

IMAP Ranks No. 4 in Global Middle Market M&A for 2007 - BCC Advisers, IMAP Offices in Iowa and Nebraska, Contributes to High Ranking

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The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) ranked No. 4 among the global middle market advisory organizations for 2007, according to the Thomson Financial League tables. Thomson (NYSE: TOC) is a leading provider of information-based services to the global business community.

Results for 2007 show IMAP ranked in fourth place for worldwide deals with a value of up to \$50 million (based on volume of completed transactions).

IMAP was listed sixth for completed transactions of up to \$100 million worldwide. In the U.S., IMAP ranked seventh for completed transaction up to \$100 million.

"IMAP moved up several notches in 2007 on most of the Thomson league tables", said Karl Fesenmeyer, IMAP president. "IMAP transaction advisers had a strong year in 2007 and have a good backlog of projects for 2008." The 2007 results demonstrate IMAP's global coverage in a manner most meaningful to clients, that is, IMAP's ability to complete M&A transactions. It was a record year for IMAP offices in 2007. The outlook for 2008 is strong despite unsettled global capital markets.

IMAP independent member offices collaborate closely with each other and support client projects around the world. BCC Advisers represents the IMAP organization in Iowa and has recently expanded its operation, locating an office in Nebraska.

"IMAP allows BCC to assure our clients quality adviser coverage wherever buyers and sellers are located," said BCC president Steve Jacobs. "As business expands into emerging markets, IMAP is a critical component to BCC's ability to effectively serve our clients in today's global markets."

Jacobs indicated that IMAP's approach of collaborative support to local office clients was unique to the middle market and fundamental to IMAP's success in obtaining and closing middle market M&A assignments.

The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) is an exclusive global organization of leading merger & acquisition advisory firms. Formed in 1971, IMAP is comprised of 56 firms with 100 offices in 35 countries including North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia, and Asia. IMAP advisers provide strategic merger, acquisition, divestiture and related corporate finance services. Sellers of mid-size companies and corporate acquirers alike rely upon IMAP for essential local market knowledge and industry expertise delivered with unparalleled global reach.

Founded in 1988, BCC Advisers provides a full range of merger and acquisition advisory services to sellers and buyers. BCC has advised on more than 100 M&A transactions and over 600 business valuation assignments. BCC is uniquely organized to assist companies in preparing for exit by providing optimum valuation and presentation advice.

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Worldwide Announced

Undisclosed Values & Values up to \$50 million

Based on Number of Transactions

1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007

Financial Advisor	Number of Transactions	Rank
KPMG Corporate Finance	361	1
PricewaterhouseCoopers	287	2
Deloitte & Touche LLP	231	3
IMAP	192	4
Ernst & Young LLP	176	5
Citi	175	6
Rothschild	157	7
M&A International	121	8
BNP Paribas SA	109	9
Lazard	109	9

Source: Thomson Financial Mid-Market M&A Tables

US Target Announced

Undisclosed Values & Values up to \$100 million

Based on Number of Transactions

1/1/2007 - 12/31/2007

Financial Advisor	Number of Transactions	Rank
Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin	94	1
Jeffries & Co.	68	2
Duff & Phelps	59	3
RBC Capital Markets	58	4
Citi	52	5
Sandler O'Neill Partners	48	6
IMAP	43	7
RSM Equico Capital Markets LLC	43	7
Credit Suisse	43	7
Lazard	42	10

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