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subject **CMS Top Rankings in M&A League Tables**

Following months of steady climbs up all three key industry M&A league tables, CMS is listed at the top of the 2009 year-end league tables for the whole of Europe, as well as in CEE, France, Germany and the UK. Further, the impressive results include categories where CMS is ranked for the first time.

Mergermarket

- **1st CEE (volume)**
- **1st Germany (volume)**
- **4th Europe (volume)**
- **4th Europe Mid-Market (volume)**
- **4th France (volume)**
- **5th Europe Mid-Market (value)**
- 8th Benelux (volume)
- 9th UK (volume)
- 10th Global (volume)
- 11th Germany (value)
- 11th Spain (value)
- 12th Russia (volume)
- 14th Iberia (value)
- 15th Italy (volume)
- 20th Global Mid-Market (volume)

Bloomberg

- **2nd Germany (volume)**
- **4th CEE (volume)**
- **5th Europe (counsel to principals, volume)**
- 6th Europe (volume)
- 7th Benelux (volume)
- 7th Europe (counsel to principals, value, not ranked before)
- 7th France (volume)
- 7th Russia (volume, not ranked before)
- 8th Europe (value, not ranked before)
- 8th UK (volume)
- 9th India (volume, not ranked before)
- 10th Global (counsel to principals, volume)
- 10th Iberia (volume)
- 11th Global (volume)

Thomson Reuters

- 1st CEE (mid-market, volume)
- 1st Europe (mid-market, volume)
- 1st France (mid-market, volume)
- 1st Germany (mid-market, volume)
- 1st UK (mid-market, volume)
- 4th Benelux (mid-market, volume)
- 4th Germany (announced, value)
- 4th Germany (mid-market, value)
- 4th Worldwide (mid-market, volume)
- 6th Italy (mid-market, volume)
- 7th Spain (mid-market, volume)
- 7th Worldwide (completed, volume)
- 8th UK (mid-market, value)
- 10th Germany (completed, value)
- 12th Spain (completed, value)
- 12th Europe (mid-market, value)
- 14th Europe (announced, value)
- 14th France (announced, value)
- 14th Spain (announced, value)
- 16th CEE (mid-market, value)
- 18th France (completed, value)
- 20th Europe (completed, value)
- 22nd Italy (announced, value)

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