry-recognized benchmark for excellence in the middle market. By creating the first-ever SEC compliant program for a middle market M&A awards program, we have instilled an even greater level of integrity and trust in our program."

Among the esteemed honorees were **Jay Jester**, Managing Director, Audax Private Equity, who was presented with the Peter Hilton Founder's Award and **Kathy Nalywajko**, the recipient of the Chapter Leadership Award, who is a Senior Vice President and Investment Counselor for Capital Group Private Client Services. **Marilyn Adler**, Senior Managing Director of Medley Management Inc. received the Lou Halstead Women of Leadership Award.

The ACG New York Champion's Awards committee called out to leading middle market dealmakers to nominate deals they were actively involved with that closed between March 1, 2017 and Feb 28, 2018. "This year's winners represent firms and professionals that have exhibited a high degree of acumen in the dealmaking process and are deserving of receiving the Champion's Award," said Co-Chairs, Heidi Deiner, Citizens Bank and Marcia Nelson, Alberleen Family Office Solutions.

Judges and their affiliations included: **Melanie Brensinger**, Anagenesis Capital Partners, LLC; **Brett Dearing**, BNY Mellon Wealth Management; **Carrie DiLauro**, Hamilton Robinson Capital Partners; **Scott Estill**, Lancor; **Sylvie Gadant**, Citrin Cooperman; **Kathleen Lauster**, Silver Leaf Partners, LLC; **Randy Lederman**, AloStar; **Jonathan Moore**, PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP; **Peter Nesvold**, Silver Lane; **Angela Raitzin**, First Republic Investment Management; **Don Ritucci**, Imperial Capital; **Brian Schofield**, Lampert Debt Advisors; **Janet Walsh**, Birchtree Global, LLC

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

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

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Each year, more than 8,000 professionals participate in ACG New York's 70+ networking and educational events in New York City and Westchester, including healthcare, manufacturing, and retail/consumer conferences. ACG DealSource® and ACG Capital Connection® events connect 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. Visit [www.acgnyc.org](http://www.acgnyc.org) to learn more.

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