



**FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY PARTNERS WINS HIGHLY PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR
BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKING FIRM OF THE YEAR AND
RECOGNIZED AS A FINALIST FOR DEAL OF THE DECADE**

FT PARTNERS ALSO CELEBRATES ITS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

San Francisco, December 21, 2011 – Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC (together, “FT Partners”), are pleased to announce that the firm was again recognized for its accomplishments by *The M&A Advisor* who awarded FT Partners with the “*Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year*” award for 2011. This is the third time FT Partners has received this award, having previously won in 2004 and 2006. Separately, we are proud to announce that our representation of Mercury Payment Systems in its investment by Silver Lake Partners, previously recognized as “*Deal of the Year*” in 2010 was named a finalist for the “*Deal of the Decade*” award.

We are also proud to be finishing up our 10th year in business having been founded in in late 2001 with the goal of creating the leading investment bank serving clients, CEOs and PE/VC firms in the highly dynamic global financial technology sector. In addition to being named “*Investment Banking Firm of the Year*” three times in a span of seven years, the firm’s Founder and Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin, has also been recognized as “*Dealmaker of the Year*” consecutively from 2006 through 2010. Steve McLaughlin was also named in 2006, 2007 and 2008 to *Institutional Investor’s “Online Finance 40”* ranking of most influential leaders in online finance and was recognized by *IDD Magazine* in its “40 Under 40” series.

“It is truly an honor to be recognized by our clients and peers and to again be named as Boutique Investment Banking Firm of the Year”, said McLaughlin. “FT Partners has had a truly thrilling decade building what we believe to be the leading investment banking franchise in the global financial technology sector, from scratch – and these recent recognitions seem like the perfect way to commemorate our 10th Anniversary. I am especially thankful to our incredibly dedicated and talented team here at FT Partners who go to extraordinary lengths to serve our firm and our clients.”

A more complete listing of the firm’s transactions, awards and industry recognition are available on our website at www.ftpartners.com/awards.

About Financial Technology Partners LP and FTP Securities LLC

FT Partners is the only investment banking firm focused exclusively on providing strategic and financial advisory services to clients and CEOs in the dynamic global financial services and technology sector. The firm offers strategic advisory services in mission-critical transactions including mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, LBOs, refinancings, recapitalizations and private capital raisings. FT Partners’ Managing Partner, Steve McLaughlin formerly was a senior investment banker in Goldman, Sachs & Co.’s (NYSE: GS) 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 in late 2001. San Francisco-based FT Partners is comprised of a senior team of experienced investment bankers formerly with Goldman Sachs’ financial technology, financial services, M&A, corporate finance and investment banking groups. Any securities related transactions contemplated by or acted upon hereunder are conducted by FTP Securities LLC, a FINRA broker-dealer and a wholly owned subsidiary of Financial Technology Partners LP. For additional information, please visit www.ftpartners.com.

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