



## **FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS WINS DEAL OF THE YEAR FOR ITS ROLE AS IPO ADVISOR TO VERIFONE HOLDINGS, INC**

**San Francisco, December 5, 2005** – Financial Technology Partners LLC and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”), is pleased to announce its selection of Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year by *The M&A Advisor* for its role as IPO advisor to VeriFone Holdings, Inc. (“VeriFone”) (NYSE:PAY) in its \$177 million initial public offering in April 2005. FT Partners is the only investment bank focused exclusively on the financial technology sector and was launched in mid-2002 by Steve McLaughlin, its Founder and Managing Partner. This year, FT Partners was nominated by *The M&A Advisor* for five awards. FT Partners was also selected by *The M&A Advisor* as “Investment Banking Firm of the Year” in 2004.

The highly coveted “Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year” award was formally announced by *The M&A Advisor* at its annual awards dinner on Monday, December 5, 2005 at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. This event was attended by many prominent investment banking and private equity firms focused on middle market M&A.

“We are honored to have had the opportunity to advise on one of the best performing IPOs of 2005”, said Mr. McLaughlin. “VeriFone is a global provider of technology that enables electronic payment transactions and value-added services at the point of sale. FT Partners remains committed to working on mission critical transactions in financial technology for world-class organizations such as VeriFone.”

FT Partners was also nominated by *The M&A Advisor* for the following awards:

- Business to Business Deal of the Year (Investment Technology Group Acquires The MacGregor Group for \$250 million)
- Financing Deal of the Year (Liquidnet \$250mm Private Placement)
- Financial Services Deal of the Year (Liquidnet \$250mm Private Placement)
- US Middle Market Deal Maker of the Year (Steve McLaughlin)
- Financial Services Investment Banking Firm of the Year (Financial Technology Partners)

### ***About Financial Technology Partners LLC 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. Mr. 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. 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 First Boston, and J.P. Morgan. FT Partners was selected by *The M&A Advisor* as “Investment Banking Firm of the Year” for 2004, and for its role as IPO advisor to VeriFone, Inc. (NYSE:PAY) in the “Computer and Information Technology Deal of the Year” for 2005. The firm offers CEO-level services, including mergers and acquisitions advisory, IPO advisory, refinancing, recapitalization and private capital raising. FT Partners was founded by Mr. McLaughlin in late 2001 and is based in San Francisco. Steven J. McLaughlin is a registered representative of FTP Securities, a wholly owned affiliate of Financial Technology Partners LLC which is a NASD broker-dealer. Any securities related transactions contemplated by or acted upon hereunder are conducted solely by Mr. McLaughlin in this capacity. For additional information, visit <http://www.ftpartners.com>.

***About VeriFone Holdings, Inc.***

VeriFone Holdings, Inc. (“VeriFone”) (NYSE: PAY), a global leader in secure electronic payment technologies, provides expertise, solutions and services for today with a migration strategy for tomorrow. VeriFone delivers solutions that add value to the point of sale, resulting in improved merchant retention and the generation of new sources of revenue for its partners and customers. VeriFone solutions are specifically designed to meet the needs of vertical markets including financial, retail, petroleum, government and healthcare.

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