

## Winners of the 2008 ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS

**October 17, Shanghai, China:** Twenty-nine (29) awards were won by twenty-three (23) unique firms at the ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS in the categories of completed deals, firms for their China and Asia Pacific practices, and outstanding achievements by industry experts and leaders. The award recognizes excellence for transactions valued above 3 million and below 1 billion USD in size.

ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS presented annually by Global M&A Network acknowledges notable and distinct accomplishments in the mergers, acquisitions, alternative investing and related industries in the Asia Pacific region.

Winners are selected based on highest points garnered in five principal evaluating criteria— (1) Novelty and significance of completed transaction; (2) Complexity of jurisdiction and markets; (3) Ingenuity of deal structures; (4) Resiliency and leadership of the team; (5) Outcome of the value generated by the transactions. Firm's and individual accolades are bestowed based on elements of the above criteria as well as factors including – market presence and specialties, performance attributes, experience, team leadership, and resourcefulness.

[Join us in congratulating the following winners of 2008 ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS!](#)

**Deal Award Winners:** (The deal award is officially presented to the nominating party, though each deal team and parties involved in the transaction can share the accolade.)

### [Private Equity Deal of the Year, CHINA](#)

**Winner:** The Blackstone Group 20% investment stake in China National Bluestar Group Corporation; a subsidiary of ChemChina. Transaction size: over 600 million USD. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates, legal advisor to China National Bluestar Group Corporation

### [Corporate Deal of the Year, CHINA](#)

**Winner:** Autohome & PCPop 55% Sale and Simultaneous Merger with Norstar Media, and subsequent acquisition by Telstra. Transaction size: 220 million USD. Hogan & Hartson, legal advisor to Autohome and PCPop

### [Cross-Border Deal of the Year, CHINA](#)

**Winner:** China Minsheng Bank Acquisition Stake in UCBH Holdings LTD, of Commercial Bank. Transaction size 195 US. Shearman & Sterling, legal advisor to China Minsheng Bank

### [Private Equity Alliance Award of the Year, CHINA](#)

**Winner:** I-China Fund and China Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park Ventures Co. Ltd 73 million USD investment in Digital China Information Technology Services, a spin-off of Digital China. Infinity Equity, a private equity firm.

### [Private Equity Deal of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC](#)

**Winner:** Providence Equity Partners Investment Stake in Aditya Birla Telecom, a wholly owned subsidiary of Idea Cellular Limited (India). Transaction size: 640 million USD. Providence Equity Partners, private equity firm.

### [Corporate Deal of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC](#)

**Winner:** Wal-mart Stores Acquisition of Seiyu Limited (Japan), from 50.9 percent to 95.1 percent in December 2007, delisting of Seiyu from Tokyo Stock Exchange in April 2008; and "Seiyu" becomes wholly owned subsidiary of Wal mart in June 2008. Transaction size: 873 million USD. UBS Securities, Co. Ltd, financial advisor.

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### Cross-Border Deal of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC:

**Winner:** United Energy Group Limited (Hong Kong) Acquisition of Trans-Meridian Exploration Inc (USA). Transactions size: 220 million USD. Citigroup, Global Investment Banking, exclusive financial advisor to United Energy Group.

### Deal Achievement Award of the Year

**Winner:** Heckmann Corporation Acquisition of acquisition of China Water and Drinks Inc. Transaction size: 625 million USD. DLA Piper, legal advisor to Heckmann, a Special Purpose Acquisition Corporation.

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**Winner:** Infinity I-China Investment Stake in China Medicine On-Line. Transaction size: 8 million USD. Infinity Private Equity and China Medicine On-line

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**Winner:** Tanjong Public Limited Company acquisition of CDC Globeleq Holdings Limited, a subsidiary of CDC Group plc. Transaction size: 493 million USD. Jones Day, legal advisor to Tanjong Public Limited Company

## Ten Firm of the Year Awards for China and Asia Pacific practice:

### Boutique M&A House of the Year, CHINA

**Winner:** The Hina Group

### M&A Investment Bank of the Year, CHINA

**Winner:** JP Morgan, Investment Banking Division

### M&A Law Firm of the Year, CHINA

**Winner:** Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP & Affiliates

### Due Diligence of the Year, CHINA

**Winner:** Ernst & Young

### Private Equity Firm of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** CVC Capital Partners

### Venture Capital Firm of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** Intel Capital

### M&A Investment Bank of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** Citigroup Global Investment Banking

### M&A Law Firm of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** Baker & McKenzie, LLP

### Due Diligence Firm of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** Deloitte (M&A Transaction Services)

### Real Estate Advisor of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

**Winner:** CB Richard Ellis

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### Three Individual Awards of the Year:

#### Professional Achievement Award, CHINA

Winner: Mr. Jing Huang, Managing Director, Bain Capital

#### Dealmaker of the Year, CHINA

Winner: Mr. Guo Langhua, Board Director, New Auto Video Technology  
Mr. Guo secured financing from four separate international institutional investors.

#### Dealmaker of the Year, ASIA PACIFIC

Winner: Mr. Steve Thomas, Managing Director and Head of M&A Japan, UBS Securities, Co. Ltd

**Six Leadership Achievement Awards for 2008:** Highest tribute bestowed to individuals for their leadership talents, seasoned management experiences, brevity, inventiveness, and significantly, for their unique contributions in the advancement and growth of industries and economy.

**Ms. Wang Jiafen**, Venture Partner, GGV Capital, and, Former Chairman & President, Bright Diary & Food, Co. Ltd, Former Head of Foreign Economy of Farm Bureau

**Dr. Wu Ping**, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Spreadtrum Communications Inc.

**Mr. Brian Keane**, Chief Executive Officer, Dextrys and former Chief Executive Officer of Keane, Inc.

**Mr. Wang Yang**, Chairman, Tianjin International Financing Service Company and Chairman of China Private Equity Association

**Mr. Jiang Nanchun**, Executive Chairman, Focus Media Holdings, Inc., and former Chief Executive Officer of Everease Advertising Corporation

**Dr. Hong Chen**, Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer, The Hina Group and former Chief Executive, GRIC Communications; and current Director of Beijing Private Equity Association

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### about the, ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS:

Founded on the principles of authenticity, objectivity, and excellence, the ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS is part of the M&A ATLAS AWARDS program for the mergers, acquisitions, and alternative investing industries. The annual program honors notable deals, firms, professionals and leaders from the Asia Pacific region for their keen understanding of market complexities and their supreme skills for executing deals ranging from over 3 million and less than 1 billion USD in size.

Nominating process is open to any industry participant and free of any fees. Global M&A Network also generates a short-list of nominees. Winners are selected by a point scoring system based on five broad criteria and respective sub-factors. Winners must be present at the Awards Gala Ceremony to officially be recognized, receive their trophy, and share their accolade.

2009 ASIA M&A ATLAS AWARDS GALA and the Asia M&A Summit will be held in India. Entry forms are available January 30, 2009, and forms can be submitted any time prior to the stated deadline.

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