

FINANCIAL TIMES AND MERGERMARKET M&A AWARDS ASIA

FT and Mergermarket announce the winners of the inaugural M&A Awards in Asia to recognise excellence in M&A and Private Equity

Hong Kong, 15 October 2008: The Financial Times and Mergermarket are pleased to announce the winners of their inaugural M&A Awards in Asia.

UBS, after advising on some of Asia's most high profile transactions this year, secured the prestigious title of Financial Advisor of the Year. The Swiss investment bank advised on the BHP Billiton transaction among others, contributing to its winning position this year.

China Unicom Ltd was awarded the M&A Corporate Deal of the Year awards after the acquisition of China Netcom Group Corporation.

Legal Advisor of the Year went to leading international firm Linklaters, which was also named Mid-market Legal Advisor of the Year, while PR house FD picked up Public Relations Firm of the Year.

Private Equity Deal of the Year was awarded to the largest Asia exit so far in 2008, Temasek Holdings' US\$ 3.8bn exit of Tuas Power, while Affinity Equity Partners scooped the Private Equity Firm of the Year.

The Awards, which were held at the Four Seasons, Hong Kong on the 14th October 2008 are unique in utilising both M&A transaction data from mergermarket.com and independent expert opinion from a panel of leading Asian M&A practitioners to identify the winners. Perhaps most importantly, credit was given to firms that advised Asian businesses on transactions. To view the website for the awards – including details of the judging panel and methodology - please see www.ftmergermarketawards.com/asia

MAJOR AWARDS	
Financial Advisor of the Year	UBS
Legal Advisor of the Year	Linklaters
Mid-Market Financial Advisor of the Year	Merrill Lynch
Mid-Market Legal Advisor of the Year	Linklaters
Private Equity Firm of the Year in Asia	Affinity Equity Partners
Public Relations Firm of the Year	FD
Private Equity Deal of the Year	Temasek Holdings
M&A Deal of the Year (Corporate Award)	China Unicom Ltd

COUNTRY AWARDS		
Australia	Financial Advisor	Macquarie Group
	Legal Advisor	Freehills
China and Hong Kong	Financial Advisor	China International Capital Corporation
	Legal Advisor	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
India	Financial Advisor	Ernst & Young
	Legal Advisor	AZB & Partners
Japan	Financial Advisor	Nomura
	Legal Advisor	Nishimura & Asahi
South East Asia	Financial Advisor	Aseambankers Malaysia Berhad
	Legal Advisor	Allen & Gledhill
Korea	Financial Advisor	Citigroup
	Legal Advisor	Bae Kim & Lee

SECTOR AWARDS		
Financial Services	Financial Advisor	Credit Suisse
	Legal Advisor	Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Energy, Mining and Utilities	Financial Advisor	Morgan Stanley
	Legal Advisor	Mallesons Stephen Jaques
Consumer and Retail	Financial Advisor	Citigroup
	Legal Advisor	Bae Kim & Lee
Telecommunications	Financial Advisor	China International Capital Corporation
	Legal Advisor	Linklaters
Life Sciences	Financial Advisor	Nomura
	Legal Advisor	Jones Day

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