

Statistical Bulletin

Mergers and Acquisitions Involving UK Companies, Q3 2012



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Key findings

- The value of cross-border (inward and outward) mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity involving UK companies increased in Q3 2012, despite a decrease in the number of transactions.
- Acquisitions abroad by UK companies (outward acquisitions) increased from £6.8 billion in Q3 2011 to £7.8 billion in Q3 2012. However, the number of transactions decreased from 77 in Q3 2011 to nine in Q3 2012.
- Acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies (inward acquisitions) increased from £5.1 billion in Q3 2011 to £8.6 billion in Q3 2012. The number of transactions fell in Q3 2012 to 31, compared with 68 in the same quarter of the previous year.
- Cross-border M&A activity involving UK companies continued to be dominated by large companies, a trend seen for the last three years.
- Mergers and acquisitions between UK companies (domestic M&A) fell in Q3 2012 to its lowest level since 1992 (current price basis).

Summary

This statistical bulletin provides estimates of the value and numbers of mergers, acquisitions and disposals involving UK companies with values of £1.0 million or more. The information provided reflects solely the change in majority ownership (ordinary shares). See note 5 of Background Notes.

These estimates are used to enhance the Foreign Direct Investment survey.

Only transactions which result in a change of ultimate control of the target company are included. Throughout this release, figures relating to mergers are included within acquisitions. This series is volatile because the quarterly figures are often dominated by a small number of very large

transactions. The values of transactions involving UK companies are published on a current price basis.

Table A: Number and value of mergers and acqusitions involving UK companies

Values in £ billion

	Acquisitions abroad by U companies ¹	IK	Acquisitions the UK by for companies ¹	oreign	Acquisition: UK by other companies ¹	·UK
	(outward acquisitions	s)	(inward acquisitions	5)	(domestic acquisitions	s)
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
2010	199	12.4	212	36.6	325	12.6
2011	286	50.2	237	33.0	373	8.1
2010 Q1	30	1.0	54	14.4	67	1.4
2010 Q2	49	2.3	48	2.8	95	2.0
2010 Q3	54	5.3	59	12.4	80	2.9
2010 Q4	66	3.8	51	7.0	83	6.3
2011 Q1	70	19.8	54	5.8	76	1.5
2011 Q2	75	11.0	68	9.7	94	3.3
2011 Q3	77	6.8	68	5.1	97	1.5
2011 Q4	64	12.6	47	12.4	106	1.8
2012 Q1r	25	0.8	51	4.3	63	1.1
2012 Q2r	41	6.1	48	2.7	79	1.0
2012 Q3p	9	7.8	31	8.6	47	0.5

Table notes:

- 1. See background notes 4, 5 and 6
- 2. r = revised

p = provisional

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Despite a fall in the number of transactions, the value of outward and inward acquisitions rose during Q3 2012, much in line with the views of external commentators such as Experian, who reported that cross-border M&A was dominated by businesses at the top end of the market. The increase in value per transaction is also broadly in line with global activity, as reported in the Appleby Q3 2012 Report for Offshore M&A Activity.

Cross-border M&A activity involving UK companies was dominated by a small number of large transactions, generally by businesses with strong balance sheets, who have access to credit on good terms. This could indicate some resilience in the M&A market.

Domestic transactions (acquisitions in the UK by other UK companies) fell to the lowest level reported since Q3 1992, when a figure of £0.5 billion was reported. Current domestic activity may offer an insight into the business conditions seen by the majority of companies. According to the Bank of England's <u>Trends in Lending</u> report, it seems they may still be adopting defensive strategies in the face of economic uncertainty.

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Transactions abroad by UK companies

This section illustrates the value and number of acquisitions and disposals abroad by UK companies over the last five years (outward M&A).

Value of transactions (Table 1)

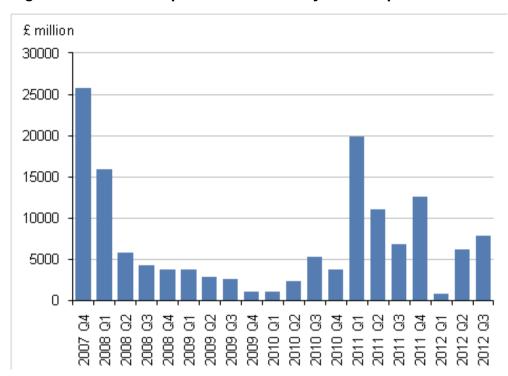


Figure 1: Value of acquisitions abroad by UK companies

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

- 1. At Q1 2010 the deal identification threshold was raised from £0.1 million to £1.0 million. There is therefore a negligible discontinuity in the value of transactions reported in the table above.
- 2. All values are at current prices (see Background Notes for definition).

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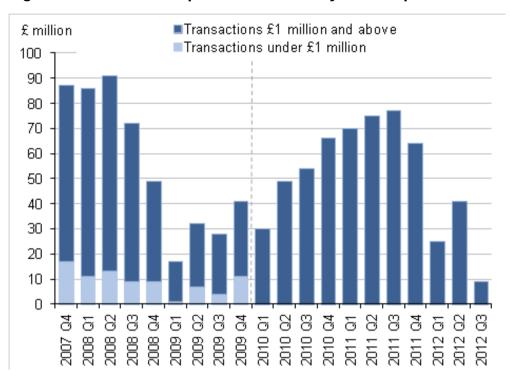


Figure 2: Number of acquisitions abroad by UK companies

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. At Q1 2010 the deal identification threshold for the mergers and acquisitions surveys was raised from £0.1million to £1.0million. There is therefore a discontinuity in the number of transactions reported as illustrated above.

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The value of acquisitions abroad by UK companies increased from £6.1 billion in Q2 2012 to £7.8 billion in Q3 2012 (Figure 1). However, the majority of this increase is attributable to fewer deals with significantly high values. When compared with Q3 2011, the value of foreign companies acquired by UK companies in Q3 2012 has risen from £6.8 billion to £7.8 billion, an increase of 15%.

The number of outward acquisitions between the second and third quarters of 2012 has fallen by 78%. There were 41 acquisitions of foreign companies by UK companies in Q2 2012, compared with nine in Q3 2012 (Figure 2). The number of transactions in Q3 2012 has fallen by approximately 88% compared with Q3 2011, a decrease of 68 deals.

The most significant transactions occurring in Q3 2012 were the acquisition of De Beers SA and D B Investments SA of Luxembourg by Anglo American Plc and the acquisition of Human Genome Sciences, Inc of the USA by GlaxoSmithKline Plc.

Value and Number of Disposals Abroad by UK Companies

Both the value and number of disposals abroad by UK companies decreased in Q3 2012. There were five disposals with a value of £0.6 billion, compared with 14 disposals reported in Q2 2012 with a value of £1.4 billion, a decrease of 55%. Compared with the same quarter a year ago, the value of disposals has decreased by approximately 83%, the lowest since Q2 2009, when the UK emerged from recession. This could be an indication that some companies are delaying the sale of their foreign businesses until the return of more favourable exchange rates and an improvement in M&A market conditions.

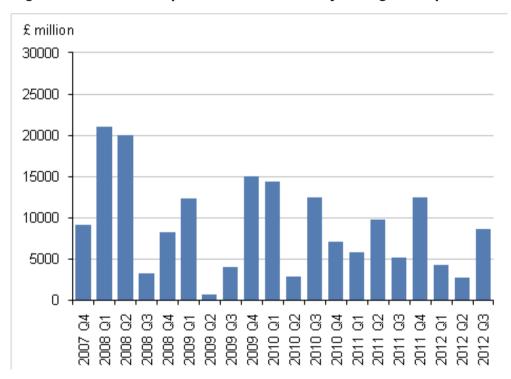
There were two significant transactions in Q3 2012 namely the disposal of St Hubert SAS of France by Dairy Crest Group Plc for a reported value of £0.3 billion and the disposal of Energy North Natural Gas, Inc & Granite State Electric Company of the USA by National Grid Plc.

Transactions in the UK by foreign companies

This section illustrates the value and number of acquisitions and disposals in the UK by foreign companies over the last five years (inward M&A).

Value of transactions (Table 1)

Figure 3: Value of acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies



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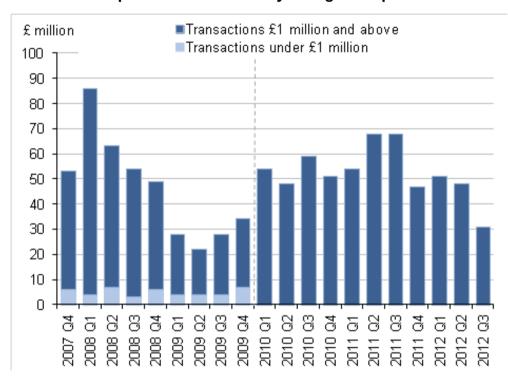
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Number of transactions (Table 1)

Number of acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies between 2007 and 2012



Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

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The value of acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies (inward investment) increased substantially between Q2 and Q3 of 2012 from £2.7 billion to £8.6 billion (Figure 3). However, there were fewer deals recorded and of these, a proportion were of significant value.

There were 31 acquisitions of UK companies by foreign companies in Q3 2012, down from 48 in Q2 2012.

When comparing inward acquisitions with the same period a year ago, the value has increased by 68% from £5.1 billion in Q3 2011 to £8.6 billion in Q3 2012. However, compared with the same

quarter in the previous year, the number of transactions in Q3 2012 has actually fallen by 37 deals. This may indicate that, during this period, M&A activity was dominated by larger companies.

Three significant deals are shown in the table below and account for 47% of the total value of inward acquisitions:

Table B: Significant transactions in the UK by foreign companies, Q3 2012

Value in £ million

CGI Group, Inc acquiring Logica Plc	1,700 *	
PTT Exploration and Production Plc acquiring Cove Energy Plc	1,221 *	
H&F Lux Holdco S.A.R.L. acquiring Charterhouse Nadia 1 Limited	1,129 *	

Table notes:

- 1. * Value as reported in financial press or other public sources
- 2. See background notes 2, 3 and 4

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Another significant deal which completed in Q3 was the acquisition of NDS Group Holdings Ltd by Cisco Systems, Inc of the USA.

Transactions in the UK by other UK companies

This section illustrates the value and number of acquisitions in the UK by other UK companies over the last five years (domestic M&A).

Value of transactions (Table 8)

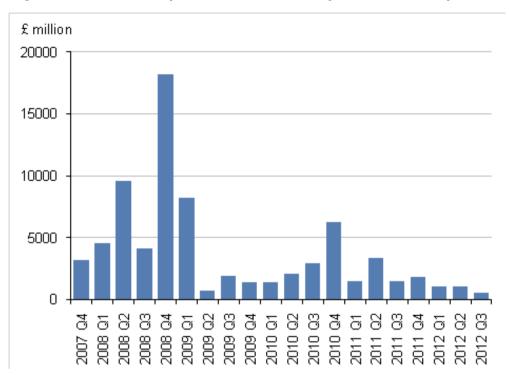


Figure 5: Value of acquisitions in the UK by other UK companies

Source: Office for National Statistics

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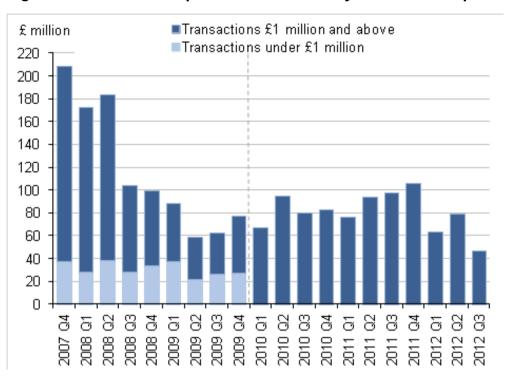


Figure 6: Number of acquisitions in the UK by other UK companies

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

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The value of acquisitions in the UK by other UK companies (domestic investment) fell between Q2 and Q3 of 2012, from £1.0 billion to £0.5 billion. This is the lowest quarterly value reported since Q2 2009. The most significant transaction recorded in Q3 2012 was the acquisition of Woodstock Target 10 Limited by Trilliam Bidco Limited.

The number of domestic acquisitions decreased significantly between the second and third quarters of 2012 (Figure 6). There were 47 acquisitions of UK companies by other UK companies in Q3 2012, compared with 79 in Q2 2012. Within these transactions there were 40 acquisitions of independent companies (85% of the total number of deals) and seven transactions by company groups involving their subsidiaries (15%).

Annual comparisons of Q3 data between 2011 and 2012 reflect a sharp decline in domestic M&A activity, where both the number and value of domestic transactions fell considerably. There were 97 deals in Q3 2011 compared with 47 in Q3 2012, the lowest number reported since Q2 2009. This may be evidence of continued caution by UK companies to undertake equity capital transactions during the current economic climate.

Background notes

1. User engagement

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2. Basic quality information

The Quality and Methodology Information for Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) surveys (656.3 Kb Pdf) report describes in detail the uses of the statistics presented in this publication, their general quality and the methods used to produce them.

3. Relevance to users

Within ONS, the mergers and acquisitions data are considered to be essential for producing Balance of Payments and economic accounts statistics. The survey results form important components of the UK Balance of Payments and the National Economic and Financial Accounts and are vital in the measurement of the financial and non-financial business sector accounts.

The Cross-Borders Mergers and Acquisitions survey (M&A) data are used in the compilation of the estimates of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). These data meet the needs of FDI by collecting data on all acquisitions which lead to a holding in excess of 10% of the issued share capital. These estimates then feed into the UK Balance of Payments and the 'Rest of the World' sector of the financial accounts in the National Accounts, for which there is an EU legal requirement. Individual transaction information is also used to estimate the counterpart in 'portfolio' investment flows for monthly Balance of Payments.

The data collected are also used in updating business structures and country of ownership codes on the Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR). The IDBR is a comprehensive list of UK businesses that is used by government for statistical purposes.

Elsewhere in government, examples of departments who use the data include:

- HM Treasury, Economic Analysis Division, where the data is used in preparing briefing and forecasting,
- Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, where direct investment data is required for ministerial briefing, parliamentary questions and in formulating trade policy,
- UK Trade & Investment, where the information is used for briefing on the extent to which the
 UK is successful in attracting inward investment,
- and HM Revenue and Customs, where the data is used to help in forecasting company taxation.

Non-government users include:

Private companies which are interested in analysing country and industry data for trends by foreign firms in the UK and by UK companies abroad and also for researching corporate finance activity and for the purpose of investment banking:

- UK embassies of foreign countries, which are interested in information on specific countries and companies making acquisitions,
- and Private sector economists, journalists and academics who are interested in information on particular industries and particular countries for research purposes and who use the data for periodic statistical comparisons.

Feedback from users has indicated that the information received from the M&A survey has a high degree of relevance across the above user groups, meets the vast majority of user needs, and all information currently collected and published is used.

Source of data:

The information collected is based on reports in the financial press, specialist magazines, company and financial websites supplemented by special surveys to businesses to determine the form, value and timing of each transaction.

Global M&A activity is often driven by the availability of credit and company profits as well as a sense of confidence in the economic outlook. The majority of large M&A deals involve some element of borrowing or leveraging and therefore when credit markets freeze, as happened in the 2007 global financial crisis, and the subsequent Euro area sovereign debt crisis, then M&A activity is curtailed. A poor global credit market would discourage M&A activity.

If the information is not yet in the public domain, such transactions may not be reflected in the analysis. Where full information has not yet been received on the details of the acquisition or disposal, the value of the transaction indicated in the public domain is used as an interim estimate.

The data shown in this release relate solely to mergers and acquisitions undertaken by companies: acquisitions by individuals are not included.

All values are published as current prices which are the prices as they were at the time of measurement and not adjusted for inflation.

4. Significant transactions

Significant Transactions tables show the reported figures for a selection of significant transactions which occurred in the quarter, where 'significance' is defined as the absolute value of the deal. The figures shown are usually the ones available from the financial press or other sources in the public domain although occasionally, with the consent of the company, the value returned to the Office for National Statistics (ONS) is used in the tables instead of the

press reported figure. If the company's consent cannot be obtained then the deal is excluded, however, the values are included in the aggregate tables.

Occasionally, therefore, a large deal may be missing (suppressed) from the lists so it is best to regard these tables as an indication of the ranking of deals rather than a completely exhaustive listing. Press reported figures often differ to some extent from those supplied by companies to ONS and it is the latter which are used in compiling statistical aggregates in tables 1-10. Included in the prices quoted in the tables of significant transactions is the total published price paid for the company excluding any assumed debt where known. Deferred payments are included in the reported price even if the payment is made in a different quarter.

5. Types of transactions covered

Mergers are acquisitions in which all or part of the payment is made in shares, such that the shareholders of the two companies become shareholders of a new, combined company group.

Demergers are disposals where a company group divides into two or more separate companies, in such a way that the shareholders of the restructured companies remain the same, or retain the equivalent value shareholding in one of the newly independent companies. Demergers are included in the statistics within disposals.

Cross-border acquisitions denote transactions where a company in one country acquires, either directly or indirectly, a controlling interest in a company in another country.

Direct transactions are those where a company in one country acquires a controlling interest in a company incorporated in another country.

Indirect transactions are those where a company uses an existing foreign subsidiary to acquire a controlling interest in a company incorporated in another country. The acquiring foreign intermediate company may be located in the same country in which the acquisition is being made or in a different country.

Acquisitions within the UK by other UK companies denote mergers and acquisitions involving only UK registered companies.

Where the acquired company was a subsidiary of another company the transaction is classified as a sale between company groups.

The phrase 'acquisitions in the UK by UK companies' refer to deals where the ultimate ownership remains in the UK. This heading does not cover the total number or value of deals where a UK company is the acquirer. When a foreign company acquires a UK company through one of its existing UK subsidiaries or a UK registered special purpose vehicle that deal is shown as part of the data under 'acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies'.

6. Financing

This statistical bulletin provides details of the application of funds to effect mergers and acquisitions and the proceeds raised from disinvestments and demergers.

For indirect foreign transactions there is the added complication of considering the movements of funds either as capital injection or in the form of loans between parent companies and their foreign subsidiaries making the acquisition. Occasionally, the foreign subsidiary obtains the funds required partly or entirely outside the UK from sources such as:

- a. Own resources,
- b. Borrowing from banks and other local sources,
- c. Share, bond and other capital or notes issued abroad.

A transaction may be funded by more than one method.

7. Revisions

Data for Q1 and Q2 2012 have been revised in the light of new information, and so revisions to the data for Q1 and Q2 2012 have been published in this statistical bulletin. No further revisions to data prior to Q1 2012 have been made. Therefore time series data for all quarters of 2011 and any previous historic quarterly periods remains unchanged.

Annual data tables for 2011 are produced in conjunction with the Q4 2011 data. Revisions to the 2011 quarterly and annual figures are re-calculated at Q1 2012 only. No revisions to annual data prior to 2011 have been made. Therefore time series data for previous historic annual periods remain unchanged.

Revisions to the aggregates used in M&A principally occur for the following reasons:

Completion of transactions:

On announcement of a proposed transaction an expected completion date is usually given. The publicly reported values will be allocated to the quarter of expected completion. If the transaction is ultimately completed in an earlier or later quarter, the recorded values will be reallocated to the new quarter.

Publicly reported values:

Publicly reported values are initially used to compile the aggregates. These can vary considerably from the values ultimately supplied by the respondents, frequently because the assumption of debt has been included in the publicly reported value. A nominal value is applied if no publicly reported value is available. The final values used to create the aggregates are those supplied by the respondent.

Non-completion of transactions:

On announcement of a proposed transaction the publicly reported value of the transaction is recorded. If the transaction does not subsequently take place the recorded value will be deleted.

Non-share transactions:

On announcement of a proposed transaction it may appear that there will be transactions in the share capital of the companies involved and the publicly reported values will be recorded. If subsequent information contradicts this the recorded values will be amended or deleted.

Control:

On announcement of a proposed transaction it may appear that the transaction will give the purchasing company control of the purchased company, that is, a share ownership of greater than 50%. If subsequent information contradicts this the recorded values will be amended or deleted.

Revisions from respondents:

Very occasionally respondents revise the values that they have previously supplied to ONS. The revised values are those used to create the aggregates.

Table C: Average revisions over the previous five quarters

	Value in latest quarter	Average revision (Bias)	Average revision without regard to sign (Average Absolute Revision)
Value of Outward Acquisitions	6,123.0	944.2	944.2
Value of Outward Disposals	1,375.0	204.4	278.8
Value of Inward Acquisitions	2,713.0	778.2	778.2
Value of Inward Disposals			
Value of Domestic Acquisitions	1,021.0	396.2	415.4

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Table D: Average revisions over the previous five quarters

	Number in latest quarter	Average Revision (Bias)
Number of Outward Acquisitions	41	19.8
Number of Outward Disposals	14	6.4
Number of Inward Acquisitions	48	15.0
Number of Inward Disposals	7	-12.4
Number of Domestic Acquisitions	79	23.4

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The difference between the first and later estimate give an indication of the magnitude of one component of error in the first estimate. A statistical test is applied to the average revisions to find out if there is bias in the estimates. The revisions are considered to be biased if the mean revision is significantly different from zero. Analyses indicate statistically significant bias in the revisions for the value of inward acquisitions, however, as a caveat, a relatively short period of time is being considered (implying that the degrees of freedom are low). For the other variables, these tests were not statistically significant for any of the key variables implying that the average revision might be non zero simply through random effects.

This reflects the fact that the primary reason for revisions to the numbers of transactions is the identification of further deals after the statistics are initially released.

8. Response rates

Table E: Response rates

Cross-border mergers and acquisition	ons: Outwards	
Statistics of Sample Size – Latest Surve	ey Conducted:	
Reference Period	Q2 2012	Q3 2012
Response Rate (%)	85	100
Cross-border mergers and acquisition	ons: <i>Inward</i> s	
Statistics of Sample Size – Latest Surve	ey Conducted:	
Reference Period	Q2 2012	Q3 2012
Response Rate (%)	87	71
Domestic mergers and acquisitions ((DAM)	
Statistics of Sample Size – Latest Surve	ey Conducted:	
Reference Period	Q2 2012	Q3 2012
Response Rate (%)	93	87

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9. Notes to tables

The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 to a value of £1.0 million from a previous value of £0.1 million. As a consequence there is a discontinuity in the number of deals reported from Q1 2010 onwards compared with previous periods. The size of this discontinuity is highlighted in figures 3, 5 and 7.

Symbols used in the tables are:

- .. Figure suppressed to avoid disclosure of information relating to individual enterprises.
- Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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The UK Statistics Authority has reviewed this publication in their report: "Assessment of compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics": Statistics of International Transactions, which was published on 8 December 2011. This review recommended that the Mergers and Acquisitions estimates be designated as National Statistics, subject to ONS carrying out certain requirements. ONS is working hard to meet the requirements set out in this assessment report.

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Annual									
2002	262	26,626	128	7,074	117	16,798	60	7,912	
2003	243	20,756	136	8,643	129	9,309	55	3,620	
2004	305	18,709	118	5,485	178	29,928	54	5,514	
2005	365	32,732	110	12,668	242	50,280	61	8,387	
2006	405	37,412	89	21,214	259	77,750	55	14,208	
2007	441	57,814	104	10,221	269	82,121	66	7,524	
2008	298	29,670	71	12,062	252	52,552	49	5,139	
2009	118	10,148	37	5,101	112	31,984	38	7,820	
2010 ²	199	12,414	73	11,411	212	36,643	58	9,891	
2011	286	50,234	80	14,111	237	32,967	69	11,748	
Quarterly	1								
2008 Q4	49	3,748	18	1,374	49	8,274	5	1,665	
2009 Q1	17	3,744	13	1,299	28	12,354	6	2,157	
2009 Q2	32	2,811	7	726	22	645	11	236	
2009 Q3	28	2,574	7		28	3,934	8	2,715	
2009 Q4	41	1,019	10		34	15,051	13	2,712	
2010 Q1 ²	30	1,027	13	2,790	54	14,371	8	332	
2010 Q2	49	2,293	18	866	48	2,841	15	1,092	
2010 Q3	54	5,308	18	4,189	59	12,405	19	3,448	
2010 Q4	66	3,786	24	3,566	51	7,026	16	5,019	
2011 Q1	70	19,848	18	3,268	54	5,765	15	925	
2011 Q2	75	10,982	19	3,110	68	9,712	15	6,102	
2011 Q3	77	6,816	22	3,620	68	5,108	17	1,887	
2011 Q4	64	12,588	21	4,113	47	12,382	22	2,834	
2012 Q1	25	772	8	2,122	51 [†]	4,287 [†]	8 †	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
2012 Q2	41 †	6,123 [†]	14 [†]	1,375 [†]	48	2,713	7		
2012 Q3	9	7,834	5	614	31	8,574			

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⁻ indicates data is zero or less than £0.5m

¹ Includes acquisitions by foreign companies routed through their UK subsidiary companies

 $^{^2}$ The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

2 Mergers and Acquisitions Abroad by UK Companies: Source of Funding



	Tota	al ¹	Direct Tran	sactions ²	ļ	ndirect Transa	ctions of which:	
			Funds Paid	Directly	Funded by I	_oan from	Funds Raise	ed Locally
			by UK F	Parent	UK Pa	rent	Abro	ad
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAQ	CBBI	CBBU	CBBV	CBBW	CBBX	CBBY	CBBZ
2002	262	26,626	185	17,000	52	5,556	44	4,070
2003	243	20,756	161	13,043	54	5,422	47	2,291
2004	305	18,709	186	9,250	69	8,076	71	1,383
2005	365	32,732	239	20,234	69	5,511	83	6,987
2006	405	37,412	277	28,800	96	5,498	54	3,114
2007	441	57,814	289	34,880	105	14,814	66	8,120
2008	298	29,670	196	17,972	75	6,688	44	5,010
2009	118	10,148	97	7,456	17	2,530	11	162
2010 ³	199	12,414	149	10,507	38	1,166	26	741
2011	286	50,234	223	36,912	47	4,999	35	8,323

[†] indicates earliest revision, if any

Disclosive data indicated by ..

Therefore numbers may not sum exactly across the columns

⁻ indicates data is zero or less than £0.5m

¹ Where a transaction is funded in more than one way, it is included in 'Number' in each method but only once in 'Total'.

² Transactions for which details about financing have not been confirmed are included amongst direct transactions. The figures are subsequently revised when details become available.

³ The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

3 Disposals Abroad by UK Companies: Funds Realised



•	Tota	al ¹	Direct Tran	sactions ²	Į	ndirect Transa	ctions of which:	
			Funds Paid to UK P	•	Repayment Made by U		Funds Re Abroa	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAS	CBBT	CBCA	CBCB	CBCC	CBCD	CBCE	CBCF
2002	128	7,074	103	5,709	**			
2003	136	8,643	105	6,920	12	1,264	28	459
2004	118	5,485	87	3,294	17	931	21	1,260
2005	110	12,668	85	6,530	13	923	22	5,215
2006	89	21,214	65	17,602	20	1,860	21	1,752
2007	104	10,221	87	7,650	8	1,393	20	1,178
2008	71	12,062	54	7,384	9	1,021	15	3,657
2009	37	5,101	33	4,198	2		3	
2010 ³	73	11,411	59	8,423	4	71	15	2,917
2011	80	14,111	66	12,533	6	598	13	980

[†] indicates earliest revision, if any

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² Transactions for which details about financing have not been confirmed are included amongst direct transactions. The figures are subsequently revised when details become available.

³ The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.



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	Tota	al ¹	Direct Tran	sactions ²		ndirect Transa	ctions of which:	
			Funds Paid to the UK b Comp	y Foreign	Funding by from Fo	preign	Funds Raised in the UK	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAU	CBCQ	CBDC	CBDD	CBHZ	CBIA	CBIB	CBIC
2002	117	16,798	93	13,729	25	2,179	9	890
2003	129	9,309	76	2,978	37	3,033	34	3,298
2004	178	29,928	128	23,527	39	2,897	36	3,504
2005	242	50,280	175	32,193	61	11,379	45	6,708
2006	259	77,750	178	53,578	63	6,123	57	18,049
2007	269	82,121	200	62,475	52	6,941	63	12,705
2008	252	52,552	179	36,101	50	8,739	53	7,712
2009	112	31,984	87	21,091	20		10	
2010 ³	212	36,643	161	33,540	36	1,687	34	1,416
2011	237	32,967	158	17,112	50	12,598	49	3,257

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³ The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

5 Disposals in the UK by Foreign Companies: Funds Realised

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	Tota	ıl ¹	Direct Trans	sactions ²	1	ndirect Transa	ctions of which:	
			Funds Paid Directly to Foreign Parent		Repayment to Foreign		Funds Retained in the UK	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAW	CBDB	CBID	CBIE	CBIF	CBIG	CBIH	CBII
2002	60	7,912	49	4,217	3	85	14	3,610
2003	55	3,620	39	994				
2004	54	5,514	38	3,564	9	369	17	1,581
2005	61	8,387	47	4,659	10	1,488	17	2,240
2006	55	14,208	39	6,246	12	1,923	15	6,039
2007	66	7,524	49	4,038	10	226	25	3,260
2008	49	5,139	29	1,485	9	682	15	2,972
2009	38	7,820	32	6,572	_	_	7	1,248
2010³	58	9,891	43	4,961	5	928	15	4,002
2011	69	11,748	49	8,589	9	1,190	22	1,969

[†] indicates earliest revision, if any

Disclosive data indicated by ..

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Source: Mergers and Acquisitions Surveys, Office for National Statistics

² Transactions for which details about financing have not been confirmed are included amongst direct transactions. The figures are subsequently revised when details become available.

³ The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

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¹ Where a transaction is funded in more than one way, it is included in 'Number' in each method but only once in 'Total'.

$6 A\,{}^{\rm Area}$ Analysis of Acquisitions Abroad by UK Companies



£million

	World	Total	EU	J 1	Other E	urope	Europe	Total	US	A
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAQ	CBBI	CBAY	CBAZ	HCK3	HCK4	HCJ3	HCJ4	CBBA	CBBB
2005	365	32,732	157	5,056	18	1,766	175	6,822	112	15,683
2006	405	37,412	131	12,966	39	5,962	170	18,928	138	7,348
2007	441	57,814	170	7,397	29	1,062	199	8,459	115	21,676
2008	298	29,670	102	13,613	29	1,720	131	15,333	88	7,244
2009	118	10,148	36	1,800	8	169	44	1,969	34	3,250
2010 ²	199	12,414	66	2,979	18	471	84	3,450	53	6,223
2011	286	50,234	75	20,666	29	2,760	104	23,426	83	9,342
	Other An	Other Americas Americas Total		Asi	Asia Australasia & Oceania			Africa		
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	HCL3	HCL4	НСМ3	HCM4	HCN3	HCN4	HCO3	HCO4	HCP3	HCP4
2005	28	3,957	140	19,640	26	2,893	14	738	8	2,639
2006	25		163		37	1,643	14	692	21	
2007	38	25,040	153	46,716	35	422	28	1,306	26	911
2008	17	394	105	7,638	29	809	22	5,224	11	666
	7	1,746	41	4,996	14	964	13	609	6	1,610
2009	,									
2009 2010 ²	20	918	73	7,141	16	630	19	667	7	526

$6D\,$ Area Analysis of Disposals Abroad by UK Companies

£million

	World Total		EU ^r	EU¹		Other Europe		Total		USA	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	
	CBAS	CBBT	CBBJ	CBBK	HCK5	HCK6	HCJ5	HCJ6	CBBL	CBBM	
2005	110	12,668	47	2,059	11	109	58	2,168	24	7,033	
2006	89	21,214	33	3,198	7	2,019	40	5,217	25	7,273	
2007	104	10,221	44	3,583	6	1,032	50	4,615	28	4,654	
2008	71	12,062	30	3,598	2		32		22	6,197	
2009	37	5,101	15	2,134	3	64	18	2,198	7	1,277	
2010 ²	73	11,411	27	1,529	5	263	32	1,792	15	7,465	
2011	80	14,111	32	4,857	4	57	36	4,914	18	4,715	
							Australa	cia &			

	Other Am	Other Americas		Total	otal Asia		Australasia & Oceania		Africa	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	HCL5	HCL6	HCM5	HCM6	HCN5	HCN6	HCO5	HCO6	HCP5	HCP6
2005	2		26		12	760	5		9	460
2006	10		35		9	8,085	4	14	1	
2007	10	195	38	4,849	8	195	3	533	5	29
2008	6	1,033	28	7,230	7	388	2	234	2	
2009	2	536	9	1,813	3		3	1,002	4	
2010 ²	4	897	19	8,362	11	117	5	609	6	531
2011	9	1,559	27	6,274	10		5		2	

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From 1 January 2007, figures for the European Union include Bulgaria and Romania.

 The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1

² The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

$\ensuremath{ 7A}$ Area Analysis of Acquisitions in the UK by Foreign Companies



£million

	World	Γotal	EU	1	Other E	urope	Europe	Total	US	A
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAU	CBCQ	CBCG	CBCH	HCJ7	HCJ8	HCI7	HCI8	CBCI	CBCJ
2005	242	50,280	89	23,907	24	3,578	113	27,485	73	11,741
2006	259	77,750	92	42,412	27	2,619	119	45,031	84	7,606
2007	269	82,121	94	27,489	33	12,407	127	39,896	79	14,270
2008	252	52,552	85	17,918	40	11,063	125	28,981	74	8,269
2009	112	31,984	32	15,277	19	3,939	51	19,216	31	11,594
2010 ²	212	36,643	47	3,856	29	4,079	76	7,935	85	19,124
2011	237	32,967	69	6,238	23	1,395	92	7,633	87	21,489
	Other An	Other Americas Total		Asi	Asia Australasia & Oceania			Africa		
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	HCK7	HCK8	HCL7	HCL8	HCM7	HCM8	HCN7	HCN8	HCO7	HCO8
2005	14	6126	87	17867	22		17	3589	3	
2006	14	3268	98	10874	24	14017	13		5	
2007	28	5,245	107	19,515	19	15,490	13	6900	3	320
2008	16	9,307	90	17,576	26	4,839	7		4	
2009	14	886	45	12,480	12	199	4	89	_	-
2010 ²	30	5,156	115	24,280	16	4,210	3	14	2	204
2011	22	1,690	109	23,179	18	1,367	14	762	4	26

$70\,$ Area Analysis of Disposals in the UK by Foreign Companies

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	World	Total	EU	1	Other E	urope	Europe Total		US	A
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	CBAW	CBDB	CBCR	CBCS	HCJ9	HCK2	HCI9	HCJ2	CBCT	CBCU
2005	61	8,387	27	1,873	8	516	35	2,389	15	4,736
2006	55	14,208	16	8,670	5		21		22	1,953
2007	66	7,524	12	2,851	4		16		31	3,063
2008	49	5,139	18	2,628	9	447	27	3,075	12	1,359
2009	38	7,820	12	1,370	6		18		10	4,648
2010 ²	58	9,891	19	6,722	10	271	29	6,993	15	1,216
2011	69	11,748	26	6,539	9	394	35	6,933	18	2,993
	Other Americas		Americas	s Total	Asi	а	Australa Ocea		Afric	а
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	HCKO	HCI 2	HCLO	HCM2	HCMO	HCN3	HCNO	HCO2	HCOO	HCD2

	Other Am	Other Americas		s Total	Asia		Ocea	Oceania		Africa	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value	
	HCK9	HCL2	HCL9	HCM2	HCM9	HCN2	HCN9	HCO2	HCO9	HCP2	
2005	3	-	18	4,736	3		4	1,242	1		
2006	3	1,703	25	3,656	6	204	2		1	1	
2007	13	701	44	3,764	5		1		_	-	
2008	4		16		3		1		2	93	
2009	4	42	14	4,690	2		1		3	-	
2010 ²	8	642	23	1,858	3	1,033	3	7	-	-	
2011	6	687	24	3,680	8		2		-	-	

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8 Summary of Mergers and Acquisitions in the UK by other UK Companies

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	Total of all Me Acquisition	•	Mergers and Ao of Indeper Compan	ndent	Sales of Subs between Col Groups	mpany
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
	AIHA	DUCM	DWVH	HIKB	DWVL	HIKC
Annual						
2002	430	25,236	323	16,998	107	8,238
2003	558	18,679	392	10,954	166	7,725
2004	741	31,408	577	22,882	164	8,526
2005	769	25,134	604	16,276	165	8,858
2006	779	28,511	628	20,180	151	8,331
2007	869	26,778	698	19,779	171	6,999
2008	558	36,469	445	33,469	113	3,000
2009	286	12,195	198	11,455	88	740
2010 ¹	325	12,605	243	7,775	82	4,830
2011	373	8,089	276	5,265	97	2,824
Quarterly						
2008 Q4	99	18,198	74	17,105	25	1,093
2009 Q1	88	8,206	59	8,072	29	134
2009 Q2	59	729	41	579	18	150
2009 Q3	62	1,886	43	1,652	19	234
2009 Q4	77	1,374	55	1,152	22	222
2010 Q11	67	1,361	50	825	17	536
2010 Q2	95	2,032	70	1,272	25	760
2010 Q3	80	2,949	58	2,017	22	932
2010 Q4	83	6,263	65	3,661	18	2,602
2011 Q1	76	1,500	51	829	25	671
2011 Q2	94	3,346	75	2,571	19	775
2011 Q3	97	1,452	71	941	26	511
2011 Q4	106	1,791	79	924	27	867
2012 Q1	63 [†]	1,070 †	50 [†]	871 [†]	13	199
2012 Q2	79	1,021	64	693	15 [†]	328 [†]
2012 Q3	47	537	40	438	7	99

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9 Mergers and Acquisitions in the UK by other UK Companies: Category of Expenditure



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			Expenditure			Perce	entage of Expend	diture
_		C	ash					
_	Total	Independent Companies	Subsidiaries	Issues of Ordinary Shares ²	Issues of Fixed Interest Securities ²	Cash	Issues of Ordinary Shares	Issues of Fixed Interest Securities
_	DUCM	DWVW	DWVX	AIHD	AIHE	DWVY	DWVZ	DWWA
Annual								
2002	25,236	9,574	7,991	6,780	891	69	27	4
2003	18,679	8,956	7,183	1,667	873	86	9	5
2004	31,408	12,080	7,822	10,338	1,168	63	33	4
2005	25,134	13,425	8,510	2,768	431	87	11	2
2006	28,511		8,131		335			2
2007	26,778	13,671	6,507	4,909	1,691	76	18	6
2008	36,469	31,333	2,851	1,910	375	94	5	1
2009	12,195	2,937	709	8,435	114	30	69	1
2010¹	12,605	6,175	4,520	1,560	350	85	12	3
2011	8,089	4,432	2,667	719	271	87	10	4
Quarterly								
2008 Q4	18,198	16,502	1,090	596	10	97	3	_
2009 Q1	8,206	332	128	7,699	47	6	93	1
2009 Q2	729	130	150	437	12	38	60	2
2009 Q3	1,886	1,409	214	254	9	87	13	_
2009 Q4	1,374	1,066	217	45	46	94	3	3
2010 Q1 ¹	1,361	765	525	58	13	95	4	1
2010 Q2	2,032	986	714	275	57	83	14	3
2010 Q3	2,949	1,165	814	839	131	68	28	4
2010 Q4	6,263	3,259	2,467	388	149	92	6	2
2011 Q1	1,500	552	651	240	57	80	16	4
2011 Q2	3,346	2,355	704	204	83	92	6	2
2011 Q3	1,452	828	462	75	87	89	5	6
2011 Q4	1,791	697	850	200	44	87	11	2
2012 Q1	1,070 †	518 [†]	199	323	30	67	30	3
2012 Q2	1,021	573	251 [†]	54 [†]	143	81 [†]	5 [†]	14 [†]
2012 Q3	537	342	99	3	93	82	1	17

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² Issued to the vendor company as payment.

10 Summary of Net Cross-Border Acquisitions and Disposals



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	Net Trans Abroad t Compa	oy UK	Net Transac UK by F Compa	oreign	Transaction	ss-Border ns involving npanies
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
Annual						
2002	134	19,552	57	8,886	77	10,666
2003	107	12,113	74	5,689	33	6,424
2004	187	13,224	124	24,414	63	-11,190
2005	255	20,064	181	41,893	74	-21,829
2006	316	16,198	204	63,542	112	-47,344
2007	337	47,593	203	74,597	134	-27,004
2008	227	17,608	203	47,413	24	-29,805
2009	81	5,047	74	24,164	7	-19,117
2010 ²	126	1,003	154	26,752	-28	-25,749
2011	206	36,123	168	21,219	38	14,904
Quarterly						
2008 Q4	31	2,374	44	6,609	-13	-4,235
2009 Q1	4	2,445	22	10,197	-18	-7,752
2009 Q2	25	2,085	11	409	14	1,676
2009 Q3	21		20	1,219	1	
2009 Q4	31		21	12,339	10	
2010 Q1 ²	17	-1,763	46	14,039	-29	-15,802
2010 Q2	31	1,427	33	1,749	-2	-322
2010 Q3	36	1,119	40	8,957	-4	-7,838
2010 Q4	42	220	35	2,007	7	-1,787
2011 Q1	52	16,580	39	4,840	13	11,740
2011 Q2	56	7,872	53	3,610	3	4,262
2011 Q3	55	3,196	51	3,221	4	-25
2011 Q4	43	8,475	25	9,548	18	-1,073
2012 Q1	17	-1,350	43 [†]		-26 [†]	
2012 Q2	27 [†]	4,748 [†]	41		-14	
2012 Q3	4	7,220				

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⁻ indicates data is zero or less than £0.5m Disclosive data indicated by ..

¹ Includes acquisitions by foreign companies routed through their UK subsidiary companies

² The deal identification threshold has been increased at Q1 2010 from £0.1m to £1.0m and as a consequence there may be a discontinuity in the number and value of transactions reported.

R1 Revisions Since the Last Mergers and Acquisitions Publication

			£million
		2012 Q1	2012 Q2
Cross-Border Mergers, Acquisitions and Disposals			
Transactions Abroad by UK Companies			
Value of Acquisitions	CBBI	772	6123
Value of Disposals	CBBT	2122	1375
Transactions in the UK by Foreign Companies			
Value of Acquisitions	CBCQ	4287	2713
Value of Disposals	CBDB		
Mergers and Acquisitions in the UK by other UK Companie	es		
Summary of Transactions			
Value of All Acquisitions and Mergers	DUCM	1070	1021
Value of Acquisitions of Independent Companies	HIKB	871	693
Value of Sales of Subsidiary Companies	HIKC	199	328
Category of Expenditure			
Cash Paid for Independent Companies	DWVW	518	573
Cash Paid for Subsidiary Companies	DWVX	199	251
Issue of Ordinary Shares	AIHD	323	54
Issue of Fixed Interest Securities	AIHE	30	143

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