

FalconBridge Capital Ranked as a Top-25 Advisor to Specialty Finance Companies

Dallas, Texas May 18, 2009 – FalconBridge Capital Markets, LLC was recently ranked as one of the top 25 global corporate finance advisors to specialty finance companies according to the SNL Financial Institutions Deal Book. Based on the number of advisory assignments completed by FalconBridge, the firm ranked 17th among all investment banks in the rankings. When measured based upon total transaction dollar volume, the firm came in at number 23. The rankings reflect merger and acquisition advisory assignments for transactions completed during 2008 in the consumer, commercial, and mortgage finance sectors (including asset sales).

“We are delighted to be recognized as a top-tier financial advisor to specialty finance companies,” stated Bennett Cole, the founder and President of FalconBridge Capital Markets. “It has always been our goal to measure success by the quality of our services and fulfillment of our clients’ objectives, not necessarily by the amount or volume of transactions completed. However, it is certainly gratifying to be included among such an esteemed list of industry leaders.” Cole added, “We are grateful to all of our clients who entrusted us with their corporate finance assignments and look forward to another strong year in 2009.”



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Financial Advisor Rankings

Includes Consumer, Commercial and Mortgage Company & Asset Deals

Deals Announced: 129

Value of Deals Announced: \$47,925.2M

Ranked by Number of Deals

2008 Rank	2007 Rank	Firm
1	10	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
2	1	Milestone Advisors LLC
3	3	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.
4	2	Banc of America Securities LLC
5	NR	Keefe Bruyette & Woods Inc.
5	7	Lazard Freres & Co. LLC*
5	NR	Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Inc.*
8	10	Blackstone Advisory Services LP
8	10	Colonnade Advisors LLC*
8	17	Goldman Sachs & Co.*
8	NR	Morgan Keegan & Co. Inc.
8	17	Morgan Stanley
8	NR	Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.
8	NR	Sandler O’Neill & Partners LP*
8	NR	Stephens Inc.
8	17	UBS Investment Bank
17	NR	Allen & Co. LLC
17	17	Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
17	NR	FalconBridge Capital Markets LLC
17	NR	Fletcher Financial Inc.
17	NR	Grant Samuel Group
17	NR	Harbor Hills Partners LLC*
17	NR	Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnett Inc.*
17	3	Barclays Capital Inc.
17	NR	Lexicon Partners Ltd.
17	NR	Moelis & Co. Holdings LLC*
17	3	Piper Jaffray & Co.
17	NR	SEB Enskilda Inc.*
17	NR	Stout Risius Ross Advisors LLC
17	NR	Stratmor Group*
17	NR	SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Inc.

Ranked by Deal Value

2008 Rank	2007 Rank	Firm
1	1	Banc of America Securities LLC*
2	2	J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.
3	5	Citigroup Global Markets Inc.*
4	5	Morgan Stanley
5	14	Piper Jaffray & Co.
6	28	UBS Investment Bank
7	9	Lazard Freres & Co. LLC*
8	11	Goldman Sachs & Co.*
9	12	Milestone Advisors LLC*
10	NR	Allen & Co. LLC
11	NR	Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Inc.*
12	10	Blackstone Advisory Services LP
13	NR	Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.
14	20	Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
14	8	Barclays Capital Inc.
16	NR	Lexicon Partners Ltd.
17	NR	SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Inc.
18	NR	Stephens Inc.
19	NR	Stout Risius Ross Advisors LLC
20	NR	Keefe Bruyette & Woods Inc.*
20	NR	Sandler O’Neill & Partners LP*
22	NR	Grant Samuel Group
23	NR	FalconBridge Capital Markets LLC
24	NR	Morgan Keegan & Co. Inc.
25	NR	Fletcher Financial Inc.



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FalconBridge Capital Markets, LLC was founded in 2005 and is a FINRA-member investment banking organization offering capital markets and corporate finance advisory services to a diverse global client base consisting of specialty finance companies and financial institutions. The firm’s services include private placements (debt, equity, and structured products), credit facility structuring and placement, loan portfolio sales & acquisitions, securities valuation, commercial real estate finance, structured finance, special situations financing, and corporate finance advisory. FalconBridge maintains active coverage of institutional investors and lenders including hedge funds, pension funds, insurance companies, banks, endowments, and asset managers. The firm maintains offices in Dallas, Texas and Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information, please visit the firm’s website at www.falconbridgcap.com.