

## **7th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Finalists Announced**

*Top M&A deals, firms and professionals to be honored June 15 at the Metropolitan Club in NYC*

**New York, May 26, 2017** – [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 7th 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 that are driving growth within the greater New York metropolitan area. The winners will be announced at the 7th Annual ACG New York Champion's Awards Gala, Thursday, June 15 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 in the following categories: Business Firm of the Year (Private Equity, Investment Banking, Lender, Accounting, Law Firm) and Deal of the Year (Business & Financial Services, Consumer/Retail, Healthcare/Pharma, Manufacturing/Industrials, Technology-Media-Telecom, Cross Border).

Alan Gelband, founder of Gelband & Company, 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.

"Over the past several years, we at ACG New York have developed a strategic initiative to advocate for diversity among our ranks. As part of our diversity initiative, we've strove to make women not only feel welcome, but empowered members of our organization. Since 2003, we've increased our female membership from 3 to 18 percent and we have seen our female colleagues ascend to key leadership roles in our association," said David Hellier, President of ACG New York. "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 current ACG New York Chair Heidi Denier for her leadership and significant contribution to our chapter's success. Marcia Nelson, ACG New York Board Member and Vice President of Programming, will be receiving the Women of Leadership Award."

"In addition, we are also pleased to be honoring Lou Halstead, President, GMW Management, who will be retiring after 15 years of service to ACG New York as our Chapter Executive," Hellier continued. "During Lou's time, our membership grew six-fold and programming tripled to 70 programs a year."

This year's participants represent the industry's leading firms, including: Piper Jaffray, CSG Partners, WoodLake Group, Monomoy Capital Partners, Golub Capital, Bertram Capital, AUA Private Equity, RLJ Equity Partners, Silver Lane Advisors, Plante Moran, Akerman, CohnReznick, Pepper Hamilton, Solomon Edwards, Carter Morse & Matthias and Moore Frères & Company.

Also featured are many of the year's leading M&A transactions including: the PetValu merger, the sale of fabricated metal product company Continental Midland; the acquisition of SPI and PCS; Cambrex's purchase of PharmaCore; SJ Partners' and RLJ Equity Partners' acquisition of foodservice distributor Native Maine Produce & Specialty Foods; and Vestar Capital Partners' acquisition of Mobile Technologies Inc.



"Each submission received for the 7th 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 2017 Champion's Awards can be found [here](#). For more information on the 7th 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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