May 2, 2015: Global M&A Network, honored the winners the 4th ANNUAL EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST and AFRICA M&A ATLAS AWARDS in the “Deals of the Year” and outstanding “Firm of the Year” unique awards categories at the annual awards gala ceremony held on last week on the evening of April 30th, 2015 at the Park Lane Hotel in London.

“Once again, we are delighted to continue the tradition of excellence and honor the best of the brass from the wider European, Middle East and African M&A communities. We congratulate and thank all the winner’ attendees for sharing the evening with us and look forward to welcoming them again next year.” Shanta Kumari, chief executive officer and global group editor at, Global M&A Network.

about: EMEA M&A ATLAS AWARDS: As part of the world’s most prestigious industry awards, the EMEA awards exclusively honors excellence for middle market deals valued below a billion dollars in the categories of best deals and outstanding firm of the year awards.

Prestige & Merit: Winning the M&A ATLAS AWARDS equates to achieving the highest “Gold Standard of Performance” acclaim locally, regionally and globally since the winners are selected independently for successfully closing the best value-generating deals over the past eight years. The award validates corporate growth, private equity investment strategy, deal team talents, as well as the organization competitive brand leadership position.

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CONGRATULATIONS: DISTINGUISHED WINNERS | 2015.
4th ANNUAL AWARDS GALA, London, United Kingdom

IQBAL KHAN
Chief Executive Officer
Fajr Capital Group

Recipient of the:
LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD of the Year.

The award is in recognition of Mr. Khan’s long-standing accomplishments to advance and contribute in the area of Islamic Finance as well as to make growth and value creating investments.

Mr. Khan is also a member of the Board of Directors of Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam, Jadwa Investment and MENA Infrastructure. Previously, he was the founding CEO of HSBC Amanah, the global Islamic financial services division of the HSBC Group.

We congratulate Mr. Khan and the Fajr Capital team, wishing them many success.

MIDDLE EAST OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARDS
Winners of the Year

MIDDLE EAST
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Fajr Capital

MIDDLE EAST
M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Barclays

MIDDLE EAST
M&A LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

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EUROPE OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARDS

Winners of the Year

EUROPE
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co

EUROPE MIDDLE MARKETS
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: The Riverside Company

UNITED KINGDOM
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: LDC Private Equity

EUROPE
M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Rothschild

EUROPE
M&A LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Baker & McKenzie

EUROPE
M&A TAX ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: Ernst & Young

EUROPE
ACCOUNTING & TRANSACTIONS ADVISOR of the Year
WINNER: Grant Thornton

AFRICA OUTSTANDING FIRM AWARDS

Winners of the Year

AFRICA
PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the Year
WINNER: Development Partners International

AFRICA
M&A INVESTMENT BANK of the Year
WINNER: Ernst & Young Corporate Finance

AFRICA
M&A LAW FIRM of the Year
WINNER: ENS Africa

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4th Annual Awards Gala, London, United Kingdom

Europe, Middle East, Africa

Europe Regional Outstanding Firm Awards

Winners of the Year

United Kingdom Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: Rothschild

Central Eastern Europe Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: UBS Investment Bank

France Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: Société Générale CIB

Germany Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: Deutsche Bank

Italy Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: Banca IMI

Nordic Outstanding
M&A Investment Bank of the Year
Winner: Carnegie Investment Bank

United Kingdom Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Herbert Smith Freehills

Central Eastern Europe Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Dentons

France Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Dechert

Germany Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Hogan Lovells

Italy Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Chiomenti Studio Legal

Nordic Outstanding
M&A Law Firm of the Year
Winner: Roschier

Note: Firm award winners are selected independently irrespective of league table rankings, based on technical performance criteria such as – firm track record, (2) regional market expertise; (3) team experience – sectors, leadership, etc.; (4) client service; and, (5) year to year improvements in terms of volume and values as well quality of deals successfully completed.

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EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS WINNERS

Note: It is the deal that wins!

**EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR | LARGE MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: AAA Auto Group sale to Arbis Capital.

**EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Farnair Holdings acquisition by ASL Aviation Group.
Winner: Seabury Group financial advisor to Farnair Holdings.

**EUROPE DEAL of the YEAR | SMALL MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Monitise acquisition of Pozitron Yazilim.

**EUROPE CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | LARGE MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Cineworld acquisition of Cinema City International.
Winner: Barclays, financial advisor to Cineworld.

**EUROPE CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Lapmaster Group Holdings acquisition of Peter Wolters.
Winner: Headwaters MB, financial advisor to Lapmaster Group.

**EUROPE CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR | SMALL MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Systran acquisition by CSLi.
Winner: Herbert Smith Freehills, legal advisor to CSLi.

**EUROPE PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR | LARGE MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Cinven acquisition of Gas Natural Fenosa Telecomunicaciones.
Winner: 360 Corporate financial advisor to Cinven.

**EUROPE PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Investcorp acquisition of SPGPrints Group from Bencis Capital Partners.

**EUROPE PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR | SMALL MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: The Riverside Company acquisition of Optima (dba Mec3).
Winner: The Riverside Company.

**EUROPE CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR | SMALL MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Mahindra Two Wheelers, a subsidiary of Mahindra & Mahindra acquisition of Peugeot Motorcycles. Winner: Mahindra Group.

**EUROPE CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR | LARGE MID MARKETS**
DEAL WINNER: Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen (PZU) acquisition of RSA Group assets in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland. Winners Circle: Deutsche Bank, UBS.

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MIDDLE EAST DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS WINNERS

Note: It is the deal that wins!

MIDDLE EAST DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: Fajr Capital led investor group acquisition of National Petroleum Services.
Winner: Fajr Capital.

MIDDLE EAST CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: Millennium Offshore Services to acquire Seafox Group (Seafox).

MIDDLE EAST PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: EFG Hermes Private Equity acquisition stake in EDPR France from EDP Renewables, subsidiary of Energias de Portugal Renovaveis.
Winners Circle: Global Capital Finance, financial advisor to EFG Hermes Private Equity, EFG Hermes Private Equity.

AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR AWARDS WINNERS

Note: It is the deal that wins!

AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: Ethos Private Equity led investor group including Development Partners International and Public Investment Corporation acquisition of RTT Group.
Winners Circle: Ethos Private Equity, Development Partners International, and ENS Africa.

AFRICA DEAL of the YEAR | SMALL MID MARKETS
DEAL WINNER: FBN Insurance acquisition of Oasis Insurance.
Winners Circle: FBN Insurance, FBN Capital.

AFRICA CROSS BORDER DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: The Foschini Group acquisition Phase Eight.
Winner: ENS Africa legal advisor to The Foschini Group.

AFRICA CORPORATE DEAL of the YEAR
Winner: FBN Capital.

AFRICA PRIVATE EQUITY DEAL of the YEAR
DEAL WINNER: Kohlberg Kravis Roberts investment in Afriflora.
Winner: KKR, maiden investment in Ethiopia based Afriflora, founded and operated by the Barnhoorn family.

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Plan AHEAD, SAVE the Date:

Thursday, MARCH 10th, 2016

5th ANNUAL
EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA M&A ATLAS AWARDS GALA

Destination: London, United Kingdom.

About ►
“Gold Standard of Performance”, the world’s most prestigious industry awards honors the best value creating deals and outstanding firms from the European, Middle East and the African middle market deal communities.

Prestige ►
Winning the M&A Atlas Awards validates the deal team expertise and leadership for completing value generating deals and the firm’s preeminent position in the local, regional and global markets since winners are selected independently for the past 9 years.

Winners Selection ►
Deal award winners are selected independently based on evaluative metrics such as – Transaction rationale, synergy, style; (2) value, structure; (3) markets, sectors; (4) transaction impact; (5) deal team expertise and leadership. Firm award winners are selected independently irrespective of league table rankings, based on technical performance criteria such as – track record, (2) regional market expertise; (3) team experience – sectors, leadership, etc.; (4) client service; and, (5) significantly, year to year improvements in terms of volume and values.

Awards Gala ►
Winners are honored at the annual awards gala and dinner, trophy presentation ceremony. As always, winners and deal teams must attend the gala to accept the industry’s most “elegant and prized trophy”. Global M&A Network does not ship or sell trophies including to any registered guests who are unable to confirm alternative firm substitutes.

2016 ►
NOMINATIONS: Global M&A Network will accept industry nominations beginning from September 10th, 2015 through December 31st, 2015.

Industry professionals can enter nominations on behalf of their firms, colleagues or clients. There are no fees to nominate.

QUALIFICATIONS:
Deals must be above 5 million and below billion USD in size.
Deals must be closed any time in the period of January 2015 – December 2015.

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