

## Press release

### Financial Times and mergermarket announce the winners of the European M&A Awards 2009

#### *Roche's Genentech transaction pronounced M&A Deal of the Year*

London 10 December 2009 --- The M&A year of 2009 has seen its fair share of halted deals and stalled financing, but challenging times also make a good breeding ground for outstanding dealmakers. Last night, the Financial Times and mergermarket, the leading provider of M&A market intelligence, celebrated their third annual European M&A Awards, recognising remarkable achievements from dealmakers within the financial, legal, corporate and private equity sphere.

Severin Schwan, CEO of Roche Group and recipient of the prestigious title M&A Deal of the Year, shared their strategy behind the winning deal: *"Roche and Genentech saw the potential of a pharma-biotechnology partnership early on and we are now in a unique position to expand on the success of our longstanding relationship. While we will maintain a diversity of independent research approaches within the Group, the new combined company will enhance innovation by sharing intellectual property and technologies. At the same time we will be able to fully leverage our global scale and reach."*

Erich Hunziker, CFO Roche Group, commented on the deal from a financial viewpoint: *"At the time our own research with leading investors had shown that there was substantial demand for highly rated corporate bonds. Consequently, Roche focused on large bond offerings and could finance the transaction successfully at attractive terms within just a few weeks. This would not have been possible without the outstanding work of our internal finance team."*

The award for Private Equity Deal of the Year went to an investment group led by Silver Lake Partners for the acquisition of Luxembourg-founded Skype Technologies. Egon Durban, Managing Director and responsible for overseeing Silver Lake's European private equity business, explained the strategy behind the acquisition: *"Skype Technologies is an innovative force in next-generation technology that has changed how people and businesses communicate with each other. We are privileged to work with such a strong company to help take it to the next level of growth and development."*

Lazard was awarded the prominent title Financial Advisor of the Year, having advised across a broad range of sectors and geographies, including Barclays' sale of BGI to BlackRock for \$15.2bn and GlaxoSmithKline's €2.5bn acquisition of Stiefel. The Legal Advisory of the Year award went to Linklaters, who has topped mergermarket deal tables consistently throughout 2009 with landmark deals such as advising Fortis Group and Sanofi-Aventis on the €2.8bn acquisition of Marck under its belt.

For a full list of winners, please see below.

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FT/mergermarket European M&A Awards, which were held at the Sheraton Park Lane Hotel, London on Wednesday 9 December 2009 are unique in utilising both M&A transaction data from mergermarket.com and independent expert opinion from a panel of leading European M&A practitioners to identify the winners. To view the website for the awards – including details of the judging panel and methodology - please see [www.ftglobalevents.com/maawards09](http://www.ftglobalevents.com/maawards09).

## Major Awards

<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b>	Lazard
<b>Mid-market Financial Advisor of the Year</b>	Rothschild
<b>Private Equity Financial Advisor of the Year</b>	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b>	Linklaters
<b>Mid-market Legal Advisor of the Year</b>	CMS
<b>Private Equity Legal Advisor of the Year</b>	SJ Berwin
<b>Accountancy Firm of the Year</b>	KPMG
<b>PR Firm of the Year</b>	Brunswick Group
<b>Private Equity Firm of the Year</b>	AXA Private Equity
<b>M&amp;A Deal of the Year</b>	Roche Holding Ltd for the Acquisition of Genentech Inc
<b>Private Equity Deal of the Year</b>	An investor group led by Silver Lake Partners for the Acquisition of Skype Technologies

## Country Awards

<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> Austria & Switzerland	Credit Suisse
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b> Austria & Switzerland	Homburger
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> Balkans	Rothschild
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b> Balkans	M&P Bernitsas
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> Benelux	Lazard
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b> Benelux	Allen & Overy
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> France	BNP Paribas
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b> France	Linklaters
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> Germany	Goldman Sachs
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year</b> Germany	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year</b> Iberia	Santander Global Banking and Markets

<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Iberia</b>	Cuatrecasas
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year Ireland</b>	Davy Corporate Finance
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Ireland – Arthur Cox</b>	Arthur Cox
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year Italy</b>	Banca IMI/Intesa Sanpaolo
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Italy</b>	Chiomenti Studio Legale
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year Nordics</b>	SEB Enskilda
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Nordics</b>	Mannheimer Swartling
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year Russia</b>	Renaissance Capital
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Russia</b>	Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year United Kingdom</b>	Credit Suisse
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year United Kingdom</b>	DLA Piper
<b>Financial Advisor of the Year Visegrad Group</b>	Citigroup
<b>Legal Advisor of the Year Visegrad Group</b>	Dewey & LeBoeuf

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