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IMAP RANKED 4TH IN GLOBAL MIDDLE MARKET M&A FOR 2007 *Core Capital ESG, IMAP member, contributes to increased M&A activity*

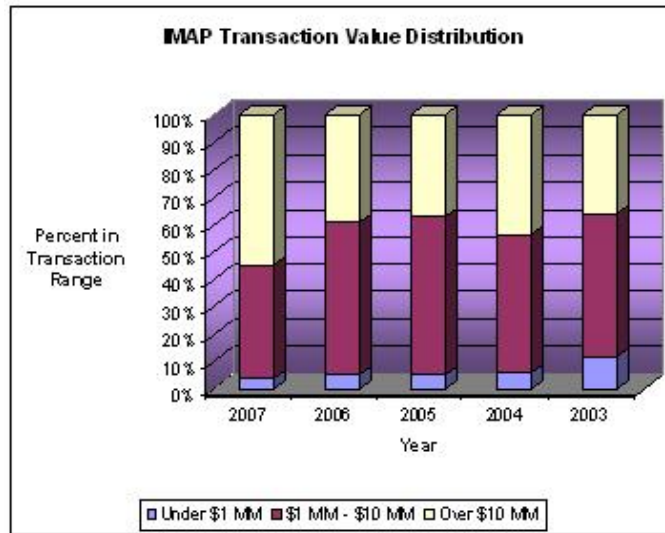
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – March 24, 2008 – [The International Network of M&A Partners \(IMAP\)](#) has been ranked 4th globally among worldwide middle market advisory organizations for 2007, according to the recently-released [Thomson Financial](#) league tables. Thomson (NYSE: TOC) is a leading provider of information-based services to the international business community.

Results for 2007 show IMAP placed fourth for global deals with a value of over \$50 million (based on volume of completed transactions) and was listed sixth for completed transactions of up to \$100 million worldwide. The firm ranked No. 6 in Europe, No. 7 in the U.S., No. 6 in Eastern Europe, No. 9 in Hochinma and No. 1 in the Nordic region for completed transactions up to \$100 million.

“IMAP moved up several levels in 2007 on most of the Thomson league tables,” explains Karl Fesenmeyer, IMAP president. “IMAP transaction advisors had a strong year in 2007, and have a good backlog of projects for 2008.” The 2007 results demonstrate IMAP’s global coverage in a manner most meaningful to clients to complete M&A transactions. It was a record year for IMAP offices and the outlook for 2008 is strong despite unsettled global capital markets.

ESG and the IMAP advantage

[Core Capital’s Electronics and Semiconductor Group \(ESG\)](#) has been a member of IMAP for over 6 years. “ESG has seen a similar trend to IMAP overall, only on a smaller scale,” says Loren Lancaster, ESG managing director. “Over the past few years, we’ve really seen a rise in our domestic and international activity – both in the number of deals and in the value. Many mid-size companies are still very active and producing strong results. Our experienced team has been very successful in negotiating strong deals for both buyers and sellers globally. IMAP helps our organization maintain an international presence, as well as be a strong player in the technology industry.”



For more detailed information on ESG and IMAP and additional graphs, please email Loren Lancaster at llancaster@corecapital.net or call 719.598.4680.

Core Capital Group's ESG

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IMAP

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