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ACG National Capital's 10th Annual M&A Conference Identified Key Trends in Business Growth Strategies Record attendance of corporate attendees validates association's expertise and leadership in the corporate growth arena.

Vienna, VA, June 30, 2004 - ACG National Capital, a leading authority on corporate growth in the Washington Metropolitan Area, hosted its 10th annual Mid-Atlantic region Merger and Acquisitions (M&A) Conference and the ACG Capital Forum exhibition last month. The event, "Measuring Success, One Deal at Time," was sold out with Keynotes from the region's sports and business luminaries, discussing lessons learned and best practices for the corporate development executives, private equity investors, and financial and professional services firms in attendance.

"Events like the M&A Conference provide us with the opportunity to showcase our involvement in the business community and demonstrate the relationships we have to complete transactions," said Braun Jones, M&A Conference event coordinator. "Attendees come to our events because they know they will receive a high-level return on their investment and be able to network with the Who's Who of mid-Atlantic corporate dealmakers."

Keith Fimian, Chairman and Founder of U.S. Inspect added, "I was very impressed with the caliber of the panels and the number of c-level executives in attendance. I look forward to joining ACG National Capital and benefiting from the abundant opportunities that membership offers."

The conference featured panels and discussions covering topics from the IPO landscape, private equity market updates, M&A non-cash and contingent considerations, and regional case studies on successful corporate growth strategies. Of particular interest to audience members was the panel on "The IPO: Should I Stay or Should I Go?," which focused on the criteria used to determine if an IPO is the correct growth path for a company.

"As issues of interest to our clients become a hot topic, like the resurgence of IPOs as a valid form of growth, it is important to get that message in front of quality decision makers," said Jean Cross, Senior Vice President of SunTrust and moderator of the IPO panel. "Based on past experiences with ACG National Capital attracting high-quality corporate dealmakers, it was an easy decision to sponsor and participate in this year's event."

Speakers included Carl D. Thoma, partner and co-founder, Thoma Cressey Equity Partners Inc.; Raul Fernandez, chairman and CEO, ObjectVideo, Inc. and owner, Washington Capitals; Bruce Levenson, founder, United Communications Group and co-owner, Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Thrashers; and Kevin Plank, CEO and founder, Under Armour, Inc.



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