

## Asia-Pacific M&A Awards 2011 Press Release

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**Financial Times and mergermarket announce the winners of the APAC M&A Awards 2011**  
***Morgan Stanley wins Financial Advisor of the Year***  
***Legal Advisor of the Year goes to Baker & McKenzie***

**Hong Kong: 21 December, 2011:** As 2011 winds to a close and uncertainty surrounding the global economy looks set to trickle into 2012, the Financial Times and mergermarket would like to reflect back on the outstanding achievements of the past year. Although 2011 was a year marked by volatility, dealmaking in Asia-Pacific continued apace, and while many of the macroeconomic concerns in Europe and North America remain unresolved, dealmakers remain optimistic that Asia-Pacific M&A activity will continue its pattern of growth in 2012. Against this backdrop, the Financial Times and mergermarket are pleased to announce the winners of the annual Asia-Pacific M&A Awards, recognizing excellence in dealmaking across the region.

The coveted title of Financial Advisor of the Year went to Morgan Stanley, while PwC was awarded Mid-Market Financial Advisor of the Year and Accountancy Firm of the Year.

Baker & McKenzie received the Legal Advisor of the Year Award, while FTI Consulting snapped up the title of PR Firm of the Year.

Ben Scent, Hong Kong Editor, mergermarket commented: "The annual Financial Times and mergermarket M&A Awards highlight the most outstanding advisory firms in the M&A market each year, providing them the market recognition they deserve. Despite global uncertainties in the market, there are signs the Asia-Pacific region will see no shortage of deal flow in the coming year."

For a full list of winners, please see below.

### **Methodology:**

mergermarket M&A deal data - an industry standard source for advisory league tables - has been used to determine winners for each of the award categories.

A proprietary methodology is applied to a comprehensive set of deal criteria in order to rank financial advisors, law firms, PR firms, accountancy firms and private equity houses for announced deals during the qualifying period. After completing this process, the top-ranked firm is announced the winner. For financial advisors, accountancy firms, private equity houses and PR firms we have excluded lapsed and withdrawn deals.

Deal data within the mergermarket database is the foundation for award rankings. To ensure the most accurate deal value and volume data is recorded, please submit full details of your firm's transactions to [deals@mergermarket.com](mailto:deals@mergermarket.com).

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## Major Awards

Financial Advisor of the Year	Morgan Stanley
Mid-market Financial Advisor of the Year	PwC
Legal Advisor of the Year	Baker & McKenzie
Mid-market Legal Advisor of the Year	Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Accountancy Firm of the Year	PwC
PR Firm of the Year	FTI Consulting
Private Equity Firm of the Year	The Carlyle Group

## Country Awards

Financial Advisor of the Year Australia	UBS Investment Bank
Legal Advisor of the Year Australia	Allens Arthur Robinson
Financial Advisor of the Year China + Hong Kong	China International Capital Corporation
Legal Advisor of the Year China + Hong Kong	Linklaters
Financial Advisor of the Year India	Ernst & Young
Legal Advisor of the Year India	AZB & Partners
Financial Advisor of the Year Japan	Nomura Holdings
Legal Advisor of the Year Japan	Nishimura & Asahi
Financial Advisor of the Year Korea	Woori Investment & Securities Co.
Legal Advisor of the Year Korea	Lee & Ko
Financial Advisor of the Year South East Asia	CIMB Group Sdn Bhd
Legal Advisor of the Year South East Asia	Baker & McKenzie

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