FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS RECEIVES FOUR "M&A ADVISOR" AWARDS INCLUDING TOP HONORS AS "DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR"

San Francisco, CA – December 11, 2007 – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (collectively "FT Partners"), is pleased to announce that we received top honors in four separate award categories by the nationally recognized association *The M&A Advisor*, including the event's most coveted award as Founder and Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin, was named 2007's ***"Dealmaker of the Year"***.

FT Partners also took home three other prestigious industry awards at this year's conference including:

- ***Financial Services Deal of the Year (Above $100M)***
- ***Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year (Above $100M)***
- ***Business to Business Services Deal of the Year***

2007 has been record setting on every level with the firm closing many billions in M&A and financing transactions and follows an equally strong year where FT Partners was recognized as "***Investment Banking Firm of the Year***" for the second time in the prior three years. Earlier this year, Steve McLaughlin was also recognized among the top players on Wall Street focusing on financial technology in ***Institutional Investor's "Online Finance 40"*** rankings.

Selected FT Partners' Transactions in 2007 included:

- Automated Trading Desk's $680,000,000 sale to Citi
- Corillian's $245,000,000 sale to CheckFree (award winner)
- LatentZero's $125,000,000 sale to Fidessa / royalblue (award winner)
- 35% equity investment in Forex Capital Markets (FXCM)
- TradingScreen's $110,000,000 minority recapitalization
- ViVOtech's $30,000,000 capital raise led by First Data, Motorola and NCR

"We are extremely proud and honored to be recognized for our transaction execution and I am personally honored to have been named Dealmaker of the Year," said Steve McLaughlin, Founder and Managing Partner of FT Partners. "This year has truly surpassed our expectations and I would like to thank our team for its dedication to client service, and our clients for entrusting us with advising on billions of dollars of precious value in their businesses. We look forward to carrying the momentum into 2008 and beyond as we build our team and franchise."

This is the fourth consecutive year *The M&A Advisor* has recognized FT Partners with more than 40 key nominations across multiple award categories during that period. Previous awards won by FT Partners include:

- Investment Banking Firm of the Year (2006 and 2004)
- Financing Professional of The Year (2006)
- M&A Product of the Year (2006)
- Consumer Services / Computer and IT - Deals of the Year (2005 and 2006)

About M&A Advisor and Awards

The M&A Advisor is an information provider and networking organization delivering services that provide executives, M&A professionals, and others about the intricate world of financing, buying and selling middle market companies. The award nominations were limited to firms or individuals specializing in middle-market transactions ranging from $10 million to $1 billion, and winners were selected by a panel of industry judges from business schools and the financial press.

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 and private capital raisings. FT Partners' Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin formerly was a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.'s 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 Citi. FT Partners was recognized by *The M&A Advisor* as "*Investment Banking Firm of the Year*" in 2004 and again in 2006 for "*Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year*." Steve McLaughlin was also named in 2006, and again in 2007, to *Institutional Investor's "Online Finance 40"* ranking of most influential leaders in online finance. 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.

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