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40 UNDER 40 WEST AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

RECIPIENTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS GALA ON MAY 31 IN LOS ANGELES, CA

NEW YORK, April 13, 2012, — [The M&A Advisor](http://www.maadvisor.com) today announced the winners and finalists of the 3rd Annual 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards – West Region. The following states are included in the West Region: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, KS, ND, NE, NM, NV, OR, OK, SD, TX, UT, WA, and WY.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition and presentation of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this recognition awards program to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

The 2012 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists have been chosen for their accomplishments and expertise from a pool of prominent nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. The 2012 Judges included: Francis Aquila, Partner, Sullivan and Cromwell; John K. Castle, Chairman, Castle Harlan; Sharon Bailey, Principal, Beckett Advisors, Inc.; Laura M. Brank, Partner and Russia Practice Head, Dechert; Lee Duran, Partner, BDO USA, LLP; Darin Facer, Director, AlixPartners; Eric J. Ivester, Partner, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP; Melissa Kibler Knoll, Sr. Managing Director, Mesirow Financial Consulting; Joseph O'Donnell, Vice President, Investigative Management Group; and Brian Schofield, Director, Lampert Debt Advisors.

"In 2010 we initiated the 40 UNDER 40 Awards to recognize the emerging leaders of the M&A, Financing and Turnaround industries" reports Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. "While the selection process presents quite a challenge to our judging committee, it is truly a privilege to announce the 40 winners and 20 finalists from such an accomplished group of candidates."

On Thursday, May 31, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles, California, to introduce the 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists to the business community and celebrate their achievements.

A complete list of the 2012 40 Under 40 – West Award Winners and Finalists is to follow.

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Winners of the the 3rd Annual 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards – West Region

(Note that the Winners are listed in alphabetical order)

Name	Company	Title
Rahul Aggarwal	Brentwood Associates	Partner
Matt Bender	Riveron Consulting	Managing Director
Thomas Berg	FMV Opinions, Inc.	Managing Director
Carlos Bermudez	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	Counsel
Brendan Burke	Headwaters MB	Director of Business Development
Stuart Casillas	Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Partner
Will Chuchawat	Sheppard Mullin	Partner
Kyle Coe	Generational Equity	Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions
Kelly Dybala	Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Partner
Matthew Ertman	Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP	Partner
Michael Frishberg	Kurtzman Carson Consultants (KCC)	EVP, Corporate Restructuring Services
Jeff Hartlin	Paul Hastings LLLP	Partner
Chris Heckert	Generational Capital Markets, Inc.	Vice President Supervising Principal
Irving Kau	GHS	Managing Director
Arash Khalili	Loeb & Loeb LLP	Partner
Kristin Lentz	Davis Graham & Stubbs	Partner
Jaclyn Liu	Morrison & Foerster	Partner
Daniel McBroom	Headwaters MB	Director
Damon McLaren	Wells Fargo Securities, LLC	Director
Chad Michael	Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.	Managing Director
Joel Montminy	Creo Capital Advisors	President & CEO
Robert Morrill	Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP	Partner
Tom Newell	Greene Holcomb & Fisher LLC.	Managing Director & Co-Head Food and Consumer M&A
George Ng	Snell & Wilmer LLP	Partner
Andrew Nikou	OpenGate Capital	Founder, Managing Partner & CEO
Sam Orme	D.A. Davidson & Co.	Director
John Paffendorf	Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	Sr. Vice President
Adam Reilly	Deloitte	Partner, M&A Transaction Services
Jared Ruger	Bertram Capital Management	Partner
Karl Schade	The Presidio Group	Managing Director
Christian Schiller	Cascadia Capital	Managing Director
Loren Schlachet	Riverside	Co-Fund Manager
Harmeet Singh	SingerLewak LLP	Regional Managing Partner
Chad Skinner	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP	Partner
Tom Spivey	McColl Partners	Principal and Partner
Michael Steuch	Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell LLP	Partner
Timothy Szniewajs	FMI Corporation	Managing Director

Lendell Thompson	Wells Fargo Capital Finance	Managing Director, Technology Finance Division
David Wang	Houlihan Lokey	Senior Vice President
Jeremy D. Zangara	Greenberg Traurig, LLP	Associate

Finalists of the the 3rd Annual 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards – West Region

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Name	Company	Title
Adam Abramowitz	Intrepid Investment Bankers	Vice President
Michael Bennett	Exvere Inc.	Director
Eric Blum	Greenberg Traurig	Associate
Virg Christobal	Cristobal Associates/Sagemark Consulting	Principal
John B. Connally	Vinson & Elkins	Partner
Mark Dufilho	Houlihan Lokey	Director
Arash Farin	Sage Group	Vice President
Michael Goss	Generational Equity, LLC	Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions
Teresa Hinojos	Hunter Wise Financial Group, LLC	Chief Compliance Officer
Teddy Kapur	Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP	Attorney
Dana Kromm	Shearman & Sterling LLP	Partner
Heather Madland	SPP Capital Partners, LLC	Director
Meg Roberson	Gulf Coast Business Credit	National Sales Manager
Joshua Schneiderman	Snell & Wilmer LLP	Associate
Jason Silvera	Latham & Watkins	Partner
Jeffrey Sklar	Sklar Law, P.C.	President
Will Walters	Lone Star Investment Advisors LLC	Vice President
Scott Winship	GulfStar Group	Managing Director
Eric Winthrop	Houlihan Lokey	Managing Director
Florian Zerhusen	WKN USA, LLC	Founder, President & CEO

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