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MR. ANDREW NIKOU, OPENGATE CAPITAL'S FOUNDER, MANAGING PARTNER & CEO, WINS THE 2012 "TOP 40 UNDER 40" WEST AWARD

LOS ANGELES, CA - APRIL 16, 2012 – OpenGate Capital, LLC, a private investment and acquisition firm, announced today the firm's founder, managing partner and chief executive officer, Mr. Andrew Nikou, has been named a winner of The M&A Advisor's "Top 40 UNDER 40" award for the West Region of the U.S. Mr. Nikou will join an esteemed group of professionals gathering to celebrate the awards at a black tie gala in Los Angeles on May 31st.

In a press release issued by The M&A Advisor on Friday, April 13th, 2012, they stated, "The 2012 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists have been chosen for their accomplishments and expertise from a pool of prominent nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. "The release goes on to quote Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor, "In 2010 we initiated the 40 UNDER 40 Awards to recognize the emerging leaders of the M&A, Financing and Turnaround industries. While the selection process presents quite a challenge to our judging committee, it is truly a privilege to announce the 40 winners and 20 finalists from such an accomplished group of candidates."

About OpenGate Capital, LLC

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