

News Release

BAKER & MCKENZIE RECEIVES EIGHT FINALIST NOMINATIONS IN SIX CATEGORIES FOR THIS YEAR'S 2010 ALB JAPAN LAW AWARDS

Tokyo, April 14, 2010 – Baker & McKenzie GJJ Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Koma Law Office

(Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) is pleased to announce that the firm is a finalist in six categories for a total of eight nominations in this year's 2010 ALB Japan Law Awards.

The Firm's nominations are as follows:

Debt Market Deal of the Year

- ◆ 1. Goldman Sachs' MBO of Universal Studios Japan
Represented the mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners in relation to the refinancing of Universal Studios Japan through Goldman Sachs' tender offer buyout. This was one of the largest buyout in 2009 with the financing arranged by nine different banks including three Japanese megabanks. The approximate deal value was USD830 million.
Lead Partner: Naoaki Eguchi

Equity Market Deal of the Year

- ◆ 2. NEC's Common Stock Offering
Represented Daiwa Securities SMBC Europe Limited and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc in their role as managers of NEC Corporation's USD1.36 billion common stock offering.
Lead Partner: Hitoshi Sumiya

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M&A Deal of the Year

- ◆ 3. Panasonic Corporation / Sanyo Electric Acquisition
Represented Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co., Ltd., one of the three largest institutional investors of Sanyo Electric, in relation to Panasonic's tender offer to acquire all outstanding shares of Sanyo Electric. The approximate deal value was USD4.6 billion.
Lead Partner: Hiroshi Kondo

Real Estate Deal of the Year

- ◆ 4. Forum Partners / Galileo Japan Trust Investment
Represented Galileo Japan and its Japan-based investment vehicles Central Master GK, Central Sub GK and Central Sub 2 GK in relation to the debt refinancing of its real estate portfolios with Forum Partners. The approximate deal value was USD122 million.
Lead Partner: Gavin Raftery

- ◆ 5. Shinsai-bashi Osaka Building Acquisition
Advised the debt lender, WIB Real Estate Finance Japan K.K. on structured finance using a Japanese SPC (TMK) to acquire the twin Shinsai-bashi building in Osaka owned by Yoshimoto Kogyo, Co., Ltd., one of the largest entertainment companies in Japan.
Lead Partner: Seishi Ikeda

TMT Deal of the Year

- ◆ 6. Debt Financing of Bain Capital's acquisition of BellSystem24
Represented the mandated lead arrangers and bookrunners in relation to the debt financing of Bain Capital's tender offer buyout of BellSystem24, Inc. This was the largest buyout in Japan for nearly two years and was the first cross-border acquisition finance transaction where the three Japanese mega banks acted as joint mandated lead arrangers. The approximate deal value was USD1.1 billion.
Lead Partners: Shinichiro Kitamura, Gavin Raftery, Norihiro Sekiguchi

- ◆ 7. Panasonic Corporation / Sanyo Electric Acquisition
Represented Daiwa Securities SMBC Principal Investments Co., Ltd., one of the three largest institutional investors of Sanyo Electric, in relation to Panasonic's tender offer to acquire all outstanding shares of Sanyo Electric. The approximate deal value was USD4.6 billion.
Lead Partner: Hiroshi Kondo

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Insolvency Firm of the Year

- ◆ 8. Baker & McKenzie GJB Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Koma Law Office (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise)
Lead Partner: Shinichiro Abe

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on May 28, 2010 at The Ritz-Carlton, Tokyo. For further details about the event and other finalists, please refer to *ALB's* official website at <http://jp.albawards.legalbusinessonline.com/Finalists/29611/details.aspx>.

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