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## IMAP ranks No. 4 in Global Middle Market M&A for 2007

*IMAP is No. 1 in Nordic region and places high throughout regions in the rest of the world.*

Tampa Bay, Florida (January 25, 2008) – The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) ranked No. 4 among the global 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 global business community.

Results for 2007 show IMAP ranked in fourth place for worldwide deals with a value of up to \$50 million (based on volume of completed transactions). IMAP was listed 6th for completed transactions of up to \$100 million worldwide. IMAP 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 notches in 2007 on most of the Thomson league tables”, said 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 and that is IMAP’s ability to complete M&A transactions. It was a record year for IMAP offices in 2007. The outlook for 2008 is strong despite unsettled global capital markets.

### **About IMAP:**

IMAP is an exclusive global organization of leading merger and acquisition advisory firms. Formed in 1973, IMAP is composed of 56 firms with 100 offices in 35 countries throughout North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia and Asia. IMAP transaction advisors completed 254 transactions in 2007 with an aggregate transaction value of \$9.95 billion.

IMAP advisors provide strategic merger, acquisition, divestiture and related corporate finance services. Sellers of mid-size companies and corporate acquirers alike rely upon IMAP for essential local market knowledge and industry expertise delivered with unparalleled global reach. More information is available via the Internet at [www.imap.com](http://www.imap.com)

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