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2013 AWARD WINNER

Carmel Car Service Wins Deal of the Year

On a night when industry titans such as David Bonderman (founder of Texas Pacific Group), Steve Miller (Chairman of AIG and prior CEO of Delphi Corporation) and Dick Parsons (former Chairman of CitiGroup and former Chairman and CEO of Time Warner) were honored for their achievements, Branford Castle was thrilled to win the M&A Deal of the Year between \$50-\$75MM from the M&A Advisor for its ownership and sale of Carmel Car and Limousine service. This is the second time in the past four years that Branford Castle has been honored with an M&A Advisor Deal of the Year Award.

This most recent award is a culmination of over 8 years of Branford Castle's working directly with Carmel's management to maximize the company's long-term potential. In addition to helping build the Carmel brand to significant heights, **Branford Castle is especially proud that the senior management team it supported was able to make more than a 30x return on their invested capital.** "Branford Castle has been working with managers of privately held businesses for close to 30 years and feels uniquely capable of bringing sound strategic and 'best practices' advice to management to help them build their company's capabilities," said Managing Director John S. Castle.

The Carmel transaction also highlights Branford's track record in **consumer services** and **logistics** business, amongst many others where it has portfolio expertise.

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Branford Castle, Inc. is a family office and long-term investor in small to medium sized private companies. With each new investment, Branford Castle builds on its senior management's 35+ year history of helping to grow businesses. Traditionally, we make control and non-control investments in companies with up to \$75MM in total enterprise value.

Branford Castle was founded by John K. Castle, the CEO and Chairman of Castle Harlan, Inc. (www.castleharlan.com) and the prior President and CEO of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Branford was honored with the "M&A Deal of the Year & Decade" for transactions under \$50MM in 2010 as a result of the sale of E-Mon to Honeywell International.

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