

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, Mich.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--For its role as restructuring financial advisor and Chief Restructuring Officer to AgFeed Industries, Inc., Mackinac Partners was selected to receive three 2014 awards from *The M&A Advisor*:

International M&A Deal of the Year, Agriculture Deal of the Year and \$363 Sale of the Year. In addition to Mackinac Partners, the deal team consisted of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Business Development Asia, LLC and Foley & Lardner LLP.

“Mackinac Partners represents the best of the international M&A industry in 2014 and earned these honors by standing out in a group of very impressive candidates” said David Fergusson, President, The M&A Advisor. “It gives us great pleasure to recognize and bestow upon them our highest honor for cross border M&A firms and professionals.”

“We are very pleased to be recognized by The M&A Advisor for our role in the sales of AgFeed Industries’ US and China operations. These were very complicated distressed sales involving both China and US based agricultural feed and swine production operations. The circumstances of the sale of the China operations were particularly complex and noteworthy as we believe this is the first ever acquisition by a Chinese company of the Chinese operations of US Chapter 11 debtor.” said Jim Weissenborn, Mackinac Partners’ Co-Founder and Managing Partner. “The Mackinac Partners team worked closely with Young, Conaway, BDA and Foley to deliver exceptional results in the orchestration and closing of the sale transactions.” Keith Maib, who served as Chief Restructuring Officer for AgFeed, co-leads Mackinac's Financial Restructuring, Transaction Advisory and Private Equity practices.

Mackinac Partners was selected from over 300 regional, national and global companies and was selected from a panel of M&A industry experts. The \$363 Sale of the Year award was presented at an awards ceremony on March 11, 2014 in Palm Beach, Florida and the International Deal of the Year and Agriculture Deal of the Year awards will be presented at a black tie gala at the New York Athletic Club on Tuesday, April 8th, in conjunction with the 2014 International Financial Forum, a global financial summit that will bring together over 500 of the world’s most active cross border dealmakers and international market experts.

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- Transaction Advisory Services
- Hedge Fund / Private Equity Advisory Services
- Dispute Advisory Services
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