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**Circle Peak Capital Wins the 2007 M&A Advisor Award for
Middle Market Financing Provider of the Year**

New York, NY – (July 9, 2007) - M&A Advisor, an industry leading firm that focuses on timely issues and bottom line trends within middle market companies, presented Circle Peak Capital LLC with its *Middle Market Financing Provider of the Year* award at the 2007 M&A Advisor Annual Awards Ceremony in Chicago, IL on June 26, 2007.

“The team at Circle Peak Capital is honored to be chosen by our peers in the industry as this year’s recipient as a leading financing partner to middle market companies, and commends our operating, financial, management, and advisory partners for their continued support of our firm in 2006,” said R. Adam Smith, President of Circle Peak Capital. “We hope that future transactions involving our firm may have the opportunity to enjoy similar recognition of our team’s collective dedication to compelling middle market investment opportunities, and the continued development of our firm’s franchise.”

Circle Peak Capital’s team has extensive experience in private equity, mergers and acquisitions, and operations, with expertise spanning several prominent firms on Wall Street and in consumer and financial services companies allowing the firm to leverage these experiences and relationships to source, structure, finance, and manage successful, sophisticated middle market investments. The team specializes in building brands and sustaining competitive advantages in private firms in the consumer and asset management sectors. The team is led by R. Adam Smith, President, John R. Jonge Poerink, Senior Managing Director, Holbrook M. Forusz, Vice

President, James Clippard, Vice President, and several senior operating partners supporting the firm in its six stand-alone investment platforms closed since mid-2005.

In May 2007, Circle Peak Capital completed the acquisition of Fischbein LLC, a leading U.S.-based manufacturer of branded highly engineered packaging and material handling equipment. Circle Peak Capital's institutional lending partners in the transaction included Cratos Capital, Triangle Mezzanine Fund, Patriot Capital, and Pine Street Capital. Deal advisors and service providers involved in the transaction included Proskauer Rose LLP, Krauter and Company and operating advisor Jeffrey Reed.

In February 2007, Circle Peak Capital worked alongside Golden Gate Capital to complete the acquisition of Rocket Dog Brands Holdings, a leading global designer, developer and distributor of footwear. Deal advisors and service providers involved in the transaction included KPMG LLP, Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, Proskauer Rose LLP, Krauter and Company, and operating advisor Cathy Taylor.

In November 2006, Circle Peak Capital structured, led, and managed the recapitalization of WealthTrust, Inc., a leading national holding company for investment advisory firms that holds equity stakes in ten affiliated firms across the United States, employs approximately 125 people, and collectively manages more than \$6.4 billion in assets. Circle Peak Capital partnered with operating advisors Clinton J. Kendrick and H. Richard Vartabedian, management, and junior capital providers Falcon Investment Advisors LLC and Nationwide Mutual Capital LLC.

Earlier that year, the firm acquired Luxury Optical Holdings Co., a leading luxury optical retailing chain with 25 stores that each offer over 40 high quality fashion eyewear brands, including several lines exclusive to the group are located in premium U.S. retail sites, including New York City, Las Vegas, Boston, Los Angeles and Atlanta. Circle Peak Capital partnered in the transaction with senior operating executives including Bernard W. Andrews and equity partners DLJ Merchant Banking Partners and Goode Partners. Deal advisors and service providers involved in both the WealthTrust and Luxury Optical Holdings Co. transactions included KPMG LLP, Proskauer Rose LLP and Krauter and Company.

Collectively, Circle Peak Capital has lead-sponsored and invested in companies with approximately \$400 million in annual revenue (2007 estimates), transactions involving initial enterprise transaction values totaling approximately \$400 million, and initial equity commitments of approximately \$200 million.

CIRCLE PEAK CAPITAL

Circle Peak Capital LLC (“Circle Peak”) is a private equity investment firm based in New York, NY and founded in 2002 that invests in or acquires established small- and mid-sized private companies in the consumer and asset management sectors, with a focus on building brands and sustainable competitive advantages. Circle Peak's principals and advisors are experienced in acquiring, managing, and building companies with between \$25 million and \$500 million in sales. Circle Peak's existing investment portfolio includes Fischbein LLC, Rocket Dog Brands Holdings, WealthTrust Inc., Luxury Optical Holdings LLC, Shari's Restaurants Management Corp, and Hill & Valley LLC. Circle Peak is dedicated to partnering with proven management, building profitable businesses, and realizing significant returns on capital for its principals, management teams and investors. For more information, go to www.circlepeakcapital.com, or call 646-230-8812.