

ACQCOUNTRY AWARDS2009

TriStone Partners voted the 2009 UK Niche Energy Advisory Firm of the Year.

London, August 31, 2009 -- ACQ Finance Magazine panel and close to 2,800 industry peers who voted for the 2009 awards have named TriStone Partners the 2009 UK Niche Energy Advisory Firm of the Year.

ACQ Country Award for Achievement is considered to be one of the most important prizes for recipients, reflecting the professional recognition of both industry peers and commentators. It recognizes the organizations and advisers that have performed to exceptional levels, particularly during the most difficult period that the global economy has experienced for decades.

William Saarbach, co-founder of TriStone Partners said – *“We thank ACQ-Acquisition Finance Magazine and all our industry peers. This award reflects TriStone Partners successes in a difficult environment, and validates our long standing model based on unaltered industry focus and relentless service to a limited number of key operators in the European Energy and Industrial Services sectors.”*

TriStone principals have consistently sought to provide value enhancing operating, strategic and financial recommendations to Energy and Industrial companies' boards of Directors, Executive Committees and shareholders, assisting a limited number of key clients in their drive to redefine rapidly evolving industries. TriStone principals take a long term, “owner’s view” in every client relationship and assignment, having as such been working with selected corporate clients for over a decade.



About TriStone Partners

Established in 1998, TriStone Partners is a leading, industry focused, advisory group providing independent, high-level strategic and corporate finance advice to Europe's leading Energy and Industrial Services businesses. TriStone operates in most European markets, serving a diverse set of multinational and local clients from offices in London and Prague. TriStone also has strategic alliances that operate in the United States, the GCC and India.

In the Energy and Industrial advisory practice, TriStone clients include some of the largest and most significant multinational corporations, as well as private companies and entrepreneurs, financial sponsors and corporate banking groups. In these defined sectors, TriStone advises on significant mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, restructurings and other strategic corporate transactions.

In the Local and Renewable Energy sector, TriStone assists industry operators, large and small, on equity and debt financing as well as on long term, value creating strategies and transactions. TriStone Partners also invests as principal in selected renewable/local energy generation projects.

The Restructurings & Reorganizations practice provides hands-on, comprehensive advice and increasingly, executes corporate and financial restructurings for clients operations, including “orphaned” subsidiaries of large energy and industrial corporations, portfolio companies of Private Equity groups or workout units of major commercial lenders. In this area, TriStone tends to focus on complex situations, providing independent advisory services to clients with operating portfolio work-out and repositioning issues.

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