

Law firm	Award level	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Total	Description
Weil, Gotshal & Manges	Standout	8	9	8	25	Devised a structure allowing Lion Capital to protect its interests after its sale of a majority stake in Weetabix.
De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek	Standout	8	8	8	24	Advised ASML, a leading manufacturer of computer-chip machines, on a novel customer co-investment programme to fund research and development.
NautaDutilh	Standout	8	8	8	24	Acted for Intel in its investment to develop technology through a deal with supplier ASML.
Allen & Overy	Standout	8	8	7	23	Structured a novel twin-pronged public takeover offer to redomicile Egyptian company OCI to the Netherlands.
Linklaters	Standout	7	7	8	22	Advised Glencore on its multi-jurisdictional merger with Xstrata to create a mining giant.
Norton Rose Fulbright	Standout	8	6	8	22	Used a novel reverse locked-box mechanism to enable Barclays' African merger with Absa Group.
Sullivan & Cromwell	Standout	7	8	7	22	Managed Coca-Cola Hellenic's redomiciling involving four jurisdictions, three listings and two exchange offers.
Ashurst	Highly Commended	7	8	6	21	Advised William Hill on its simultaneous acquisition and buyout of regulated assets in the online gaming sector.
DLA Piper	Highly Commended	7	8	6	21	Devised a deal structure for Discovery Communications's acquisition in Eurosport.
Slaughter and May	Highly Commended	7	8	6	21	Structured a novel retention and incentive arrangement for managers of Investec to take a 20 per cent stake.
White & Case	Highly Commended	7	7	7	21	Helped Banco Itaú move operations to London in the UK's first cross-border merger by absorption.
Berwin Leighton Paisner	Highly Commended	6	8	6	20	Synchronised the introduction and disposal of joint venture partners in a giant regeneration project.
Eversheds	Highly Commended	7	7	6	20	Worked with a Dutch hospital to draft a novel "spend less to earn more" contract for medical equipment.
Linklaters	Highly Commended	5	8	7	20	A combined corporate and litigation strategy to lead BP's withdrawal from its Russian oil and gas joint venture.
Norton Rose Fulbright	Highly Commended	7	7	6	20	Devised an innovative investment strategy for assets in the renewables sector.
Simmons & Simmons	Highly Commended	6	7	7	20	Structured an unusually competitive process for the disposal of Veolia's UK water business.
Slaughter and May	Highly Commended	6	7	7	20	Devised a novel financing and distribution structure for Talisman's joint venture with Sinopec.
Uría Menéndez	Highly Commended	7	7	6	20	Advised IssuerSolutions on new disclosure procedures for Spanish tax-resident investors.
A&L Goodbody	Commended	6	6	7	19	Lead Irish counsel on Eaton Corporation's migration to Ireland via the \$13bn takeover of Cooper Industries.
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer	Commended	6	6	7	19	Structured a first-of-its-kind share swap for Abertis's €2.5bn acquisition of a Brazilian highway concession.
Matheson	Commended	6	7	6	19	Created an innovative tax structure for Eaton Corporation's takeover of Cooper Industries.
Noerr	Commended	6	7	6	19	Creatively interpreted Germany's new insolvency laws to help Centrotherm retain its listing.
Paul Hastings	Commended	6	7	6	19	Deployed a structure new to the German market to enable the restructuring of commercial mortgage-backed securities.
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	Commended	6	7	6	19	Acted for Renault-Nissan in the first non-Russian-incorporated joint venture to own a controlling stake in a strategic Russian state asset.
Uría Menéndez	Commended	7	6	6	19	Managed conflicting Spanish and Colombian laws to enable Cemex to list a subsidiary in Colombia.