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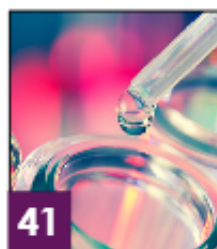
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What's happening in the world of M&As and IPOs?

In this month's Deal Report we take a look at what has been happening in the world's M&A, IPO and fund markets so far this year, and ponder about what the coming months might bring.

Taking a look at the EMEA regions, according to Mergemartket 2014 was a 'a banner year, but the next 12 months may prove more challenging for deal-making'.

Beranger Gulla, Editor, EMEA, at Mergemartket said: "Despite a rather slow start to the year European M&A is poised to build on last year's momentum in 2015."

He added: "2014 was our busiest year since 2008 and the large deals rumoured or announced in the past few days will give confidence across all sectors that the EMEA deal pipeline is strong and activity will remain robust over the next few months."

Showing similar optimism for the US markets, John Reiss, Head of White & Case's Global Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, said: "The US economy and M&A market are in a much better state than they were five years ago—and are quite strong compared with Europe and Asia."

"Despite recent stock market volatility, 2015 will likely be a very active year for US M&A."

One of the biggest deals to be announced recently is BT's acquisition of mobile company, EE. The £12.5 billion deal will see BT evolve into the biggest communications company in the UK. As we head further into 2015, all we can do is wait and see what it holds for the deal markets around the world.

Compagnia della Bellezza acquisition of the brand Capellimania

Ra - Foresta Longo and Associates has acquired the brand Capellimania (and simultaneous sale of the domain), as well as the affiliate network of salons operating under the brand Capellimania.

The legal team was headed by partner Antonino Longo, with Francesca Manuela Corris, head of M&A and Ra-Foresta Longo and Associates. To date, the acquired commercial network boasts over a hundred salons.

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Legal advisor to Compagnia della Bellezza:



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Capellimania

L&Q forms joint venture with Development Securities

Winckworth Sherwood has advised residential developer London & Quadrant Group on its joint venture with Development Securities to create a new £70m Residential Quarter at 399 Edgware Road in North West London.

The joint venture scheme, announced on 22 December, will create 185 contemporary apartments and townhouses for private sale set around landscaped gardens and new public realm.

Winckworth Sherwood, led by partner Charlie Proddow, advised L&Q on the structure of the transaction, including complex leasehold ownership arrangements and tax mitigation. The firm also negotiated a development management agreement documenting Development Securities' role in procuring construction of the dwellings and facilitating their sales, as well as providing for profit sharing arrangements. Other areas of specialisation included Property, Construction, Tax and Property Litigation.

Charlie Proddow, Partner, Winckworth Sherwood said: "We are delighted to have been able to play a part that will see this vibrant part of London realise a high quality and desirable residential scheme. At Winckworth Sherwood, we have a strong track record on structuring joint ventures to bring forward residential development."

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