



## 8th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Finalists Announced

*Top M&A deals, firms and professionals to be honored June 21 at the Metropolitan Club in NYC*

**New York, June 1, 2018** – [ACG New York](#), the largest association of middle-market dealmaking professionals in New York, along with [The M&A Advisor](#) today announced the names of the companies, transactions and dealmakers selected as finalists for the 8th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards. The two organizations' annual tribute, the first SEC compliant ACG awards program, recognizes and honors individual dealmakers and transactions, as well as the leading middle-market firms that are driving growth within the greater New York metropolitan area. The winners will be announced at the 8th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala, Thursday, June 21, at the Metropolitan Club in New York.

Selected from more than 125 participating companies in the first stage of evaluation, finalists will be judged by a panel of independent experts in the following categories: Dealmaker of the Year, Business Firm of the Year (Equity Provider, Investment Banking, Lender, Accounting, Law Firm, Valuation, Insurance, Value Creation) and Deal of the Year (Business & Financial Services, Consumer/Retail, Healthcare/Pharma, Manufacturing/Industrials, Technology-Media-Telecom, Cross Border).

In addition, Jay Jester, founder of Audax Private Equity, will be honored with the prestigious Peter J. Hilton Founder's Award for his contribution to ACG New York, ACG Global and to the middle-market community at large over the course of his career.

"ACG New York has focused on developing initiatives to promote inclusiveness in our industry and association. We have built successful programs such as Women of Leadership, supporting networking and professional development among women in the middle market, ACG Forward which helps young professionals build their network, and our newly launched Diversity Initiative to focus on capital formation opportunities for minority owned businesses and professionals.," said David Hellier, President of ACG New York. "I am pleased to announce two of our major award winners this year are women whose careers have flourished alongside their contributions to ACG New York. This year's Chapter Leadership Award will honor former ACG New York Board Member Kathy Nalywajko of Capital Group for her leadership and significant contribution to our chapter's success. Marilyn Adler, Managing Director at Medley Capital, will be receiving the Lou Halstead Women of Leadership Award."

This year's participants represent the industry's leading firms, including: ACA Aponix, Akerman LLP, Alantra (Alantra Partners, S.A.), Alberleen Family Office Solutions, Antares Capital, Bentley Associates L.P., Cahill Gordon & Reindel, Churchill Asset Management, Citrin Cooperman, Clarion Capital Partners, CohnReznick LLP, Corporate Valuation Advisors, Inc., Euclid Transactional, Golub Capital, High Road Capital Partners, Pepper Hamilton LLP, Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc, SolomonEdwards, TresVista, USI Insurance, VRC | Valuation Research, and Willis Towers Watson.

Also featured are many of the year's leading M&A transactions including: the acquisition of Tangoe Inc. by Marlin Equity Partners, Uncle Wally's Bake Shoppe's sale to Give & Go, the acquisition of Threshold Group by Tiedemann Wealth Management, the sale of International Paper's China foodservices business to Huhtamaki and R3's Initial Financing Round, to name a



few.

“Each submission received for the 8th Annual ACG New York Champion’s Awards was exceptional; special recognition goes out to our finalists. We are gratified with our continual partnership with ACG New York to recognize the New York area’s leading dealmakers in the middle market,” said Roger Aguinaldo, Co-CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor.

The **full list of the Award Finalists** for the 2018 Champion’s Awards can be found [here](#). For more information on the 8th 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, 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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