



FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS WINS THREE “M&A ADVISOR” AWARDS INCLUDING MIDDLE MARKET ‘DEAL OF THE YEAR’

San Francisco, December 20th, 2010 – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”) is pleased to announce that we received top honors in three separate award categories by the nationally recognized association The M&A Advisor, including the event’s most prestigious “Middle Market Deal of the Year” award. The firm has previously been awarded “Dealmaker of the Year” and named “Investment Banking Firm of the Year” along with multiple other awards and recognition. These awards further highlight the outstanding results delivered year over year by FT Partners for its clients.

FT Partners received the following awards:

- “Middle Market Deal of the Year” for our role in advising Mercury Payment Systems in its investment by Silver Lake Partners
- “Information Technology Deal of the Year” and “Cross-Border Deal of the Year” for our role in advising Custom House in its sale to Western Union

“This has been an outstanding year for our firm and we are excited to be recognized for our performance by the M&A Advisor,” said Steve McLaughlin, Founder and Managing Partner of FT Partners. “2010 has exceeded our expectations and we’re extremely proud to have completed some of the most significant deals in the financial technology sector.”

This is the 6th consecutive year FT Partners has been recognized by the M&A Advisor having previously received 15 separate awards and over 65 unique nominations.

About Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC

FT Partners is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing strategic and financial advisory services to CEOs in the dynamic financial services and technology sector. The firm offers strategic advisory services in mission-critical transactions including mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, LBOs, refinancings, recapitalizations, bankruptcies and private capital raisings. FT Partners’ Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin, formerly was a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.’s (NYSE: GS) Financial Technology Group and was the senior investment banker in the Financial Institutions Group in San Francisco before leaving the firm to form FT Partners in late 2001. San Francisco-based FT Partners is comprised of a team of experienced investment bankers formerly with the financial technology, M&A and investment banking groups of Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse and Banc of America Securities. Any securities related transactions contemplated by or acted upon hereunder are conducted by FTP Securities LLC, a FINRA broker-dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of Financial Technology Partners LP. For additional information, please visit www.ftpartners.com.

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