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## **Christopher P. McDonnell, MBA, CPA**

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### **CORPORATE FINANCE PROFESSIONAL**

Corporate finance professional offering over fifteen years of experience executing strategic analysis, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, certified audits of financial statements, and communicating with stakeholders in multiple industries. Significant hands-on experience working with senior management and outside advisors. Strong qualifications in financial statement analysis, modeling and forecasting, business valuation techniques, capital markets products, corporate tax, and training and supervising junior staff. Demonstrated organizational skills and the ability to prioritize multiple and complex tasks, often with conflicting deadlines. Proven ability to work independently as well as perform as a team member. Exercise a high degree of discretion and mature judgment in handling issues of a sensitive nature. Actively seeking opportunities in which I can leverage my corporate finance and accounting experience in a dynamic environment.

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**OPPENHEIMER and COMPANY** - New York, New York

**2010 – 2011**

#### **Director Investment Banking**

Facilitate the execution of M&A and capital markets products and services, inclusive of initial public offerings, follow-on equity offerings, high yield debt issuances, and strategic initiatives as a senior member of the investment banking team. Develop the forecasting and analysis methodology of detailed financial models, and present clients with the accounting and financial impact of potential transactions. Managed all phases of due diligence with third party advisers, management, and buyers/sellers.

- Primary lead banker in the sale of a family-owned solar energy products company with a valuation of approximately \$125 million, targeting domestic as well as international private and public buyers during the process
- Actively involved in the sale of Thermadyne Holdings to Irving Partners Capital in a \$410 million leveraged buy-out
- Managed the group's participation in a \$125 million initial public offering and \$225 million follow-on equity offering

**MERRILL LYNCH** – New York, New York

**2006 – 2009**

#### **Vice President Investment Banking**

Presented M&A and capital markets analysis to executives of public and private companies. Managed engagements inclusive of drafting presentation materials, financial modeling, and developing and maintaining client relationships. Supervised upwards of ten colleagues across numerous product groups. Representative industries included Business Services and Industrial Technology

- Managed six M&A engagements approximating \$12.0 billion, and four capital raises approximating \$1.2 billion
- Developed detailed financial models analyzing accretion / dilution, pro forma capital structure and credit profile, liquidity analyses, M&A cost savings synergies, and new equity and debt capital raises as part of deal execution and marketing efforts
- Managed all due diligence activities inclusive of operational, financial, and legal areas, provided daily status updates to clients and senior bankers, and summarized significant risk areas and recommended necessary follow-up procedures

**MILESTONE ADVISORS, LLC** – Washington, District of Columbia

**2004 – 2006**

(A boutique investment bank with concentration in the financial services industry)

#### **Associate Investment Banking**

- Worked directly with managing director on two private placements which raised over \$30 million in aggregate, addressed investors' questions, specifically the company's performance, financial impact of the equity raise, and strategic plan
- Presented third parties with technical financial analyses during four M&A transactions and multiple marketing efforts
- Managed client interaction including discussion with potential buyers, bid analysis, and due diligence

**GRANT THORNTON, L.L.P.** - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**1998 – 2002**

#### **Supervisor Assurance Group**

Supervised teams of accountants on multiple projects, including audits and reviews of financial statements of companies with asset sizes between \$10 million - \$1.0 billion. Served as an instructor in accounting and U.S. GAAP concepts at two training sessions.

- Developed audit plans, coordinated all fieldwork, delegated assignments and evaluated staff performance

**GRANT THORNTON, L.L.P.** - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (continued)**1998 – 2002****Supervisor Assurance Group**

- Led the outside audit of internal controls for approximately eighteen months of one of six U.S. central credit unions, prepared detailed written reports addressing the firm's findings and recommendations for the client's Vice President of Administration
- Researched accounting principles to determine potential accounting and reporting implications of financial transactions
- Representative industries included: Technology, Businesses Services, Manufacturing, Financial Services

**VECCHITTO, SCHNIDMAN, MACCA** – Farmington, CT**1997 – 1998**

(A regional six partner public accounting firm)

**Senior Accountant**

Performed certified financial statement audits and reviews of privately-owned companies in multiple industries. Prepared individual, partnership and corporate federal and state tax returns.

**EDUCATION****Master of Business Administration in Finance and Corporate Accounting****2002 – 2004**

William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York

**AMERICAN RE-INSURANCE** – Princeton, New Jersey**Summer 2003****Summer Internship (Graduate School) – Finance and Accounting Departments**

- In conjunction with a Vice President – Finance, developed a foreign exchange model which the CFO utilized to improve the risk assessment of the company's approximately \$400 million foreign exchange exposure
- Worked with a Vice President – Accounting to streamline the monthly financial closing process by approximately 10 days to satisfy the European domiciled parent company's public reporting requirements

**Bachelor of Science in Accounting****1993**

Drexel University School of Business Administration, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**LICENSES**

Certified Public Accountant (non-active), Series 7 and 63 registered