



## RAPTOR PRESIDENT & CEO NAMED 2009 PACESETTER

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### **Raptor Partners President & CEO Craig Wolfanger Named 2009 Pacesetter Winner in the Emerging Category by Smart Business Pittsburgh**

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, October 2, 2009 – Raptor Partners is pleased to announce that, Mr. Craig Wolfanger, its President & Chief Executive Officer, has been named a recipient of the 2009 Pacesetters Award by Smart Business Pittsburgh. Wolfanger was also selected as the winner of the Emerging Organization category for having the best nomination story about his leadership and impact on the region. Smart Business' 2009 annual Pacesetter Awards are designed to recognize outstanding business and community leaders in the Greater Pittsburgh region. This year, twelve Pacesetters were selected across three organizational size categories.

"To be recognized and included amongst this group of outstanding leaders in the Pittsburgh Region by Smart Business News is truly an honor," said Wolfanger. "Our team at Raptor Partners is proud to assist many Pittsburgh-based, national and international firms to grow, prosper and, when the time is right, complete a sale process in order to generate liquidity for business owners whose years of hard work make a transaction possible." "In most cases, these transactions bring new investment and job opportunities to further revitalize our region."

Wolfanger founded Raptor Partners, which is dedicated to providing uncompromised, conflict-free investment banking advice. Prior to forming Raptor Partners in 2005, Wolfanger was Senior Managing Director and Head of Investment Banking for Parker/Hunter Incorporated. Wolfanger began his career as an investment banker with Kidder, Peabody & Co. Incorporated in New York and managed Alex. Brown's New York investment banking department.

#### About Raptor Partners LLC

Raptor Partners LLC is a leading, independent investment banking firm headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Raptor Partners' investment banking team has provided trusted, independent, conflict-free financial counsel and advice to corporate executive management teams and their Boards of Directors on more than 400 completed transactions aggregating more than \$30 billion in value. Raptor Partners' financial advisory services include merger and acquisition advisory, valuations and fairness opinions, strategic alternatives, private capital raising, corporate finance advisory, restructuring and corporate governance advisory.

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#### About Pacesetters

Smart Business' annual Pacesetter Awards are designed to recognize outstanding business and community leaders in the Greater Pittsburgh region. Outstanding leaders are recognized in three categories based on the size of their organization—emerging, midmarket and large.

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