



The Asset Country Awards 2009 North Asia

CHINA

Best bank	Citi (for the 3rd year)
Best domestic bank	ICBC (for the 2nd year)
Best domestic investment bank	CICC
Best foreign investment bank	J.P. Morgan (for the 2nd year)
Best equity house	Morgan Stanley
Best M&A house	Deutsche Bank
Best debt house	CICC
Best domestic bond house	CICC
Best deal	Resurrection of Gome Electrical Appliances - A company on the brink a year ago raises US\$777 million via a complex debt/equity structure including infusion from Bain Capital and a subsequent successful convertible bond. Bankers: J.P. Morgan, Rothschild, Cazenove Asia

HONG KONG

Best bank	HSBC (for the 8th year)
Best domestic bank	Hang Seng Bank (for the 10th year)
Best foreign investment bank	J.P. Morgan (for the 5th year)
Best equity house	Citi (for the 2nd year)
Best M&A house	no winner
Best debt house	HSBC (for the 8th year)
Best domestic bond house	HSBC
Best deal	Hutchison Whampoa does it again - Hong Kong's most prolific issuer raises US\$3 billion in a two-tranche offering in September 2009 – including a quirky six-year tranche – in yet another blow-out success that attracted a US\$13 billion book. Bankers: Barclays Capital, Deutsche Bank, HSBC

TAIWAN

Best bank	Citi (for the 7th year)
Best domestic bank	Taipei Fubon Commercial Bank
Best domestic investment bank	Chinatrust (for the 3rd year)
Best foreign investment bank	J.P. Morgan
Best equity house	Fubon Financial (for the 2nd year)
Best M&A house	Nomura
Best debt house	Chinatrust (for the 2nd year)
Best domestic bond house	Masterlink Securities
Best deal	KGI sets stage for battle of the brokers - In a landmark deal, KGI Securities absorbs Taishin Securities in a US\$882 million deal that heralds a shake-up in Taiwan's broking industry. Bankers: Morgan Stanley, Nomura

SOUTH KOREA

Best bank	Citi (for the 7th year)
Best domestic bank	Shinhan Bank (for the 2nd year)
Best domestic investment bank	no winner
Best foreign investment bank	Morgan Stanley
Best equity house	Credit Suisse
Best M&A house	Nomura
Best debt house	Bank of America Merrill Lynch (for the 3rd year)
Best domestic bond house	no winner
Best deal	KKR's frothy trade - As ABInBev exits (temporarily) from the Korean market, KKR snatches its first buyout in Seoul via the US\$1.8 billion deal, with Affinity Equity Partners in tow. Apart from being the only LBO of the year, it also attracted enough bankers to fill the back of a bus. Who says LBO is dead? Buyside advisers: Citi, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, ING Groep, Nomura. Sellside advisers: Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan, Lazard. LBO mandated lead arrangers: Banco Santander, Calyon, Hana Bank, HSBC, ING Groep, J.P. Morgan, Natixis, Nomura, Standard Chartered Bank