

Award level	Law firm	Total	Originality	Rationale	Impact	Description
Standout	Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira	28	9	10	9	When a usual joint venture was not possible, lawyers helped ICL and its Spanish subsidiary Iberpotash form a deal with AkzoNobel that could enable investment of €800m in Spain.
Standout	White & Case	27	9	9	9	Lawyers, working with HM Treasury, initially pro bono, came up with a tax law innovation that will give UK businesses greater choice when looking for finance.
Standout	CMS	26	9	9	8	Working initially for free, the firm approached the Pension Insurance Corporation with an idea for a new collateral and security structure.
Standout	Arthur Cox	25	8	9	8	Combined role of legal, financial and strategic adviser to CRH, the Irish building materials company, on its acquisition of assets from Holcim and Lafarge in 10 jurisdictions.
Standout	Gleiss Lutz	25	9	9	7	Changed the structure of German publishing house Suhrkamp to resolve a long-running shareholder dispute.
Standout	Allen & Overy	24	9	8	7	Devised a structure allowing the BT pensions scheme to hedge 25 per cent of its longevity.
Standout	Ashurst	24	8	9	7	Raised more than £1bn in five months for two equity funds.
Standout	Pinsent Masons	24	8	8	8	Worked with Peterborough to help the council establish itself as a leader in green energy.
Standout	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	24	7	9	8	Work for Pfizer during its bid for AstraZeneca has inspired significant changes in the UK Takeover Code.
Standout	Uría Menéndez	24	7	9	8	Designed structures and strategies that the Lone Star Fund III used to buy a portfolio of performing and non-performing loans from Commerzbank.
Commended	Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva	23	7	8	8	Advice on the listing of Mota-Engil Africa shares on Euronext Amsterdam.
Commended	Shearman & Sterling	23	8	8	7	Advising the Qatar Investment Authority on its hostile takeover of Songbird Estates.
Commended	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	23	7	9	7	Helped raise the level at which a majority shareholder can unilaterally delist.
Commended	Slaughter and May	23	7	8	8	Advising GlaxoSmithKline on a three-part transaction with Novartis.
Commended	Eversheds	22	7	8	7	Flexible planning consents for the world's largest wind farm.
Commended	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	22	7	7	8	Advised on the Automobile Association's accelerated initial public offering.
Commended	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	21	7	7	7	Advised VimpelCom on complex telecoms transactions in Algeria.
Commended	Berwin Leighton Paisner	21	6	7	8	Devised a new model for private rented-sector housing in the UK.
Commended	DLA Piper	21	7	7	7	Acting in Allied Minds' initial public offering.
Commended	NautaDutilh	21	7	7	7	Created a new global e-commerce company via a Dutch entity, Cnova.
Commended	Orrick	21	7	7	7	Advised Alstom on the \$13.5bn sale of its energy business.
Commended	SEH Legal	21	7	8	6	Advised employees on their takeover of the Nice-Matin newspaper group.
Commended	Ashurst	20	6	7	7	Advised Royal London Mutual Insurance Society on a £22bn reorganisation.
Commended	Paul Hastings	20	6	8	6	Created a new structure in Italy for KKR's restructuring of distressed loans.
Commended	Simmons & Simmons	20	7	6	7	Advised UK Ministry of Defence on sale of Defence Support Group, main provider of maintenance on army vehicles.