UK and Republic of Ireland – M&A and ECM Transactions





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Experian Corpfin figures show that deal volumes were up by almost 3% for 2013, and the aggregate value of transactions was up by 1.5%. We provide a detailed review of M&A and ECM activity for 2013, including a regional breakdown of deal volumes and transaction value, comparisons with 2012, details of the top ten announced deals by value and the most active legal and financial advisors across the UK. We also provide an international round up, along with detailed figures for the Republic of Ireland.

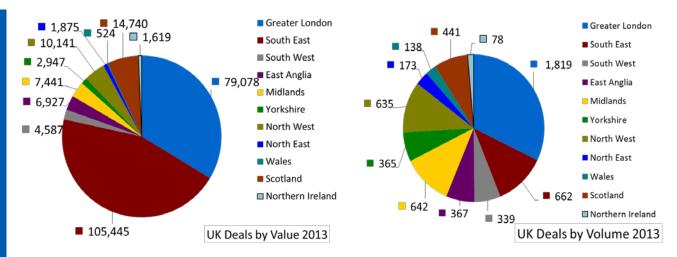
Wendy Driver, Business Development Manager at Experian UK&I, said: "It would be overstating things to call 2013 a boom-year, but these are certainly a strong set of figures - transaction volumes on the up, values reaching a four-year high – and the UK's dealmakers will be encouraged not only by increased activity amongst the larger corporates, but by robust growth in M&A volumes throughout the regions".

UK M&A Activity



The deal landscape in 2013 continued to be dominated by Greater London, which contributed 31.6% of the UK's aggregate total. However, the capital was one of the few regions to see deal volumes decline year on year (by 3%, from 1,875 to 1,819 transactions). Hot regions for deal making were Northern Ireland, which recorded a 47.2% rise in deal volume, North East England (21.8 %), Yorkshire (14.1%) and North West England (9.7%); the most active cities by target location were London (1,046 deals), Edinburgh (180), Manchester (107), Birmingham (85) and Newcastle-upon-Tyne (63).

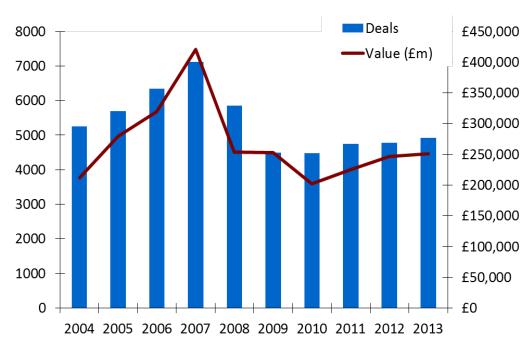
Meanwhile, the most valuable region was South East England, which saw the total value of deals increase by some 228% (from £32bn in 2012 to £105bn last year). Elsewhere, North West England (83.8%), North East England (79.8%), Northern Ireland (31.2%) and Yorkshire (14.5%) all enjoyed a significant upturn in the recorded value of transactions. However, deal values were down year-on-year in Greater London, the Midlands, East Anglia, South West England and Scotland.



| Region | | Value (£m) | | Volume | | | |
|---------------------|---------|------------|----------|--------|-------|----------|--|
| | 2013 | 2012 | % Change | 2013 | 2012 | % Change | |
| Greater London | 79,078 | 187,360 | -57.8% | 1,819 | 1,875 | -3.0% | |
| South East | 105,445 | 32,037 | 228.1% | 662 | 729 | -9.2% | |
| South West | 4,587 | 37,633 | -87.8% | 339 | 317 | 6.9% | |
| East Anglia | 6,927 | 7,385 | -6.2% | 367 | 352 | 4.3% | |
| Midlands | 7,441 | 17,961 | -58.6% | 642 | 616 | 4.2% | |
| Yorkshire | 2,947 | 2,574 | 14.5% | 365 | 320 | 14.1% | |
| North West | 10,141 | 5,518 | 83.8% | 635 | 579 | 9.7% | |
| North East | 1,875 | 1,043 | 79.8% | 173 | 142 | 21.8% | |
| Wales | 524 | 3,046 | -82.8% | 138 | 139 | -0.7% | |
| Scotland | 14,740 | 17,737 | -16.9% | 441 | 416 | 6.0% | |
| Northern Ireland | 1,619 | 1,234 | 31.2% | 78 | 53 | 47.2% | |
| Republic of Ireland | 31,819 | 23,306 | 36.5% | 254 | 299 | -15.1% | |

United Kingdom M&A Activity





Europe and the Rest of the World

- Europe saw a slight reduction in transaction volume in 2013 (from 10,500 to 10,476 deals), but an upturn
 in deal value, from £639.6billion in 2012 to £666.1billion, an increase of 4.1 per cent. Just over half of all
 European deals stemmed from the manufacturing and financial services sectors.
- North American deal volumes were down by 28.7 per cent (from 8,283 deals in 2012 to 5,908 in 2013), but the aggregate value of transactions was up by 1.3 percent year-on-year, to £796.3billion. North America returned strong activity in its manufacturing and information technology sectors in 2013.
- Meanwhile, 2013 deal activty in the Asia-Pacific region was subdued; volume was down 25.2 per cent
 (from 8,822 deals in 2012 to 6,602 in 2013), without the associated increase in value recorded in the US
 and Europe (total deal value slumped from £522billion in 2012 to £327billion in 2013).

Experian®, the global information services company, has revealed that 4,916 M&A and ECM transactions were announced in 2013, up from 4,776 in 2012 – an increase of 2.9% and the highest yearly total recorded since 2008. Meanwhile, the aggregate value of deals in 2013 reached £251bn, the first time yearly values have broken the £250bn mark since 2009.

Value figures were boosted by Vodafone Group Plc's £84bn sale of its US joint venture Verizon Wireless to partner Verizon Communications Inc in the third quarter. This was the second largest transaction in British corporate history, after Vodafone Group predecessor Vodafone Airtouch's purchase of Mannesman AG for £109bn in 1999.

DLA Piper was the UK's most active legal advisor in 2013, with an involvement in 114 transactions, while Slaughter and May's £102.5bn worth of deals pipped Hogan Lovells to top the value rankings. Grant Thornton was the leading financial advisor by volume with 131 deals; Goldman Sachs was top ranked by value, having advised on deals worth more than £120bn in aggregate.

The UK's financial services sector was the main driver of deal-making activity in the UK in 2013, accounting for 31.3% of the overall UK total. There were 1,539 financial services deals in all, representing an increase of 14.9% on 2012's 1,340 transactions. With 28.5% of deals, the next most active sector was manufacturing. The biggest growth sectors were post and telecommunications, which saw deal volume rise by 24.3 % (from 206 in 2012 to 256 in 2013) and social and personal services, up by 25.9% (from 413 to 520 deals).

- 301 large deals (worth more than £100m) were announced in 2013, representing a decline of 9.1% from the 331 large transactions announced in 2012. However, the aggregate value of large deals was up by 3.5%, from £216.55bn to £224.23bn.
- There was a 17.8% year on year upturn in mid market (£10m £100m)
 deal volume in 2013, from 674 to 794 transactions. Despite this, recorded
 deal value in the mid-market was down by 13.9%.
- It was a similar story in the small value segment (£500,000 to £10m). A
 total of 1,517 small deals were announced, up from 1,373 in 2012;
 values were down by 6%, from £3.95bn to £3.7bn.

Any United Kingdom Involvement



| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume |
|------|------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | DLA PIPER | 114 |
| 2 | 13 | GATELEY | 95 |
| 3 | 4 | PINSENT MASONS | 85 |
| 4 | 14 | DWF | 85 |
| 5 | 3 | SHOOSMITHS | 81 |
| 6 | 2 | EVERSHEDS | 78 |
| 7 | 9 | BRABNERS | 78 |
| 8 | 5 | SQUIRE SANDERS | 70 |
| 9 | 10 | OLSWANG | 61 |
| 10 | 18 | TRAVERS SMITH | 58 |
| 11 | 17 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 55 |
| 12 | 7 | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 55 |
| 13 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 55 |
| 14 | 12 | OSBORNE CLARKE | 54 |
| 15 | 16 | JONES DAY | 51 |
| 16 | - | A & L GOODBODY | 50 |
| 17 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 45 |
| 18 | - | TURNER PARKINSON | 44 |
| 19 | 11 | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 40 |
| 20 | 8 | ASHURST | 40 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 18 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 102,504 |
| 2 | - | HOGAN LOVELLS | 102,299 |
| 3 | - | DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL | 91,448 |
| 4 | - | JONES DAY | 89,634 |
| 5 | - | MACFARLANES | 88,103 |
| 6 | - | SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT | 86,433 |
| 7 | - | DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK | 86,047 |
| 8 | - | DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON | 85,537 |
| 9 | - | WEIL GOTSHAL & MANGES | 85,284 |
| 10 | - | WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ | 83,929 |
| 11 | 1 | LINKLATERS | 20,708 |
| 12 | 14 | SHEARMAN & STERLING | 19,541 |
| 13 | 5 | LATHAM & WATKINS | 17,591 |
| 14 | - | MILBANK TWEED HADLEY & MCCLOY | 15,062 |
| 15 | - | ROPES & GRAY | 14,934 |
| 16 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 14,892 |
| 17 | - | FRIED FRANK HARRIS SHRIVER & JACOBSON | 14,814 |
| 18 | 2 | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 14,747 |
| 19 | 7 | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 13,661 |
| 20 | 12 | ASHURST | 9,693 |

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| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume |
|------|------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 131 |
| 2 | 2 | BDO | 115 |
| 3 | 8 | КРМG | 90 |
| 4 | 3 | PWC | 79 |
| 5 | 6 | CENKOS SECURITIES | 70 |
| 6 | 2 | EY | 58 |
| 7 | 18 | NUMIS SECURITIES | 57 |
| 8 | 16 | CANACCORD GENUITY | 54 |
| 9 | - | N+1 SINGER | 52 |
| 10 | 19 | WH IRELAND | 50 |
| 11 | 12 | FINNCAP | 46 |
| 12 | 9 | DELOITTE | 43 |
| 13 | 5 | ROTHSCHILD | 41 |
| 14 | - | JP MORGAN CHASE | 40 |
| 15 | 10 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 38 |
| 16 | - | RSM TENON | 33 |
| 17 | 17 | INVESTEC | 32 |
| 18 | - | MAZARS | 32 |
| 19 | - | PEEL HUNT | 30 |
| 20 | 11 | BAKER TILLY | 30 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | GOLDMAN SACHS | 121,089 |
| 2 | 6 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 104,872 |
| 3 | 1 | JP MORGAN | 102,996 |
| 4 | 15 | BARCLAYS | 100,368 |
| 5 | 10 | UBS | 97,980 |
| 6 | 1 | MORGAN STANLEY | 97,507 |
| 7 | - | GUGGENHEIM SECURITIES | 84,569 |
| 8 | 12 | CREDIT SUISSE | 28,911 |
| 9 | 4 | CITIGROUP | 17,870 |
| 10 | - | LIONTREE ADVISORS | 14,814 |
| 11 | - | LAZARD | 14,374 |
| 12 | 7 | DEUTSCHE BANK | 9,358 |
| 13 | 13 | HSBC | 9,357 |
| 14 | 11 | ROTHSCHILD | 8,881 |
| 15 | - | SOCIETE GENERALE | 6,980 |
| 16 | - | PERELLA WEINBERG PARTNERS | 6,556 |
| 17 | - | DELOITTE | 5,966 |
| 18 | - | GLEACHER SHACKLOCK | 3,758 |
| 19 | 3 | EY | 3,391 |
| 20 | - | NUMIS SECURITIES | 3,234 |



Greater London M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|--------------|---|---|-----------------|
| 30/07/2013 | Rights ssue | Barclays Plc, London | | 5,800 |
| 12/07/2013 | Acquisition | Invensys Plc, London | Schneider Electric SA, Paris | 3,308 |
| 17/09/2013 | Divestment | Lloyds Banking Group Plc, Edinburgh (share sale by UK Financial Investments Ltd, London) | | 3,200 |
| 24/06/2013 | Acquisition | Eurasian Natural Resources Corporation Plc, London | Eurasian Resources Group BV, Netherlands | 3,043 |
| 26/02/2013 | Acquisition | Repsol Liquefied Natural Gas Portfolio, Madrid | Royal Dutch Shell Plc, London | 2,901 |
| 19/12/2013 | Acquisition | Diabetes Alliance Assets of Bristol-Myers Squibb Co, Wilmington | AstraZeneca Plc, London | 2,641 |
| 09/12/2013 | Acquisition | More London, London | St Martins Property Corporation Ltd, London | 1,700 |
| 16/05/2013 | Rights Issue | Thomas Cook Group Plc, London | | 1,600 |
| 21/01/2013 | Acquisition | Stansted Airport Ltd, London | Manchester Airport Group Plc (The), Manchester | 1,500 |
| 19/02/2013 | Acquisition | HSBC (Panama) SA, Panama (from HSBC, London) | Bancolombia SA, Medellin | 1,358 |

A total of 1,819 M&A and ECM deals were announced in Greater London for the entirety of 2013, which represents a 2.99% decline from the 1,875 transactions announced in 2012, continuing the slight reduction in deals for this region from 2012. The fourth quarter of 2013 saw 433 deals announced, which was an 11.45% decrease from Q4 2012. Deal values also fell by 57.79% from £187.4bn in 2012 to £79.1bn in 2013, representing a large drop from the spike in deal values seen in 2012. In Q4 of 2013, deal values plummeted by 74% to £17.1bn, compared to the £66.6bn worth of transactions made in Q4 2012.

Grant Thornton was the most active financial advisor in 2013, with participation in 45 deals, while the value table was led by Bank of America Merrill Lynch's £86.2bn of deals acted upon. Both Slaughter and May and Olswang were involved with 34 deals, followed by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (33), but Slaughter and May topped the legal deal number league table due to their higher cumulative deal value. Clifford Chance's £93.9bn of deals makes them the leader of our legal value table.

The main industry involved in 2013 M&A deals was Financial Services, with 17.32% of transactions, followed closely by Professional Activities (13.68%) and Manufacturing (13.59%). Financial Services also took the most value, being responsible for £659bn worth of transactions. The Manufacturing sector follows closely behind, being accountable for £647bn of deals.

- 151 large deals (£100m +) were announced in 2013, a 19.7% fall from the corresponding period in 2012. Deal values also dropped steeply by 61.2% (from £172.1bn in 2012 to a value of £66.9bn in 2013).
- There were also less mid market (£10m £100m) transactions in 2013, with a decrease from 399 in 2012 to 308 in 2013, representing a 22.8% decline. Deal values fell slightly less, by 21.5% from £13.5bn in 2012 to £10.6bn at year end 2013.
- The number of small deals (£500,000 £10m) in Greater London did increase by 13.9% from 599 in 2012 to 682 in 2013, which may be a result of greater fundraising activity due to organisations such as the BGF.
 Deal values, however, still fell by 11.8% from £1.7bn in 2012 to £1.5bn



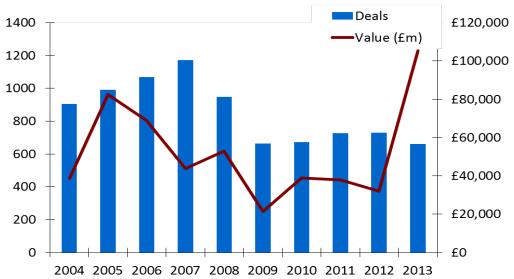
Any Greater London Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|--------------------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 10 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 34 | 1 | - | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 93,896 |
| 2 | 1 | OLSWANG | 34 | 2 | - | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 52,425 |
| 3 | 6 | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 33 | 3 | 1 | LINKLATERS | 45,233 |
| 4 | - | JONES DAY | 29 | 4 | 2 | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 44,515 |
| 5 | 9 | OSBORNE CLARKE | 26 | 5 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 41,628 |
| 6 | 3 | DLA PIPER | 25 | 6 | - | ASHURST | 40,225 |
| 7 | - | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 24 | 7 | - | A & L GOODBODY | 38,808 |
| 8 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 24 | 8 | - | JONES DAY | 36,514 |
| 9 | - | HOGAN LOVELLS | 23 | 9 | - | SHEARMAN & STERLING | 34,288 |
| 10 | 8 | EVERSHEDS | 23 | 10 | - | COVINGTON & BURLING | 33,860 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | GRANT THORNTON | 45 | 1 | 5 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 86,171 |
| 2 | - | KPMG | 25 | 2 | - | CREDIT SUISSE | 77,351 |
| 3 | 10 | EY | 24 | 3 | 2 | CITIGROUP | 75,729 |
| 4 | 9 | BDO | 24 | 4 | 9 | JP MORGAN | 63,674 |
| 5 | - | FINNCAP | 23 | 5 | - | BARCLAYS | 51,729 |
| 6 | 3 | CANACCORD GENUITY | 22 | 6 | 7 | DEUTSCHE BANK | 44,441 |
| 7 | - | N+1 SINGER | 20 | 7 | 4 | GOLDMAN SACHS | 37,476 |
| 8 | 5 | PWC | 19 | 8 | 1 | MORGAN STANLEY | 35,294 |
| 9 | - | WH IRELAND | 19 | 9 | 6 | LAZARD | 33,906 |
| 10 | 3 | ROTHSCHILD | 18 | 10 | 8 | ROTHSCHILD | 33,740 |



South East M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|--------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 02/09/2013 | Acquisition | Cellco Partnership, USA, a subsidiary of Vodafone Plc, Newbury | Verizon Communications, USA | 83,928 |
| 24/06/2013 | Acquisition | Kabel Deutschland, Germany | Vodafone Plc, Newbury | 6,555 |
| 29/10/2013 | Acquisition | Vodafone India, India | Vodafone Plc, Newbury | 1,029 |
| 19/08/2013 | Acquisition | Edwards Group Plc, Crawley | Atlas Copco AB, Sweden | 1,022 |
| 11/12/2013 | Acquisition | Bord Gais Eireann, Ireland | Centrica Plc, Windsor | 939 |
| 30/07/2013 | Acquisition | Energy Marketing Business of Hess Corp, USA | Direct Energy LP, USA, a subsidiary of Centrica Plc, Windsor | 673 |
| 18/12/2013 | IBO | Gas fired power station, USA, belonging to Centrica Plc, Windsor | Private Group led by Blackstone | 650 |
| 27/02/2013 | Flotation | eSure Group Plc, Reigate | | 604 |
| 05/02/2013 | Acquisition | Chinese Brewery Business of Kingway Brewery Holdings, China, a JV with SABMiller Plc, Woking | China Resources Snow Brewery Ltd, China | 543 |
| 04/06/2013 | Share Buy- Back | Reckitt Benckiser Group Holdings Plc, Slough | | 531 |

Deal volumes for 2013 in the South East fell by 9.2%, from 729 in 2012, to 662. However, the total value increased by 228%. South East deals were worth over £105bn, in comparison to £32bn the previous year - this was largely due to Vodafone's sale of its stake in Cellco Partnership for £83.9bn, to US firm Verizon Communications.

The South East accounted for 13.5% of all M&A activity in 2013, which was a slight fall on the 15.2% during 2012. The region was responsible for 42.1% of deal value in the last 12 months, the largest amount of any region. This was a large rise from the 15.3% it contributed in 2012.

Shoosmiths was once again the most active legal adviser by volume, working on 23 deals; DLA Piper (16) and Pinsent Mason and DWF (both 14) were the next busiest. Davis Polk & Wardwell worked on deals with a value totalling £85.56bn, the highest in the region. Grant Thornton retained their position as the most active financial adviser, with 32 deals, followed by BDO on 23 and Cenkos Securities with 19. In value terms, Goldman Sachs worked on deals with a total consideration of £91.01bn.

A feature of the last 12 months was a large increase in the value of debt funded transactions, from £4.6bn in 2012 to £85.7bn in 2013. July proved to be the busiest month of the year with 85 deals announced, which was the single largest amount since April 2008.

- 39 large deals (£100m+) were announced during 2013, down by 18.75% on 2012, which saw 48 deals with a value of £100m or more. However, in value terms there was an increase from £26.934bn, to £102.165bn.
- Deals with a value of £10m £100m fell from 128 to 92, a decline of 28.13%. There was also a fall in values, which totalled £2.79bn in 20013, compared with £4.5bn in 2012
- Small deals (£500,000 £10m) dropped from 177 to 136, a 23.16% decline. This resulted in a fall from £603.16m to £494.456m in values.

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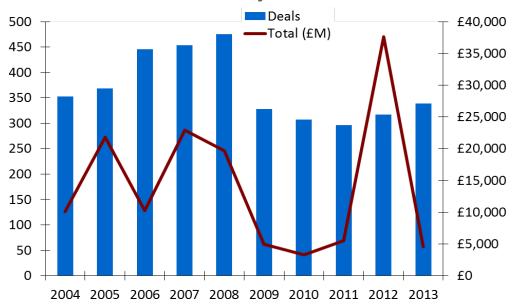
Any South East Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | SHOOSMITHS | 23 | 1 | - | DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL | 85,555 |
| 2 | 4 | DLA PIPER | 16 | 2 | - | SLAUGHTER & MAY | 85,109 |
| 3 | 3 | PINSENT MASONS | 14 | 3 | - | WAIL GOTSHAL & MANGES | 84,951 |
| 4 | - | DWF | 14 | 4 | - | HOGAN LOVELLS | 84,945 |
| 5 | - | HOGAN LOVELLS | 12 | 5 | - | MACFARLANES | 84,523 |
| 6 | 6 | OSBORNE CLARKE | 11 | 6 | - | JONES DAY | 84,421 |
| 7 | - | DORSEY & WHITNEY | 11 | 7 | - | SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT | 84,373 |
| 8 | - | GATELEY | 11 | 8 | - | DE BRAUW BLACKSTONE WESTBROEK | 84,245 |
| 9 | 8 | EVERSHEDS | 11 | 9 | - | HENGELLER MUELLER | 6,715 |
| 10 | 8 | BRABNERS | 10 | 10 | 10 | LINKLATERS | 6,555 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 32 | 1 | 7 | GOLDMAN SACHS | 91,011 |
| 2 | 4 | BDO | 23 | 2 | 10 | UBS | 90,484 |
| 3 | 2 | CENKOS SECURITIES | 19 | 3 | - | JP MORGAN CHASE | 85,406 |
| 4 | - | WH IRELAND | 18 | 4 | - | BARCLAYS | 85,319 |
| 5 | 8 | KPMG | 13 | 5 | 1 | MORGAN STANLEY | 84,741 |
| 6 | - | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 12 | 6 | - | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 84,480 |
| 7 | - | CANNACCORD GENUITY | 11 | 7 | - | GUGGENHIEM SECURITIES | 83,928 |
| 8 | - | NUMIS SECURITIES | 10 | 8 | - | LAZARD | 1,858 |
| 9 | - | MORGAN STANLEY | 9 | 9 | - | NUMIS SECURITIES | 1,082 |
| 10 | 9 | N+1 SINGER | 9 | 10 | - | RBC CAPITAL MARKETS | 969 |

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South West M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 21/10/2013 | Flotation | Merlin Entertainments Plc, Poole | | 957 |
| 10/12/2013 | Divestment | St James's Place Plc, Cirencester | | 680 |
| 11/03/2031 | Rights Issue | St James's Place Plc, Cirencester | | 519 |
| 22/05/2013 | Divestment | St James's Place Plc, Cirencester | | 450 |
| 07/06/2013 | Acquisition | Sunseeker International Ltd, Poole | Dalian Wanda Group Co Ltd, Peoples Republic of China | 255 |
| 02/04/2013 | IBO | Oasis Healthcare Ltd, Poole | Private Group led by Bridgepoint, England | 185 |
| 15/07/2013 | Acquisition | FBS Ltd, Basingstoke | Cobham Plc, Wimbourne | 112 |
| 31/03/2013 | Minority Stake | Oasis Dental Care Ltd, Bristol | Private Group led by Bridgepoint, England | 108 |
| 04/09/2013 | Acquisition | SouthGate, Bath | British Land Company Plc, London | 101 |
| 10/05/2013 | Acquisition | Axell Wireless Ltd, Chesham | Cobham Plc, Wimbourne | 85 |

There have been 339 M&A and ECM deals announced in the South West in 2013, representing an upturn of 6.9% from the 317 transactions announced during 2012. The fourth quarter saw 68 deals announced – down by 2.9% on the 70 deals recorded in Q4 2012. Meanwhile, values were down by 87.8%, from £37.633bn in 2012 to £4.587bn in 2013. This was largely due to the GB£31.9bn deal by Glencore International Plc to acquire Xstrata Plc in 2012.

A total of 6.9% of all UK deals had a South West aspect in 2013 – a slightly higher percentage than the 6.6% recorded in 2012. The region contributed 1.8% of the overall value of transactions. BDO was the most active financial advisor this year, with an involvement in 14 deals, while Bank of America Merrill Lynch's £1.13bn worth of deals meant that it topped the value table. Michelmores was the most active legal advisor with 14 deals, ahead of Ashfords (11) and Burges Salmon (10); Freshfields Brickhaus Deringer headed the value table, having worked on deals worth £1.2bn in total.

The South West M&A landscape was dominated by Manufacturing (33.9% of transactions), followed by Professional and Business services (31%) and Wholesale, Retail and Repair with 26.8%. Social and Personal Services provided the bulk of value, accounting for £3bn worth of deals followed by Financial Services with GB£2.4bn.

- Nine large (£100m plus) deals were announced in 2013, down by 18% 2012's total of 11 transactions. Large deal values also declined (from £36.25bn in 2012 to £3.37bn in 2013), a decline of 90.7%.
- Mid-market (£10m £100m) deal activity fell by 26.2%; 31 transactions were announced, from the 42 deals announced in 2012. Meanwhile, the aggregate value of mid-market deals also fell by 14.2%, from £1.166bn to £1bn.
- The number of small deals (£500,000 £10m) remained at 72 transactions;, while small transaction values increased by 2.3% from £215m to £220m in 2013.

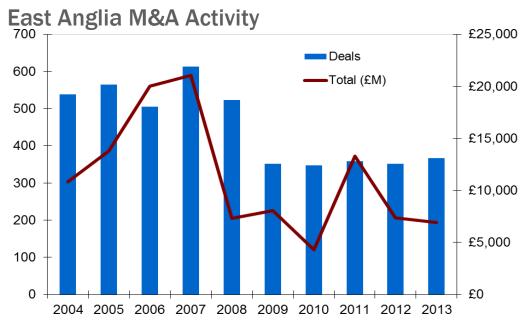


Any South West Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | - | MICHELMORES | 14 | 1 | - | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 1,212 |
| 2 | 4 | ASHFORDS | 11 | 2 | - | TRAVERS SMITH | 957 |
| 3 | 7 | BURGES SALMON | 10 | 3 | 9 | ASHURST | 957 |
| 4 | 1 | OSBORNE CLARKE | 10 | 4 | - | A&L GOODBODY | 343 |
| 5 | 2 | PINSENT MASONS | 8 | 5* | 2 | KING & WOOD MALLESONS SJ BERWIN | 293 |
| 6 | 6 | DLA PIPER | 7 | 5* | 1 | LINKLATERS | 293 |
| 7 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 7 | 7 | - | BURGES SALMON | 283 |
| 8 | - | BRABNERS | 6 | 8 | - | WHITE & CASE | 255 |
| 9 | 5 | SHOOSMITHS | 6 | 9 | - | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 185 |
| 10 | - | FREETH CARTWRIGHT | 5 | 10 | - | DLA PIPER | 131 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 3 | BDO | 14 | 1 | 9 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 1,130 |
| 2 | 2 | GRANT THORNTON | 9 | 2 | 3 | LAZARD | 977 |
| 3 | 7 | KPMG | 7 | 3 | - | BARCLAYS | 957 |
| 4 | 8 | PWC | 7 | 4* | 5* | CITIGROUP | 957 |
| 5 | - | ISCA VENTURES | 7 | 4* | 5* | GOLDMAN SACHS | 957 |
| 6 | 1 | HAZLEWOODS | 6 | 4* | - | HSBC | 957 |
| 7 | - | DC ADVISORY | 5 | 4* | 1 | MORGAN STANLEY | 957 |
| 8 | 6 | EY | 5 | 4* | - | UNICREDIT | 957 |
| 9 | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 5 | 9 | - | DC ADVISORY | 343 |
| 10 | - | FINNCAP | 5 | 10 | 2 | EY | 255 |





| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 20/02/13 | Acquisition | Irish Life, Ireland | Canada Life Ltd, Potters Bar | 1,139 |
| 13/02/13 | Divestment | Tesco Property Portfolio | | 490 |
| 01/08/13 | Acquisition | London Luton Airport Group Ltd, Luton | Consortium led by AENA SA and Axa Private Equity | 394 |
| 15/10/13 | Acquisition | Spirogen Ltd, Ryde | Medimmune Ltd, Cambridge | 365 |
| 18/11/13 | Acquisition | Burtons Foods Ltd, St Albans | Private Group led by Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Canada | 350 |
| 27/08/13 | Acquisition | Amplimmune Inc, USA | Medimmune Ltd, Cambridge | 322 |
| 22/07/13 | Acquisition | Belfast International Airport Holdings Ltd, registered in Luton | ADC & HAS Airports Worldwide, USA | 244 |
| 19/02/13 | IP0 | Countrywide Plc, Chelmsford | | 224 |
| 27/03/13 | Acquisition | May Gurney Integrated Services Plc, Norwich | Kier Group Plc, Sandy | 221 |
| 20/12/13 | Acquisition | Queensgate Shopping Centre, Peterborough | Invesco Real Estate Ltd, London | 202 |

There were 367 M&A and ECM transactions recorded in the East Anglia area in 2013, representing an increase of 4% from the 352 deals recorded over the same period in 2012. Meanwhile, the overall value of deals fell by 6.7%, from £7.4bn in 2012 to £6.9bn in 2013. Approximately 7.47% of all UK deals had an East Anglian element, while the region contributed 2.76% to the UK's total deal value. Grant Thornton was the most active financial advisor with an involvement in 19 transactions in 2013, while Bank of America Merrill Lynch topped the ranking in terms of deal value with one transaction worth £1.139bn. Shoosmiths was the leading legal advisor by volume with 15 assists, whilst A&L Goodbody topped the table in terms of value, advising on transactions worth £1.45bn.

The manufacturing industry was the principal driver of deal volumes in East Anglia during 2013, accounting for over 41% of all transactions by target activity; the next most active sectors were wholesale, retail and repair, followed by professional and business activities. The financial services industry was East Anglia's most valuable sector (with £3.34bn worth of deals), far in advance of the manufacturing segment (next most valuable at £2.1bn).

- 17 large deals were announced in 2013, an increase of 31% on 2012's total of 13 transactions. Large deal values also increased by 7%, from £4.79bn in 2012 to £5.13bn over the same period.
- Mid-market deal activity fell sharply; 47 transactions were announced, down by 30% from the 67 deals announced in 2012. Meanwhile, the aggregate value of mid-market deals fell from £2.278bn to £1.516, a drop of 33%.
- Small deals fell by 17% in volume (from 98 to 81 transactions), whilst their aggregate value fell by 11% (from £315m to £279m).



Any East Anglian Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|----------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | SHOOSMITHS | 15 | 1 | - | A & L GOODBODY | 1,448 |
| 2 | 3 | EVERSHEDS | 11 | 2 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 1,226 |
| 3 | 8 | MILLS & REEVE | 11 | 3* | - | ARTHUR COX | 1,139 |
| 4 | 7 | PINSENT MASONS | 10 | 3* | - | MATHESON | 1,139 |
| 5 | - | JONES DAY | 8 | 5 | 2 | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 779 |
| 6 | - | SQUIRE SANDERS | 8 | 6 | - | COVINGTON & BURLING | 700 |
| 7 | - | TRAVERS SMITH | 7 | 7 | - | TRAVERS SMITH | 626 |
| 8 | - | BRABNERS | 7 | 8 | 1 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 544 |
| 9 | 5 | BIRKETTS | 7 | 9 | - | EVERSHEDS | 536 |
| 10 | - | NABARRO | 6 | 10 | - | KIRKLAND & ELLIS | 397 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 19 | 1 | 1 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 1,139 |
| 2 | - | BDO | 17 | 2 | - | DELOITTE | 774 |
| 3 | 3 | FINNCAP | 9 | 3 | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 588 |
| 4 | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 6 | 4 | - | CREDIT SUISSE | 574 |
| 5 | - | PRICE BAILEY | 6 | 5 | - | KPMG | 567 |
| 6 | 6 | KPMG | 5 | 6 | - | BDO | 427 |
| 7 | - | N+1 SINGER | 5 | 7 | 7 | CITIGROUP | 394 |
| 8 | - | DELOITTE | 4 | 8 | - | LAZARD | 365 |
| 9 | 2 | PWC | 4 | 9* | - | MCQUEEN | 350 |
| 10 | - | RSM TENON | 4 | 9* | - | PARTHENON GROUP | 350 |



Midlands M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|---|--|--|--------------------|
| 16/10/2013 | Acquisition | Beverage Dispense and Merchandising Divisions of IMI Plc, Birmingham | Marmon Group LLC, Chicago | 688 |
| 10/10/2013 | ACCO Material Handling L3 IBO Solutions, York (from Meli Plc, Birmingham) | | Private Group led by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, USA | 633 |
| 06/11/2013 | Acquisition | Passport Health Communications Inc, Franklin | Experian Plc, Nottingham | 529 |
| 03/05/2013 | Minority Stake | Future Fund Management Agency, Melbourne | Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, Toronto | 307 |
| 24/10/2013 | IBO | R Griggs Group Ltd, Wollaston | Doc Bidco Ltd, London | 300 |
| 04/11/2013 | Flotation | Infinis Energy Plc, Northampton | | 234 |
| 05/08/2013 | Acquisition | Avelo FS Holdings Ltd, Warwick | IRESS Market Technology Ltd, Melbourne | 210 |
| 01/10/2013 | Acquisition | 41st Parameter Inc (The), Scottsdale | Experian Plc, Nottingham | 200 |
| 20/06/2013 | IBO | Marelli Overseas Ltd, Alcester | Carlyle Group | 181 |
| 07/11/2013 | Acquisition | Delcam Plc, Birmingham | Autodesk Development BV, Hoofddorp | 172 |

A total of 642 M&A transactions were announced in the Midlands area for 2013, which was a 4.22% increase from the 616 transactions reported in 2012. Despite this, the total value of deals in the Midlands was reduced by 58.6% from £17.9bn in 2012 to £7.4bn in 2013, which bucked the trend of steadily rising deal values since 2009 until 2012. The fourth quarter of 2013, however, saw a 25.7% increase in deal numbers to 176, from 2012's total of 140. Deal values also increased 40% on the previous year (from £3bn in 2012 to £4.2bn in 2013).

The most active financial advisor in the Midlands region was BDO, which was involved in 26 transactions, closely followed by Grant Thornton (24) and PwC (15). Citigroup, however, provided advisory services on the largest value of deals (£1.59bn), followed by JP Morgan Chase (£1.32bn) and Rothschild (£1.23bn). Gateley was the legal advisor that acted on the most deals (46), while DLA Piper's participation in £1.4bn of deals resulted in it topping the value table. Both DLA Piper and Citigroup were involved with the most valuable deal in 2013.

In terms of industry, the manufacturing sector was the most active, being involved in 20.45% of deals, and being responsible for £64.3bn worth of transactions. Following this, companies involved in the wholesale, retail and repair of goods instigated 16.53% of the deals in the Midlands region, and contributed £55.2bn in value.

- The amount of large deals (£100m+) negotiated in 2013 decreased by 12.5% from 24 to 21. The value of these deals also declined by 64% in 2013 (from £15.3bn in 2012 to £5.5bn in 2013).
- Medium-sized deal (£10m £100m) numbers also fell by 6.49% in 2013 compared to 2012, although at a lesser rate. There were 72 transactions made in 2013, compared to 77 in 2012. However, the deal value increased by 23.4% from £2.35bn to £2.9bn.
- There was also increased transaction numbers and values in small-market deals (£500,000 - £10m). The amount of deals remained consistent, rising slightly from 102 to 103, representing a 0.98% upturn on 2012, while there was a 6.6% increase on deal value, from £287m to £306m.



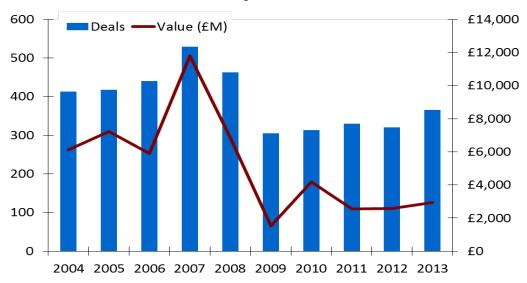
Any Midlands Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|----------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | GATELEY | 46 | 1 | - | DLA PIPER | 1,413 |
| 2 | 4 | DLA PIPER | 28 | 2 | 2 | SIMPSON THACHER & BARTLETT | 1,177 |
| 3 | - | HIGGS & SONS | 24 | 3 | - | KIRKLAND & ELLIS | 633 |
| 4 | 1 | EVERSHEDS | 23 | 4 | - | LATHAM & WATKINS | 437 |
| 5 | - | FREETH CARTWRIGHT | 23 | 5 | - | SQUIRE SANDERS | 377 |
| 6 | 9 | DWF | 19 | 6 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 359 |
| 7 | 5 | PINSENT MASONS | 17 | 7 | - | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 344 |
| 8 | 7 | BROWNE JACOBSON | 17 | 8 | - | SGH MARTINEAU | 315 |
| 9 | 3 | SHOOSMITHS | 17 | 9 | - | CMS | 314 |
| 10 | 6 | SQUIRE SANDERS | 14 | 10 | - | PINSENT MASONS | 301 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|---------------------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------|------------|
| 1 | 4 | BDO | 26 | 1 | - | CITIGROUP | 1,590 |
| 2 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 24 | 2 | 8 | JP MORGAN CHASE | 1,321 |
| 3 | 2 | PWC | 15 | 3 | 4 | ROTHSCHILD | 1,233 |
| 4 | 9 | KPMG | 14 | 4 | - | RBC CAPITAL MARKETS | 867 |
| 5 | - | MAZARS | 12 | 5 | - | ROBERT W BAIRD | 688 |
| 6 | 3 | RSM TENON | 10 | 6 | - | UBS | 646 |
| 7 | 6 | ROTHSCHILD | 9 | 7* | 9 | MORGAN STANLEY | 633 |
| 8 | 10 | BAKER TILLY | 8 | 7* | - | SIMMONS & CO | 633 |
| 9 | - | BENCHMARK INTERNATIONAL BROKERS | 8 | 9 | 6 | BARCLAYS | 534 |
| 10 | - | COOPER PARRY | 8 | 10 | - | PWC | 467 |

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Yorkshire M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|-----------|----------------------|--|---|--------------------|
| 19/08/13 | Acquisition | Thornton & Ross Ltd, Huddersfield | STADA Arzneimittel AG, Germany | 221 |
| 23/10/13 | Acquisition | Aurora Networks Inc, USA | Pace Plc, Saltaire | 191 |
| 11/02/13 | Acquisition | Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Leeds | Perrigo Co, USA | 180 |
| 17/07/13 | IBO | Inenco Group Ltd, registered in Borehamwood, trading Lytham St Annes | Private Group led by Vitruvian Partners LLP and Intermediate Capital Group, London | 140 |
| 17/05/13 | Acquisition | Last Mile Developments Ltd, Hatfield | Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc, Bradford | 135 |
| 11/11/13 | Secondary Buy-Out | Allied Glass Containers Ltd, Leeds | Private Group led by CBPE Capital, England | 130 |
| 14/02/13 | Acquisition | Wage Day Advance Ltd, Skipton | Concord Finance Inc (dba Speedy Cash, USA | 105 |
| 04/12/13 | МВО | Kee Safety Group Ltd, Coventry | Eurostar Holdco Ltd, High Bentham | 90 |
| 27/11/13 | Flotation | Safestyle UK Plc, Bradford | | 70 |
| 18/11/13 | Reverse Takeover | Intechnology Managed Services Ltd, Harrogate | Redcentric Plc, Cambridge | 65 |

There were 365 M&A and ECM transactions recorded in the Yorkshire area in 2013, representing an increase of 14% from the 320 deals recorded during 2012. Meanwhile, the overall value of deals also increased by 14%, from £2.574bn in 2012 to £2.947bn in 2013.

Approximately 7.42% of all UK deals had a Yorkshire element, while the region contributed 1.18% to the UK's total deal value. KPMG was the most active financial advisor, with an involvement in 14 transactions in 2013, whilst PwC topped the ranking in terms of deal value with nine transactions worth £502m. DLA Plper was the leading legal advisor by volume and value with 20 assists, valued at approximately£504m.

The manufacturing industry was the principal driver of deal volumes in Yorkshire during 2013, accounting for just over 43% of all transactions by target activity; the next most active sectors were professional and business activities, followed by the wholesale, retails and repair industry. The manufacturing industry was also Yorkshire's most valuable sector (with £1.59bn worth of deals), far in advance of the financial industry segment (next most valuable at £800m).

- Eight large deals were announced in 2013, an increase of 100% on 2012's total of four transactions. Large deal values decreased over the same period by 4%, from £1.329bn in 2012 to £1.278bn in 2013.
- Mid-market deal activity increased significantly; 47 transactions were announced, a rise of 21% from the 39 deals announced in 2012.
 Meanwhile, the aggregate value of mid-market deals rose from £1.1bn to £1.5bn, an increase of 35%.
- Small deals fell by 16% in volume (from 62 to 52 transactions), however their aggregate deal value rose by 26% (from £136m to £171m).



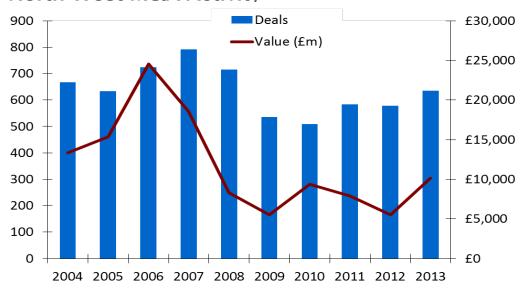
Any Yorkshire Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | DLA PIPER | 20 | 1 | - | DLA PIPER | 504 |
| 2 | 5 | WALKER MORRIS | 18 | 2 | - | EVERSHEDS | 443 |
| 3 | - | GORDONS | 16 | 3 | - | WRAGGE & CO | 270 |
| 4 | - | IRWIN MITCHELL | 15 | 4 | - | WALKER MORRIS | 251 |
| 5 | 1 | PINSENT MASONS | 13 | 5 | - | SIMCOCKS | 221 |
| 6 | 6 | SQUIRE SANDERS | 12 | 6 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 204 |
| 7 | 7 | GATELEY | 11 | 7 | - | ASHURST | 155 |
| 8 | 8 | DWF | 10 | 8* | - | KING & WOOD MALLESONS SJ BERWIN | 140 |
| 9 | 4 | EVERSHEDS | 9 | 8* | - | CLIFFORD CHANCE | 140 |
| 10 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 8 | 10 | 3 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 135 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|----------------------------------|--------|------|------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 5 | KPMG | 14 | 1 | - | PWC | 502 |
| 2 | 1 | BDO LLP | 12 | 2 | 7 | DELOITTE | 343 |
| 3 | 2 | GRANT THORNTON CORPORATE FINANCE | 11 | 3 | 6 | ROTHSCHILD | 310 |
| 4 | - | PWC | 9 | 4 | - | GRANT THORNTON | 280 |
| 5 | 7 | DELOITTE | 9 | 5 | 4 | KPMG | 237 |
| 6 | - | CENKOS SECURITIES | 7 | 6 | - | DC ADVISORY | 199 |
| 7 | - | ROTHSCHILD | 6 | 7 | - | JP MORGAN CHASE | 191 |
| 8 | - | N+1 SINGER | 6 | 8* | - | LINCOLN INTERNATIONAL | 140 |
| 9 | - | DC ADVISORY | 5 | 8* | - | ROBERT W BAIRD & CO | 140 |
| 10 | 4 | EY | 5 | 10 | - | BDO | 104 |

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North West M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|-------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 30/04/2013 | Acquisition | Hindustan Unilever Ltd, India | Unilever Plc, Port Sunlight | 3,509 |
| 24/10/2013 | Minority Stake | FGP Topco Ltd, Hounslow | Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd, Liverpool | 392 |
| 18/09/2013 | Rights Issue | Manchester United Plc, Manchester | | 251 |
| 19/11/2013 | Minority Stake | Airline Group Ltd, London | Universities Superannuation Scheme Ltd, Liverpool | 152 |
| 17/07/2013 | IBO | Inenco Group Ltd, Lytham St Annes | Private Group led by Vitruvian Partners and Intermediate Capital | 140 |
| 05/09/2013 | Acquisition | Lifestyle Services Group Ltd, Crewe | Assurant Inc, USA | 110 |
| 07/08/2013 | Acquisition | Cardpoint Ltd, Northwich | Cardtronics Inc, USA | 100 |
| 10/07/2013 | Acquisition | Services Division of Dechra Pharmaceuticals, Northwich | Patterson Companies Inc, USA | 88 |
| 19/04/2013 | Acquisition | Coliseum Shopping Park, Ellsemere Port | Crown Estate, London | 81 |
| 14/11/2013 | Acquisition | Portfolio of 10 Out of Town Odeon Multiplex Cinemas, Manchester | LondonMetric Property Plc, London | 81 |

The North West saw a total of 635 transactions over the course of 2013, showing a healthy increase of 9.67% on the previous 12 month period. Overall value almost doubled in the North West, to reach £10.1bn – the highest annual total seen in the region since 2007. The Q4 2013 total of 174 recorded transactions was the highest of the year, and indeed, the highest quarterly total since the second quarter of 2008. A significant 12.92% of all UK deals involved the North West region and the area continues to vie with the Midlands to be the busiest region outside London and the South East. The North West contributed 4.05% of overall UK transaction value.

Brabners was the most active legal advisor in the North West in 2013, advising on a total of 51 transactions. Gateley (45) and Turner Parkinson (34) completed the legal volume top three, while Linklaters advised on the highest aggregate value of deals with £3.6bn. KPMG was the region's most prolific financial advisor with an involvement in 19 transactions, while Citigroup advised on the highest total of deals at £3.9bn.

Both the Manufacturing and Wholesale, Retail & Repair industries were involved in almost £5bn worth of transactions in the North West. However, the Professional and Business Activities sector was involved in 213 deals, the highest volume of any industry of the region.

- The number of Mid-market (£10m £100m) transactions increased by 28.57% year-on-year to reach 72 in 2013. Overall value also increased, with the total of £2.2bn representing the second highest total of the last five years for this category.
- The total value of Small deals plunged by 30.07% over 2013 to reach £322m for the year, while volume also suffered a decline to a total of 121 recorded transactions for the year – down from 145 in 2012.
- Large (£100m plus) transactions performed particularly well in the region, with a total of £7.6bn recorded over the year, up by an impressive 119.15% on 2012. Volume also increased in this category to reach 13, representing an increase of 8.33% from the previous year.

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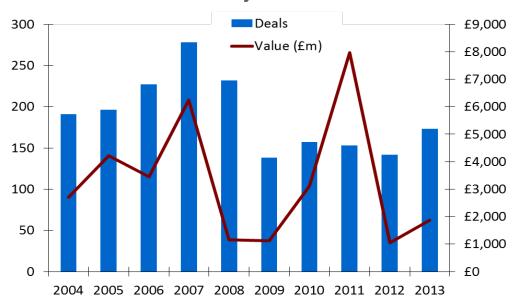
| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | BRABNERS | 51 | 1 | - | LINKLATERS | 3,558 |
| 2 | 6 | GATELEY | 45 | 2 | - | FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER | 2,462 |
| 3 | 2 | TURNER PARKINSON | 34 | 3 | 6 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 1,660 |
| 4 | 3 | DWF | 31 | 4 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 1,594 |
| 5 | - | SQUIRE SANDERS | 23 | 5 | - | BURGES SALMON | 1,500 |
| 6 | 8 | PINSENT MASONS | 22 | 6 | - | PINSENT MASONS | 569 |
| 7 | 9 | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 22 | 7 | - | BERWIN LEIGHTON PAISNER | 558 |
| 8 | 5 | DLA PIPER | 20 | 8 | - | ASHURST | 544 |
| 9 | 7 | HILL DICKINSON | 16 | 9* | 9 | CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE | 432 |
| 10 | - | BERMANS | 15 | 9* | - | FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS | 432 |
| | | | | 9* | 1 | MAYER BROWN | 432 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume |
|------|------|---------------------|--------|
| 1 | 9 | KPMG | 19 |
| 2 | 8 | PWC | 13 |
| 3 | - | BDO | 13 |
| 4 | 3 | EY | 10 |
| 5 | - | MAZARS | 10 |
| 6 | - | CLEARWATER | 9 |
| 7 | 4 | DOW SCHOFIELD WATTS | 9 |
| 8 | 7 | DELOITTE | 9 |
| 9 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 8 |
| 10 | 10 | BAKER TILLY | 7 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | - | CITIGROUP | 3,933 |
| 2 | - | HSBC | 3,509 |
| 3* | 4* | GLEACHER SHACKLOCK | 1,500 |
| 3* | - | ING | 1,500 |
| 5 | 1 | BARCLAYS | 856 |
| 6 | 3 | ROTHSCHILD | 591 |
| 7 | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 576 |
| 8 | - | INVESTEC | 561 |
| 9 | - | LAZARD | 482 |
| 10 | - | DC ADVISORY | 283 |

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North East M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|--------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| 22/01/2013 | Acquisition | Residential UK Property Portfolio | GRIP | 350 |
| 06/06/2013 | Rights Issue | Sage Group Plc, Newcastle- upon-Tyne | | 259 |
| 10/08/2013 | IBO | Ideal Stelrad Ltd, Newcastle- upon-Tyne | Private Group Led By Bregal Capital, England | 230 |
| 17/09/2013 | Acquisition | Silverlink Shopping Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne | Crown Estate, London | 131 |
| 08/11/2013 | Minority Stake | Lindhurst Wind Farm, Mansfield | Greencoat UK Wind Plc, London | 71 |
| 11/09/2013 | Acquisition | Trinity Medical Developments Ltd, Sunderland | Assura Group Ltd, Guernsey | 62 |
| 05/04/2013 | Acquisition | HMV Group Plc, Marlow | Hilco UK Ltd, Middlesbrough | 50 |
| 17/07/2013 | Acquisition | Hillstreet Shopping Centre, Middlesbrough | LVS II Lux IV Sarl, Luxembourg | 49 |
| 17/04/2013 | Rights Issue | Hargreaves Services Plc, Durham | | 42 |
| 01/02/2013 | Share Buy- Back | Sage Group Plc, Newcastle- upon-Tyne | | 39 |

A total of 173 transactions were recorded in the North East over 2013, representing an increase of 21.8% on the previous year. The increase in overall transaction volume was even more pronounced with a rise of 79.86% to reach £1.9bn. The final quarter of 2013 saw 39 deals announced, which was the second lowest quarterly total for the year, although this was very similar to the corresponding figure of 37 for Q4 2012. The North East contributed 3.5% of UK deal volume in 2013, and 0.75% of its value.

The region's most prolific legal advisor was Ward Hadaway, which advised on 18 deals, ahead of Muckle (14) and Bond Dickinson (11). Pinsent Masons advised on the highest aggregate value of deals at £350m, with Sintons and Bond Dickinson completing this top three. In the financial advisor realm, MHA Tait Walker was most active with an involvement in 13 transactions, followed by KPMG and BDO LLP with seven each. HSBC and JP Morgan Chase & Co both advised on transactions worth a total of £259m, just ahead of DC Advisory on £230m.

The strength of the Manufacturing sector in the North East was emphasised in 2013 as the category had an involvement in 38.73% of all the region's deals. Professional and Business Activities and Wholesale, Retail and Repair were second and third, respectively.

- The number of Large (£100m plus) deals doubled to four over 2013
 when compared to the previous year. The total value of £970m for this
 value category was also a significant improvement on the previous 12
 months, but remained well below the peak of £7.6bn seen in 2011.
- The number of Small (£500,000 £10m) transactions declined by 22.22% year-on-year to 28 in 2013. Overall value for this category was also down by almost a third to reach £68m.
- Finally, transactions in the Mid-market (£10m £100m) range totalled 30 in 2013, representing an increase of 25% from 2012. In further cause for optimism, the total of £838m was the highest seen since 2007 for this value category in the North East.



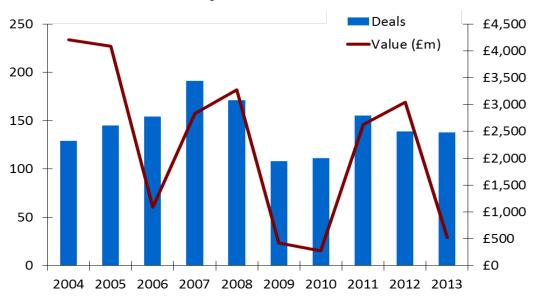
Any North East Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|----------------|--------|------|------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | WARD HADAWAY | 18 | 1 | 6 | PINSENT MASONS | 350 |
| 2 | 1 | MUCKLE | 14 | 2 | - | SINTONS | 99 |
| 3 | - | BOND DICKINSON | 11 | 3 | - | BOND DICKINSON | 97 |
| 4 | - | SINTONS | 10 | 4 | 10 | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 73 |
| 5 | 3 | WATSON BURTON | 10 | 5 | - | CMS | 71 |
| 6 | 6 | PINSENT MASONS | 5 | 6 | 1* | NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT | 71 |
| 7 | - | SQUARE ONE LAW | 5 | 7 | - | DLA PIPER | 59 |
| 8 | - | DWF | 4 | 8 | - | WALKER MORRIS | 42 |
| 9 | 4 | EVERSHEDS | 4 | 9 | - | ASHURST | 42 |
| 10 | 5 | SHOOSMITHS | 4 | 10 | 8 | WARD HADAWAY | 33 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------|------------|
| 1 | 3 | MHA TAIT WALKER | 13 | 1* | - | HSBC | 259 |
| 2 | 4 | KPMG | 7 | 1* | - | JP MORGAN CHASE | 259 |
| 3 | - | BDO | 7 | 3 | - | DC ADVISORY | 230 |
| 4 | 2 | PANMURE GORDON | 6 | 4 | - | LIBERUM CAPITAL | 140 |
| 5 | 10 | GRANT THORNTON | 6 | 5 | 5 | KPMG | 99 |
| 6 | - | LIBERUM CAPITAL | 5 | 6 | - | CENKOS SECURITIES | 73 |
| 7 | - | CLIVE OWEN | 5 | 7 | - | ORIEL SECURITIES | 62 |
| 8 | 1 | PWC | 4 | 8 | 7 | PANMURE GORDON | 57 |
| 9 | - | WARD HADAWAY | 4 | 9 | - | N+1 SINGER | 53 |
| 10 | 7 | WH IRELAND | 4 | 10 | 4 | PWC | 51 |

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Wales M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (£m) |
|------------|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 03/12/2013 | Minority Stake | Portfolio of six wind farms in Wales and Scotland | PensionDanmark, Copenhagen | 153 |
| 27/03/2013 | Acquisition | Cardiff International Airport, Cardiff | Welsh Government, Cardiff | 52 |
| 31/05/2013 | Secondary Buy- Out | Hi-Reach Ltd, trading in Cardiff | Private Group led by Rutland Partners | 50 |
| 09/01/2013 | Acquisition | Kopin Wireless, USA | IQE Plc, Cardiff | 46 |
| 07/08/2013 | IBO | Johnson Workplace Management Ltd, trading in Pontypridd | Bell Rock Bidco Ltd | 32 |
| 28/11/2013 | Acquisition | St Elli Shopping Centre, Llanelli | NewRiver Retail Ltd, Guernsey | 29 |
| 18/07/2013 | Acquisition | Two Warehouses in Cardiff and Milton Keynes | LondonMetric Property Plc | 25 |
| 08/05/2013 | Acquisition | Helmont House, Cardiff | Bishopsgate Long Term Property Unit Trust Fund, Jersey | 23 |
| 28/02/2013 | Acquisition | Livwell Ltd, from Finsbury Food Group, Cardiff | Genius Foods Ltd, Edinburgh | 20 |
| 26/02/2013 | Acquisition | Southern Cement Ltd, Ipswich | Premier Cement Ltd, trading in Swansea | 19 |

Deal levels in Wales remained stable in 2013, declining by one, from 138 to 139. In value terms, the area experienced a decrease of 82.79%, falling from £3,406.94m to £524.261m. However, the 2012 figures were boosted by the £1.45bn acquisition of Iceland Foods Ltd. Wales was responsible for 2.81% of all UK deals during 2013; this was a slight fall from the 2.9% share the region had in 2012. In value terms, Wales contributed 0.2% of the overall consideration, which was a fall from the 1.2% it accounted for in 2012.

Freeth Cartwright was the most active legal adviser in Wales, advising on five deals, with Acuity Legal and Travers Smith next, with both working on four deals. In value terms, Hill Dickinson acted on deals worth a total of £51.95m, the highest amount in the region. Meanwhile, Grant Thornton remained Wales' most active financial adviser, acting on six deals, with Rothschild acting on deals with the highest total value of £153m.

As in 2012, manufacturing was the most active sector, although this declined slightly, from 68 to 66 transactions. The social and personal service sector saw a 108.33% increase, with 25 deals in 2013, in comparison with 12 during 2012. Activity over the course of 2013 was evenly spread, with only one month (March) failing to see at least ten deals and August being the busiest with 14 deals.

- The number of small deals (£500,000 £10m) fell by 45%, from 40 in 2012 to 22 during 2013. This saw totals drop from £112.13m to £53.4m in 2013.
- Medium-sized sized deals (£10m £100m) decreased from 17 to 10, a
 41.18% fall. As a result, values decreased from £565.6m to £317.9m in
 2013
- Finally, there was only one large deal in Wales during 2013, in comparison to three in 2012, which totalled £2.37bn.



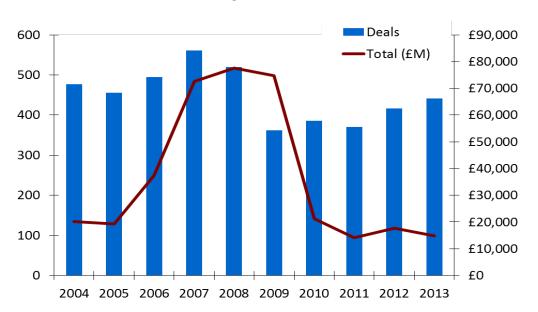
Any Wales Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1 | - | FREETH CARTWRIGHT | 5 | 1 | 2 | HILL DICKINSON | 52 |
| 2 | - | ACUITY LEGAL | 4 | 2* | - | FREETH CARTWRIGHT | 50 |
| 3 | - | TRAVERS SMITH | 4 | 2* | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 50 |
| 4* | 4 | HILL DICKINSON | 3 | 2* | - | A&L GOODBODY | 50 |
| 4* | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 3 | 2* | - | AL TAMIMI & COMPANY | 50 |
| 4* | - | BURGES SALMON | 3 | 2* | - | DARBYS | 50 |
| 4* | - | GELDARDS | 3 | 2* | - | TAYLOR WESSING | 50 |
| 4* | - | CMS | 3 | 8 | - | ACUITY LEGAL | 47 |
| 4* | - | BRABNERS / CLARION SOLICITORS | 3 | 9 | - | TRAVERS SMITH | 32 |
| 4* | - | SAS DANIELS / DLA PIPER / GATELEY | 3 | 10 | - | BERWIN LEIGHTON PAISNER | 32 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|------------------------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 6 | 1 | 1 | ROTHSCHILD | 153 |
| 2 | 2 | EY | 4 | 2 | - | DELOITTE | 57 |
| 3 | 4 | DELOITTE | 3 | 3 | - | КРМС | 52 |
| 4 | 6 | KPMG | 3 | 4 | - | DC ADVISORY | 50 |
| 5 | 3 | PWC | 3 | 5 | - | CENKOS SECURITIES | 49 |
| 6 | - | BDO | 3 | 6 | - | CANNACCORD GENUITY | 46 |
| 7 | - | MAZARS | 3 | 7* | - | PWC | 32 |
| 8* | - | CENKOS SECURITIES / HAZLEWOODS | 2 | 7* | 10 | INVESTEC | 32 |
| 8* | - | SHORE CAPITAL / BUTTERFIELD MORGAN | 2 | 9 | - | LIBERUM CAPITAL | 29 |
| 8* | - | BENCHMARK INTERNATIONAL BROKERS | 2 | 10 | - | STAMFORD PARTNERS | 20 |

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Scotland M&A Activity







There have been 441 M&A and ECM deals announced in Scotland for 2013, representing an increase of 6% from the 416 transactions announced during 2012. The fourth quarter saw 111 deals announced – down by 0.9% on the 112 deals recorded in Q4 2012. Meanwhile, values were down by 17%, from £17.7bn in 2012 to £14.7bn in YTD 2013.

A total of 9% of all UK deals had a Scottish aspect in 2013 – a slightly higher percentage than the 8.7% recorded in YTD 2012. The region contributed 5.9% of the overall value of transactions. JP Morgan Chase was the most active financial advisor in 2013, with an involvement in 17 deals, while Bank of America Merrill Lynch's £4.6bn worth of deals meant that it topped the value table. Maclay Murray & Spens was the most active legal advisor with 16 deals, ahead of DLA Piper (12) and DWF (nine); Slaughter & May headed the value table, having worked on deals worth £4.04bn in total.

The Scottish M&A landscape was dominated by the financial services sector in 2013, with 52.6% of transactions, followed by manufacturing (23.3%) and professional and business services (20.9%). Unsurprisingly, financial services also provided the bulk of value, accounting for £12.2bn worth of deals.

- 31 large (£100m plus) deals were announced in 2013, up by 10.7% on 2012's total of 28 transactions. Large deal values declined (from £15.8bn in 2012 to £12.8bn 2013).
- Mid-market (£10m £100m) deal activity fell; 45 transactions were announced, down by 6.25% from the 48 deals announced in 2012.
 Meanwhile, the aggregate value of mid-market deals also fell; by 0.5%, from £1.57bn to £1.56bn.
- The number of small deals (£500,000 £10m) increased by 10.9% on 2012's figures of 193 to 214. Deal values in 2013 also rose, from £366m of transactions in 2012 to £406m in 2013.

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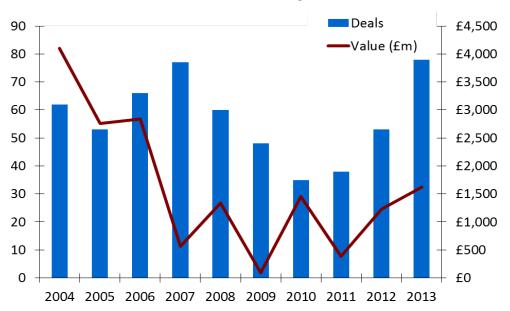
Any Scotland Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | MACLAY MURRAY & SPENS | 16 | 1 | 8 | SLAUGHTER & MAY | 4,043 |
| 2 | 6 | DLA PIPER | 12 | 2 | - | CRAVATH SWAINE & MOORE | 3,200 |
| 3 | 5 | DWF | 9 | 3 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 1,154 |
| 4 | - | HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS | 7 | 4 | - | HOGAN LOVELLS | 898 |
| 5 | 1 | PINSENT MASONS | 7 | 5 | - | GILBERT + TOBIN | 860 |
| 6 | - | GATELEY | 7 | 6 | - | MOURANT OZANNES | 699 |
| 7 | - | SLAUGHTER & MAY | 6 | 7 | - | MACLAY MURRAY & SPENS | 686 |
| 8 | - | MACFARLANES | 5 | 8 | - | PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON | 615 |
| 9 | 4 | DUNDAS & WILSON | 5 | 9 | - | DLA PIPER | 596 |
| 10 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 5 | 10 | - | LINKLATERS | 504 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 5 | JP MORGAN CHASE | 17 | 1 | - | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 4,598 |
| 2 | - | BDO | 12 | 2 | - | JP MORGAN CHASE | 4,297 |
| 3 | 4 | ANDERSON ANDERSON & BROWN | 10 | 3 | - | UBS | 3,448 |
| 4 | - | KPMG | 8 | 4 | - | LAZARD | 3,200 |
| 5 | 1 | GRANT THORNTON | 7 | 5 | 2 | GOLDMAN SACHS | 1,767 |
| 6 | 10 | PWC | 7 | 6 | 7 | CREDIT SUISSE | 1,093 |
| 7 | - | SIMMONS & CO | 6 | 7 | - | MORGAN STANLEY | 363 |
| 8 | 6 | EY | 6 | 8 | - | SIMMONS & CO | 352 |
| 9 | - | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 5 | 9 | - | BDO | 285 |
| 10 | 2 | CANACCORD GENUITY | 5 | 10 | - | KPMG | 266 |

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Northern Ireland M&A Activity



| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (GB£m) |
|------------|------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 02/08/2013 | Secondary Buy-Out | Carmel Capital II SARL, Luxembourg | Private Group led by Hastings Funds Management | 700 |
| 12/11/2013 | Reverse Takeover | Aktobe Steel Production LLP, Kazakhstan | Galleon Holdings Plc, Belfast | 329 |
| 06/02/2013 | Acquisition | Portfolio of UK Wind Farms, Scotland | Greencoat UK Wind Plc, London | 140 |
| 30/07/2013 | Development Capital | ERE Developments Ltd, Belfast | | 81 |
| 01/05/2013 | Acquisition | Aepona Ltd, Northern Belfast | Intel Corp, USA | 77 |
| 14/02/2013 | Acquisition | Northgate Managed Services Ltd, Newtonabbey | Capita Plc, London | 65 |
| 28/10/2013 | Acquisition | Advanced Sensors Ltd, Carrickfergus | Roper Industries Inc, USA | 34 |
| 16/10/2013 | Acquisition | Tesco Extra Store in Newry, Northern Ireland | Scottish Widows Investment Partnership Ltd, London | 30 |
| 15/11/2013 | Acquisition | Hilden Properties Ltd, Hillsborough | British Land Company Plc, London | 29 |
| 29/10/2013 | Divestment | Tesco Extra Store in Craigavon, Northern Ireland | | 24 |

The total of 78 transactions recorded in Northern Ireland over 2013 represents the highest such number in the last 10 years. This was largely attributable to a surge in activity in the final quarter of the year, with 30 transactions recorded in Q4 2013, which was again a 10-year high. Overall transaction value reached £1.6bn in Northern Ireland in 2013, which is up by 31.2% on the previous 12 month period, although still some way short of the 2004 peak of £4.1bn.

The region contributed 1.59% of all UK transaction volume in 2013, which was up against the corresponding figure of 1.11% seen in 2012. The region contributed just 0.65% of total UK value, which was the second lowest percentage of all regions.

A & L Goodbody was far and away the most prolific legal advisor in Northern Ireland over 2013, with an involvement in 28 transactions. Mills Selig (five deals) and Addleshaw Goddard (four) completed the volume top three while A & L Goodbody also acted on the highest aggregate value of deals with a total of £1.1bn. BDO was the most active financial advisor over the year, ending up with an involvement in 11 deals, ahead of KPMG (five deals) and Horwood & Holmes Corporate Finance (also five). In value terms the total of £329m was the highest, which was the aggregate value of deals involving Cairn Financial Advisors.

The manufacturing industry was most commonly involved in Northern Irish transactions (35 recorded deals), followed by wholesale, retail and repair (20), and computer activities (16).

- There were three large (£100m plus) deals in Northern Ireland over 2013, representing a par figure when compared to other years. The overall value of this segment increased by 21.37% to reach £1.2bn.
- The total of 17 small (£500,000 £10m) transactions represented the highest total seen in Northern Ireland since 2004, while overall value reached a record £72.1m.
- A 50% increase from 2012 saw the number of mid-market (£10m -£100m) transactions reach nine, with overall value also up to a total of £379m.

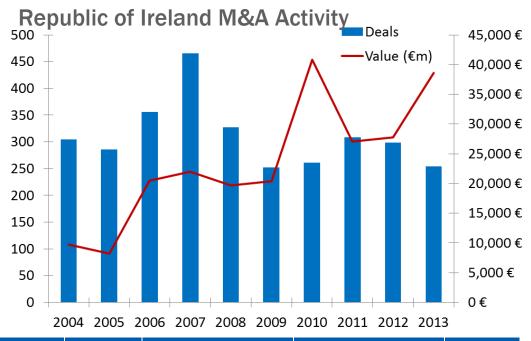
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Any Northern Ireland Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|-------------------|--------|------|------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | A & L GOODBODY | 28 | 1 | 5 | A & L GOODBODY | 1,099 |
| 2 | - | MILLS SELIG | 5 | 2 | - | PINSENT MASONS | 700 |
| 3 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 4 | 3 | - | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 700 |
| 4 | 3 | TUGHANS | 4 | 4 | 3* | EVERSHEDS | 81 |
| 5 | 6* | EVERSHEDS | 3 | 5 | - | CARSON MCDOWELL | 81 |
| 6 | - | ARTHUR COX | 3 | 6 | - | MORRISON & FOERSTER | 77 |
| 7 | - | PINSENT MASONS | 2 | 7 | - | ADDLESHAW GODDARD | 65 |
| 8 | 6* | DLA PIPER | 2 | 8 | - | WALKER MORRIS | 65 |
| 9 | - | GATELEY | 2 | 9 | - | ARTHUR COX | 42 |
| 10 | - | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 1 | 10 | 7* | KING & WOOD MALLESONS SJ BERWIN | 29 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (£m) |
|------|------|--------------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 2 | BDO | 11 | 1 | - | CAIRN FINANCIAL ADVISERS | 329 |
| 2 | - | KPMG | 5 | 2 | - | KPMG | 91 |
| 3 | 1 | HORWOOD & HOLMES | 5 | 3 | - | RSM TENON | 65 |
| 4 | - | INVESTEC BANK | 3 | 4 | - | BDO | 41 |
| 5* | - | GRANT THORNTON | 2 | 5 | 9 | HORWOOD & HOLMES | 11 |
| 5* | - | MAZARS | 2 | 6 | - | INVESTEC | 10 |
| 7 | - | CAIRN FINANCIAL ADVISERS | 1 | 7 | - | GRANT THORNTON | 8 |
| 8 | - | RSM TENON | 1 | 8* | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 7 |
| 9* | - | CANACCORD GENUITY | 1 | 8* | - | CAVENDISH | 7 |
| 9* | - | CAVENDISH | 1 | 10 | - | MAZARS | 6 |





| Announced | Deal Type | Target | Bidder | Deal Value (€m) |
|------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 29/07/2013 | Acquisition | Elan Corporation Plc, Dublin | Perrigo Co, USA | 6,657 |
| 20/05/2013 | Acquisition | Warner Chilcott Plc, Dublin | Actavis Inc, USA | 6,652 |
| 16/12/2013 | Acquisition | International Lease Finance Corp, USA | AerCap Holdings NV, Shannon | 5,422 |
| 11/11/2013 | Acquisition | ViroPharma Inc, USA | Shire Plc, Dublin | 3,124 |
| 04/12/2013 | Rights Issue | Bank of Ireland Group, Dublin | | 1,856 |
| 20/02/2013 | Acquisition | Irish Life, Dublin | Canada Life Ltd, England | 1,355 |
| 11/12/2013 | Acquisition | Bord Gais Eireann, Cork | Centrica Plc, England | 1,118 |
| 10/01/2013 | Divestment | Bank of Ireland Group, Dublin | | 972 |
| 24/06/2013 | Acquisition | Telefonica Ireland Ltd, Ireland | Hutchison 3G Ireland Ltd, Ireland | 861 |
| 19/12/2013 | Acquisition | Gentium SpA, Italy | Jazz Pharmaceuticals Plc, Dublin | 725 |

The total number of Irish M&A and ECM transactions in 2013 was 254 - a decline of 15.1% from the 299 transactions announced in 2012. However, value figures for the year increased significantly. Transactions worth €38.6bn were announced in 2013, up by 39.1% from 2012's €27.7bn worth of deals. This was due to a spike the number of mega (€1bn plus) deals. There were six very large deals announced in 2013, up from three in 2012. Meanwhile, the value of these deals was up by almost €10bn (from €15.8bn in 2012 to €25.1bn in 2013). The year's mega-deals were split between the Republic of Ireland's pharmaceutical manufacturing and financial services sector, and included US pharmaceutical firm Perrigo Co's acquisition of Dublin's Elan Corporation for \$8.6bn after a long-running takeover battle, the largest deal of the year.

M&A activity in the Republic of Ireland was dominated by the manufacturing sector in 2013, with 43.3% of deals; however, deal volumes here were down by 27.1% (from 150 in 2012 to 110 in 2013). Meanwhile, the next most active sector, wholesale, retail & repair, saw activity decline by 41.6%. However, 2013 saw strong growth in post and telecommunications (with a 114% upturn in activity), social and personal services (76.5%) and research and development (53.3%). In terms of value, the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector saw the aggregate value of transactions up from €2.5bn in 2012 to €19bn in 2013.

- There were 37 large deals announced in 2013, up by 32.1% on 2012's total of 28; the twelve large deals announced in Q4 represented the busiest quarter in the large deals value segment since Q4 2006.
- Mid-market deal activity declined; 43 transactions were announced, down by 35.8% from the 67 deals announced in 2012. Meanwhile, the aggregate value of mid-market deals fell by 34.4%, from €2.8bn to €1.84bn.
- The number of small deals fell by 11.1% on 2012's figures; down from 54 to 48 transactions. The aggregate value of small transactions also fell by 26.3%, from €243m to €179m.



Republic of Ireland Involvement

| 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Legal Advisor | Value (€m) |
|------|------|------------------------------|--------|------|------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | A & L GOODBODY | 40 | 1 | 1 | A & L GOODBODY | 27,121 |
| 2 | 3 | MATHESON | 36 | 2 | 2 | ARTHUR COX | 11,387 |
| 3 | 2 | ARTHUR COX | 24 | 3 | 5 | DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL | 10,272 |
| 4 | 4 | WILLIAM FRY | 20 | 4 | 4 | MATHESON | 9,188 |
| 5 | 6 | MCCANN FITZGERALD | 16 | 5 | - | CADWALADER WICKERSHAM & TAFT | 7,225 |
| 6 | 7 | EVERSHEDS | 15 | 6 | - | LATHAM & WATKINS | 7,171 |
| 7 | 8 | LK SHIELDS & PARTNERS | 7 | 7 | - | DILLON EUSTACE | 6,657 |
| 8 | - | DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL | 6 | 8 | - | SULLIVAN & CROMWELL | 6,657 |
| 9 | - | CADWALADER WICKERSHAM & TAFT | 4 | 9* | - | SKADDEN ARPS SLATE MEAGHER & FLOM | 3,124 |
| 10 | - | LATHAM & WATKINS | 4 | 9* | 7 | SLAUGHTER AND MAY | 3,124 |

| 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Volume | 2013 | 2012 | Financial Advisor | Value (€m) |
|------|------|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | DAVY | 15 | 1 | 3 | MORGAN STANLEY | 10,473 |
| 2 | - | GOODBODY | 8 | 2 | 1 | GOLDMAN SACHS | 9,776 |
| 3 | 4 | MORGAN STANLEY | 7 | 3 | - | DAVY | 9,567 |
| 4 | 6 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 6 | 4 | 5 | BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH | 9,171 |
| 5 | - | CREDIT SUISSE | 6 | 5 | 6 | DEUTSCHE BANK | 8,729 |
| 6 | - | CITIGROUP | 5 | 6 | 4 | CITIGROUP | 7,398 |
| 7 | 2 | EY | 5 | 7 | - | ONDRA PARTNERS | 7,225 |
| 8 | - | ONDRA PARTNERS | 4 | 8 | 7 | BARCLAYS | 6,989 |
| 9 | - | BARCLAYS | 4 | 9 | - | GREENHILL & CO | 6,652 |
| 10 | - | EVERCORE PARTNERS | 4 | 10 | - | LAZARD | 3,124 |

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