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### **FD dominates M&A league tables around the world**

**London, 14 January 2009** - Financial Dynamics International (FD), one of the world's leading financial & corporate communications consultancies, has topped the global M&A league tables published by mergermarket. Key highlights include:

- FD has topped the global volume tables with 218 transactions and was second by value working on US\$ 267,467m worth of transactions.
- For the eight consecutive year FD topped the European volume league tables and, specifically: in the UK are No 1 in volume & 2 in value; in Germany No 2 in both value & volume and are No 3 in both value & volume in France.
- FD was first place by value and volume in Asia-Pacific, advising on 33 deals worth US\$ 88bn.
- FD dominated the mid-market rankings, taking top spot by both value and volume globally and in Europe, whilst leading the volume tables in North America

Commenting FD's Group CEO, Charles Watson, said:

"2008 saw one of our strongest performances on record in these critically important and prestigious league tables. This yet again demonstrates FD's position as one of the world's leading brands in financial communications. Not only did we dominate the key European tables for the eight consecutive year, we were ranked the unequivocal market leader on all counts in Asia – a region where we have only been present for three years – and performed well in North America."

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#### **About FD**

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