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CMS was again ranked among the top advisors in mergers & acquisitions by Bloomberg and Mergermarket. The international law firm recently presented further proof of its leading expertise: together with DealWatch, it published “Emerging Europe: M&A Report 2013/14”.

This year again, CMS confirmed its top position in the M&A sector. In CEE, the firm heads the 2013 rankings of the renowned intelligence and news services Bloomberg and Mergermarket and also scored first place in the categories “Europe” (Bloomberg) as well as “German-speaking countries” (Mergermarket).

Results for CMS as of December 2013

Bloomberg M&A Legal Advisory League Tables (ranked according to number of transactions)

- first place in CEE, all transactions
- first place in Europe, all transactions

Mergermarket (ranked according to number of transactions)

- first place in CEE, all transactions
- first place in German-speaking countries, all transactions

Emerging Europe: M&A Report 2013/14: increase of M&A deals in the growth region for 2014

The survey looks at M&A activities concluded in 15 Central and Eastern European countries in 2013 and offers forecasts for this region. The transaction volume of M&A deals in CEE/SEE remained largely unchanged in 2013, although transaction values showed a slight decline from EUR 138 billion in 2012 to EUR 112 billion in 2013. The (mining) industry, including oil and gas production, was the

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leading sector in terms of deal value at over EUR 23 billion, accounting for almost a quarter of the overall market.

Roughly 31% of all transactions in the investigated region in 2013 were concluded in Russia, followed by Poland at 14% and Turkey at 13%.

“Dealflow in CEE/SEE will be driven by the increased appetite of foreign investors. The moderate valuation of some target companies, high-volume takeovers as well as sales by private equity firms will also play a role”, predicts Peter Huber, Managing Partner and M&A expert at CMS in Vienna.

The “Emerging Europe: M&A Report 2013/14” is available for free download at <http://www.cms-rrh.com/Emerging-Europe-MA-Report-2013-14>

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