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**BAINBRIDGE ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
BUYOUTS WEST CONFERENCE**

***Nick Chini Featured As Key Panel Speaker***

**SAN DIEGO, September 24, 2007:** Bainbridge, a boutique management consulting and M&A advisory firm based in San Diego, is pleased to announce that they will be participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Buyouts West Conference, to be held November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. With the relevant theme of this year's event – the latest trends in deal-making and financing – Bainbridge's Gold-level Advisory sponsorship is a symbol of its continuing dedication to addressing a variety of issues that impact the expanding private equity marketplace.

**About Bainbridge & Its Involvement In This Year's Buyouts West Conference**

With record amounts of money to put to work and a new environment of tighter credit, it is apparent that investors require a constant scan of today's marketplace in order to stay competitive in identifying strategic acquisition opportunities. The Buyouts West Conference will be covering a variety of topics on the West Coast buyouts industry and will be moderated by editors who will be discussing the market, assessing key players, and reporting and analyzing trends that will impact the market and the businesses involved. With Bainbridge's unique hybrid approach to M&A advisory and management consulting, the firm is well positioned to participate in Buyouts West's discussion of the evolving leveraged buyout market.

Bainbridge's Managing Principal, Nick Chini, will be featured in the Conference's Panel Five discussion on the topic of "Finding Your Next Deal". The panel features an impressive group of speakers, including Josh Payne, Associate Editor of Buyouts Magazine, Tom Amster, Managing Director of Goldman Sachs, Mark Bradley, Managing Director and Global Head of the Financial Coverage Group at Morgan Stanley, and David Harvey, Founder of Harvey & Company. With over 17 years of experience conducting strategic management consulting and M&A advisory, Nick can offer insight on the latest and most successful approaches for sharpening investment strategies and maximizing deal flow development for private equity groups.

"I appreciate the opportunity and look forward to participating in the Buyouts West Conference," said Nick Chini. "The convergence of different market participants and perspectives will surely promote thought-provoking discussion on the current and future state of the market and strategies to help private equity groups enhance deal flow and performance."

Bainbridge's Capital Advisory Group works with private equity firms to define strategic investment plans, conduct market-proving research, identify off-market and proprietary acquisition opportunities, execute profitable transactions, and achieve new levels of financial and strategic performance.

### **About Nick Chini**

As a senior management consultant and investment banker, Nick is a perfect fit for the panel, as well as an asset to the conference. He has over seventeen years of experience conducting strategic management consulting and M&A advisory. Over ten years with Bainbridge, Nick has analyzed more than 500 product and service companies, covering 200 markets for strategic planning, competitor and market analysis, operations improvement, divestitures, acquisitions, recapitalization, and financial valuation. Nick's client list spans a variety of industries and includes top Fortune 500 corporations and private equity groups.

Nick holds a Master of Business Administration from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Lehigh University. Nick has also completed advanced studies at Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation.

### **About Bainbridge**

Bainbridge is a combination management consulting and M&A advisory firm dedicated to providing its clients with custom-tailored solutions and accelerated growth. Unlike traditional investment banking or consulting firms, Bainbridge combines strategic and financial advisory to produce business results. Working with a diversified client base of private equity groups, Fortune 1000 corporations, and start-ups, Bainbridge's staff of seasoned industry executives, management consultants and financial analysts continuously monitors clients' external environments to help build and maintain the most effective market and competitive positioning. Bainbridge's Capital Advisory group specializes in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, corporate restructurings, and financial management strategy. For more information, please visit [www.bainbridge.com](http://www.bainbridge.com).

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