

Metronome Partners Announces Two More Closed Transactions

December 2012 – Metronome Partners, LLC (Metronome) announces Monitor Clipper Partners' equity investment in a leading, privately-held specialty retailer (the Company). Metronome served as exclusive financial advisor to the Company.

In addition, Metronome announces the successful recapitalization of café bakery restaurant franchisor, Le Duff America, Inc. (LDA). LDA's portfolio of brands includes Bruegger's Bagels, La Madeleine, and Brioche Dorée and has system wide sales of nearly \$500 million. LDA used proceeds from the recapitalization to refinance existing debt, support growth initiatives, and provide a dividend to shareholders. Metronome served as exclusive financial advisor to LDA.

LDA is a subsidiary of Groupe Le Duff S.A. (Le Duff), one of the leading restaurant operators in Europe. The Rennes, France-based company operates a number of restaurant formats, including its flagship Brioche Dorée, a chain of 300 restaurants featuring traditional French food in a fast-food format. The company's Pizza Del'Arte is the number one chain of pizza and pasta restaurants in France. Le Duff also operates a chain of bakeries featuring French breads and pastries under the Fournil de Pierre brand. Le Duff is also a major supplier of fresh breads and pastries to the wholesale market through subsidiaries Bridor Inc., with three plants supplying Canada and the United States, and Bridor France, which supplies the French and European markets.

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**Leading
Specialty Retailer**

has sold an equity interest to



**MONITOR CLIPPER
PARTNERS**

*The undersigned served as exclusive
financial advisor to the specialty retailer*



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**GROUP
LE DUFF
AMERICA**



has completed a successful recapitalization

**Senior Secured Term Loan
Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility**

*The undersigned served as exclusive
financial advisor to Le Duff America, Inc.*



**METRONOME
PARTNERS LLC**

Metronome Partners is an independent, Chicago and Memphis based M&A advisory firm that specializes in managing, structuring, and negotiating transactions of varying sizes and complexities in a broad range of industries. With over 200 transactions completed by Metronome's principals, the firm guides its clients through critical, value-based corporate finance alternatives, including strategic sales, recapitalizations, divestitures, and debt and equity placements. The firm focuses on middle-market businesses nationwide, valued from \$30 million to over \$500 million.

For additional information regarding Metronome Partners, please visit www.metronomepartners.com, or contact the firm's Managing Partners, Randy Karchmer or Jeff Rosenkranz.



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