



## The Deal Unveils European Award Winners

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NEW YORK, Nov. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [The Deal](#), a business unit of TheStreet, Inc. (NASDAQ: TST), announced the winners of The European Deal Awards at a ceremony at Aqua Shard in London.

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The Deal is the go-to source for M&A news and analysis, covering the deals and dealmakers who set the trends; and The Deal Awards recognize the advisors and service providers who power that deal economy. The Deal Awards process began with hundreds of peer nominations, across dozens of cross-border categories. The newsroom then interviewed analysts and experts to create a shortlist of the most significant deals and dealmakers in terms of strategic vision and shareholder returns. The final winners were chosen by The Deal's top editors, based on a simple majority vote.

"We continue to be impressed by the expertise, tenacity and accomplishments of the deal community," said David Callaway, CEO of TheStreet, Inc, The Deal's parent. "We look forward to next year and celebrating more innovative and creative deals in Europe and the United States."

The winners of the European Deal Awards are listed below. More information about the awards, nominees and winners can be [found here](#). Full coverage of the awards can be [found here](#).

### DEAL OF THE YEAR: Bayer Acquires Monsanto

Target/Seller: [Monsanto Co.](#)

- Investment Adviser: [Morgan Stanley](#), [Ducera Partners LLC](#)
- Counsel to I-bank: [Morrison & Foerster LLP](#), [Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP](#)
- Outside Counsel: Cohen & Grigsby and Redeker, Sellner & Dahs, [Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz](#), [Debevoise & Plimpton LLP](#), [Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP](#), [Dechert LLP](#), [Dentons](#)
- Special Counsel: [Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP](#), [Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP](#)
- Proxy Solicitor: [Morrow Sodali Global LLC](#)
- PR Firm: FTI Consulting, [Joele Frank, Wilkinson Brimmer Katcher](#)

Buyer: [Bayer AG](#)

- Investment Adviser: [Bank of America Merrill Lynch](#), [Credit Suisse Group](#), [Rothschild](#)
- Counsel to I-bank: [Shearman & Sterling LLP](#)
- Outside Counsel: [Sullivan & Cromwell LLP](#), [Linklaters LLC](#), [Allen & Overy LLP](#), [Hogan Lovells](#), [Stikeman Elliott LLP](#), [Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP](#), L&L Partners
- Proxy Solicitor: [D.F. King & Co.](#)
- PR Firm: [Finsbury Hering Schuppener](#) GPG, [Sard Verbinnen & Co. LLC](#), [Brunswick Group LLP](#)

### MOST INNOVATIVE DEAL OF THE YEAR: Paddy Power Betfair Merges U.S. Operations with FanDuel

Target/Seller: [FanDuel Inc.](#)

- Investment Adviser: [Moelis & Co. LLC](#)
- Outside Counsel: [Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP](#), [Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC](#)

Buyer: [Paddy Power Betfair plc](#)

- Investment Adviser: [Goldman, Sachs & Co.](#)
- Outside Counsel: [Blank Rome LLP](#), [Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP](#)

**PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL OF THE YEAR: [KKR](#) Acquires Unilever's Spreads Business**

Target/Seller: [Unilever NV](#)

- Investment Adviser: Morgan Stanley, Goldman, Sachs & Co.
- Outside Counsel: [Linklaters LLP](#), [McCarthy Tétrault LLP](#)

Buyer: KKR & Co.

- Investment Adviser: Credit Suisse Group
- Outside Counsel: [Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP](#), Dentons

**DEALMAKER OF THE YEAR:** [Will Pearce](#), Davis Polk Wardwell LLP

**M&A PR FIRM OF THE YEAR:** [Tulchan Communications LLP](#)

**EUROPEAN M&A LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR:** Dechert LLP

**U.K. Law Firm of the Year:** Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

**U.K. Lawyer of the Year:** Gemma Roberts, Goodwin Procter LLP

**U.K. Investment Bank of the Year:** Robey Warshaw LLP

**Activist Adviser of the Year:** Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP

**Activist of the Year in Europe:** Elliott Management Corp.

**Middle- Market Law Firm of the Year:** Travers Smith LLP

**Middle-Market Lawyer of the Year:** Andrew Gillen, Travers Smith LLP

**Middle-Market Investment Bank of the Year:** Arma Partners LLP

**Private Equity Law Firm of the Year:** Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

**Private Equity Lawyer of the Year:** Alex Woodward, Linklaters LLP

**Private Equity Firm of the Year:** PAI Partners SAS

**Retail & Restaurant Law Firm of The Year:** Clifford Chance LLP

**Retail & Restaurant Lawyer of the Year:** Victoria Hills, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

**Retail & Restaurant Investment Bank of the Year:** Morgan Stanley

**Consumer, Food & Beverage Law Firm of the Year:** Mayer Brown LLP

**Consumer, Food & Beverage Lawyer of the Year:** Pierre-Yves Chabert, Clearly Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP

**Consumer, Food & Beverage Investment Bank of the Year:** Credit Suisse Group

**Energy, Power & Utilities Law Firm of the Year:** Hengeler Mueller

**Energy, Power & Utilities Lawyer of the Year:** Will Pearce, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

**Energy, Power & Utilities Investment Bank of the Year:** Lazard

**Financial Services Law Firm of the Year:** Norton Rose Fulbright LLP

**Financial Services Lawyer of the Year:** Alexander Crosthwaite, Latham & Watkins LLP

**Financial Services Investment Bank of the Year:** Robert W. Baird & Co.

**Entertainment & Media Law Firm of the Year:** Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

**Entertainment & Media Lawyer Firm of the Year:** Tom Mercer, Ashurst LLP

**Entertainment & Media Investment of the Year:** UBS Investment Bank

**Healthcare, Pharma & Biotech Law Firm of the Year:** Kirkland & Ellis LLP

**Healthcare, Pharma & Biotech Lawyer Firm of the Year:** Jörg Kirchner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

**Healthcare, Pharma & Biotech Investment Bank of the Year:** Jefferies LLC

**Industrials & Infrastructure Law Firm of the Year:** De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek NV

**Industrials & Infrastructure Lawyer Firm of the Year:** Sébastien Prat, Bredin Prat

**Industrials & Infrastructure Investment Bank of the Year:** Rothschild & Co

**Technology & Telecom Law Firm of the Year:** Allen & Overy LLP

**Technology & Telecom Lawyer of the Year:** David Sonter, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP

**Technology & Telecom Investment Bank of the Year:** LionTree Advisors LLC

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