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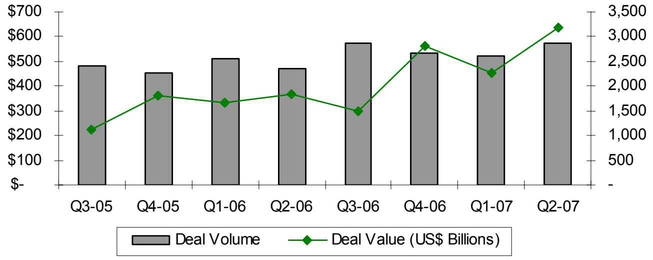
M&A Activity

Private equity's role in U.S. M&A activity continues to grow

Announced M&A activity through the second quarter of 2007 reached US$1.1 billion, a 53% increase over the same period in 2006. Growth was driven by several large announcements. Of the top 10 deals announced in 2007, five included financial sponsor involvement including the buyouts of TXU in the first quarter and Alltel, First Data, SLM and Archstone-Smith Trust in the second quarter.

Announced Transactions with U.S. Involvement



Source: Thomson Financial

Aggregate M&A Activity LTM as of June 19, 2007

	Multiple of: EBITDA	EBIT
Transactions Less than US$25 million	9.4	18.5
Transactions US$25 million to US$100 million	9.3	11.6
Transactions US$100 million to US$250 million	11.0	15.5
Transactions US$250 million to US$1 billion	10.8	17.2
Transactions Over $1 billion	10.6	15.2

Source: Thomson Financial Securities Data Corporation

Aggregate M&A Activity LTM as of June 19, 2007

	Current	1 Year Ago
Leveraged Bank Loan	8.2%	8.1%
High Yield Bond Rate	7.7%	8.7%
Senior Debt/EBITDA	4.6	4.0
Total Debt/EBITDA	5.1	4.5

Source: The Wall Street Journal and LCD Comps

Select M&A News

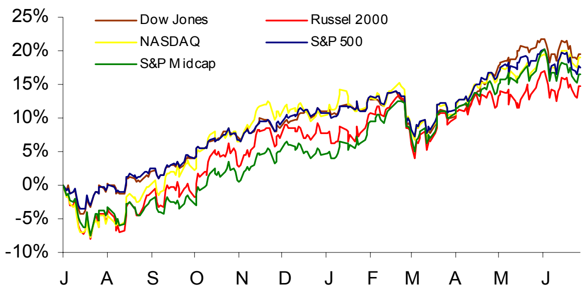
- ***Coleman Cable acquires Copperfield***
  Coleman Cable Inc, the U.S. producer of electrical wire and cable for a number of industries, has agreed to acquire Copperfield, the producer of copper electrical wire and cable, from private equity and buyout firm Spell Capital Partners for US$213 million. The value represents a multiple of 6.03x EBITDA and .41x revenue. The deal is part of Coleman Cable's strategy to further develop its relationships with industrial distributors, increases the company's end-market diversity and reinforce its position as a leading provider of wire and cable products in numerous niche industrial end markets. Following the acquisition, Copperfield and Coleman expect to enhance the value of both the companies and provide a greater variety of products and services to their clients.

- ***Gaz Metro subsidiary acquires Green Mountain Power***
  Northern New England Energy Corporation (NNEEC), the U.S. based energy company and a subsidiary of Gaz Metro Limited, the listed Canadian energy company and natural gas distributor, has acquired Green Mountain Power Corp, the listed U.S. based electricity and energy services provider, for US$277 million. The offer price represents a multiple of 6.39x EBITDA and 1.13x revenue. The acquisition will provide significant benefits to NNEEC's customers and is expected to yield new investments in Vermont.

- ***Subsidiary of LumaSense Technologies acquires Mikron Infrared***
  Red Acquisition Corporation, the US based wholly owned subsidiary and acquisition vehicle of LumaSense Technologies Inc, the sensors company serving the Industrial, Utility, Medical and Semiconductor markets, has agreed to acquire Mikron Infrared Inc, the listed company engaged in the field of infrared non-contact temperature measurement, for cash consideration of US$61 million. The value represents a multiple of 9.63x EBITDA and 1.74x revenue. The transaction is in line with LumaSense's strategy to have a wider presence in sensor instrumentation for the industrial, medical and energy markets and also provides opportunities to service new and existing customers.

Market Trends

LTM Market Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Year-to-Date Equity Offerings

	IPO's		Additionals	
Month	Number	Amount US$Bil.	Number	Amount US$Bil.
1st Quarter	75	$23.30	114	23.95
April	19	$7.62	40	6.5
May	40	$10.42	61	$14.73
June	32	$9.61	45	$13.74
First Half 2007	**166**	**$50.95**	**260**	**$58.92**
First Half 2006	**125**	**$22.87**	**269**	**$53.07**

Source: Bloomberg

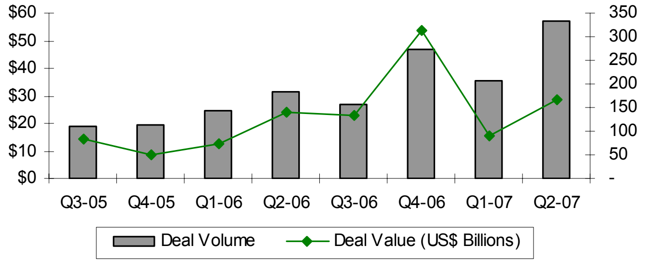
Latin America

M&A Activity

First Half M&A Activity Picks Up

The number of M&A deals in Latin America surged 66% in the first half of the year to 541, compared to 326 in the same period last year. Overall dollar volume in the first half of 2007 increased by 22% to US$44 billion, from the US$36 billion registered in the first half of 2006. According to Dealogic, average deal size fell to US$150 million, down 38% from US$243 million in the prior year period, indicating a pickup in mid-cap activity. Brazil was the region's leader for M&A, with US$23 billion via 173 deals so far this year, compared to 124 a year ago.

Announced Transactions with Latin American Involvement



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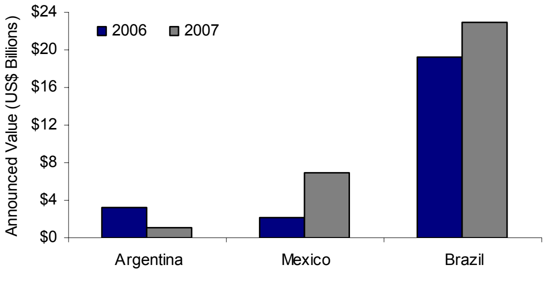

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- ***Controladora Milano acquires retailer Grupo Attie***

  Controladora Milano S.A. de C.V., a Mexican clothing retailer, has acquired Grupo Attie, S.A. de C.V. (Melody), a Mexican women's apparel retailer for an undisclosed consideration. Controladora Milano S.A. de C.V. is a portfolio company of U.S. based private equity firm Advent International Corporation. The acquisition was funded with equity capital provided by Advent and other shareholders of Milano. Debt financing was provided by Banamex. Melody owns and operates 107 stores in over 75 cities across Mexico. Following the integration, Milano will operate more than 375 stores in over 125 cities in the country. The acquisition will increase Milano's annual sales to US$382 million.

- ***Nutreco Holding acquires a 40% stake in Tenusa***

  Nutreco Holding NV, the listed Netherlands based producer of animal and fish feed has acquired a 40% stake in Tecnicas Nutricionales, S.A. de C.V. (trading as "Tenusa"), the Mexican producer of animal feed, for an undisclosed consideration. Nutreco had acquired a majority stake in Tenusa in 2005 and will now own 100% of the company. Tenusa had a turnover of US$53 million in 2006.

- ***Arcelor Mittal acquires Sicartsa from Grupo Villacero***

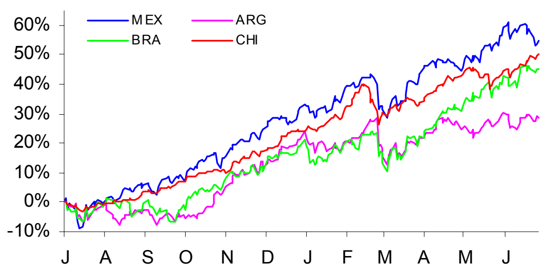
  Arcelor Mittal, the listed Dutch steel company, has agreed to acquire Sicartsa, the Mexican integrated steelmaker, from Grupo Villacero, the Mexican producer of long products and distributor of steel products, for a total deal value of US$1.4 billion. The acquisition is expected to generate US$80 million of industrial synergies in addition to US$50 million from commercial, procurement & selling, and general & administrative synergies. The acquisition includes Metaver, a mini-mill; Sibasa and Camsa, with two rolling mills in Celaya, Guanajuato and Tultitlan, State of Mexico; as well as Border Steel, a mini-mill in Texas.

- ***Tarida acquires a 43% stake in Grupo IMSA***

  Tarida S.A. de C.V., the investment vehicle of the Monterrey, Mexico based Canales Clariond Family, has agreed to acquire an additional 43% stake in Grupo IMSA S.A. de C.V., the listed Mexico based diversified industrial holding company, from the Clariond Reyes Retana Family, for a consideration of US$1.1 billion. Tarida will fund the acquisition through a syndicated loan. Post completion, Tarida will hold an approximate 86% stake in Grupo IMSA.

Market Trends

LTM Equity Market Performance



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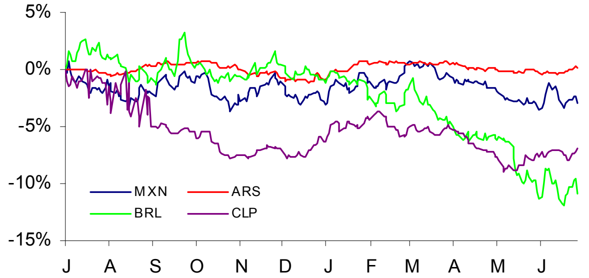

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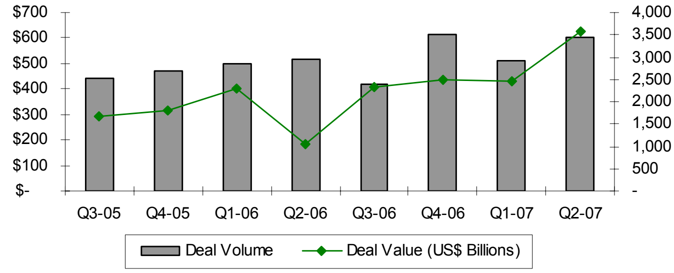
M&A Activity

European Activity Increases Dramatically over 2006

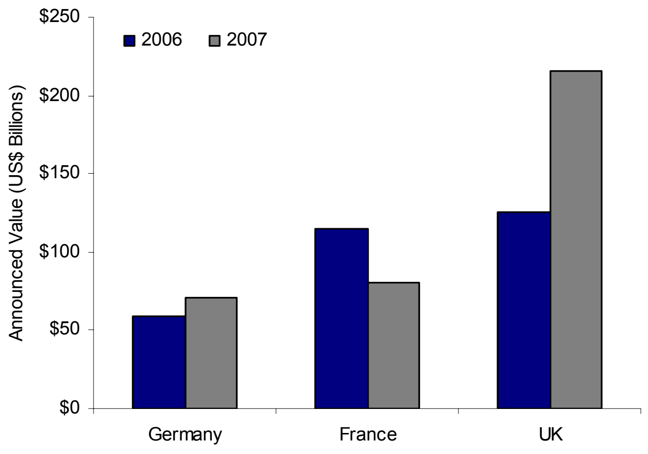
Thompson Financial reported European announced M&A volume reached US$1.06 trillion through the first half of 2007. The announced value represents an 80% increase over the same period in 2006. The value increase was driven by several large deals including RBS's and Barclays' rival offers for ABN AMRO.

Announced Transactions with European Involvement



Source: Thomson Financial

Selected Countries by Announced Deal Value



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Select M&A News

- ***E. Wood Holdings acquired by 3M***

  3M Company, the listed U.S. consumer and industrial products conglomerate, has acquired E. Wood Holdings Plc, the listed U.K. based holding company with interests in the specialized coatings sector, for US$76 million. The price represents a multiple of 10.20x EBITDA and 1.43x revenue. The acquisition will enable 3M to access markets, including the rehabilitation of existing oil and gas pipelines, and the protection and rehabilitation of water pipelines. The acquisition of certain infrastructure will also enable the company to realize additional opportunities more quickly.

- ***Dutch private equity consortium acquires stake in Dutch automotive industry supplier***

  Gilde Buy Out Partners BV (GBOP) and Parcom Ventures BV, both Dutch private equity firms, through the acquisition vehicle, Nedfast Holding BV have acquired a 71% stake in Koninklijke Nedschroef Holding NV (KNH), the Dutch manufacturer of bolts, nuts, rivets and washers for the automotive industry, at a price of US$351 million. The purchase price represents a multiple of 5.98x EBITDA and .63x revenue. Parcom Ventures previously held a 29% stake in KNH. Parcom and GBOP after this acquisition will together hold the entire stake in KNH and intend to delist the company.

- ***French pharmaceutical company acquired by Indian strategic buyer***

  Wockhardt Limited, the listed Indian pharmaceutical and biotechnology company, has acquired Negma - Labo Eur Pour Recherche Son Appl (Negma Lerads), the French pharmaceutical company, from Ifrah Finance SA, the French holding company with interests in pharmaceutical sector, for a cash consideration of US$265 million. The transaction is valued at a multiple of 9.70x EBITDA and 1.77x revenue. With this acquisition, Wockhardt will be able to enhance its presence in Germany, UK and Ireland and enter the French generics market, besides extending its patented portfolio.

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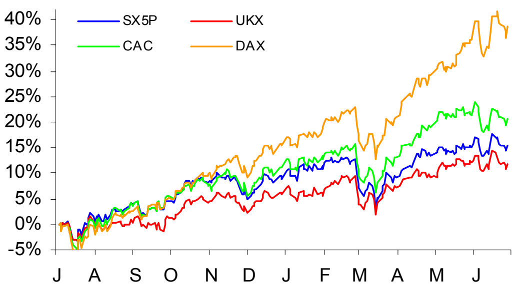

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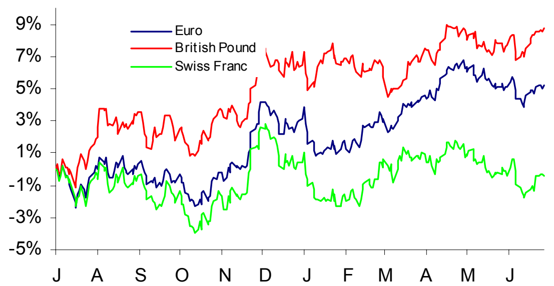

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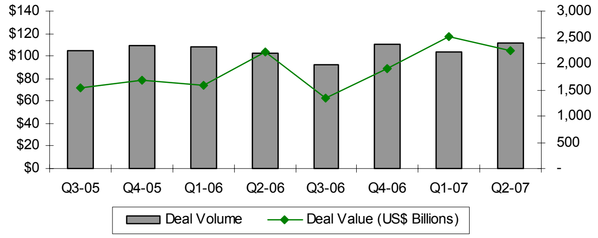
Asia & India

M&A Activity

Announced Transactions with Asian Involvement



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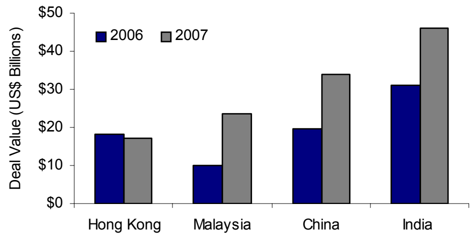
Selected Asian Country Activity (Any Involvement)



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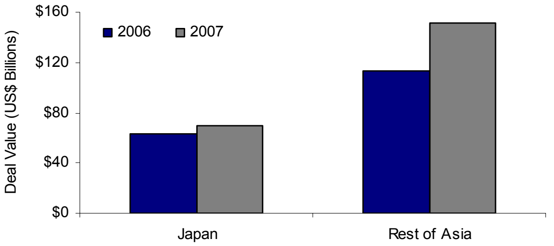
Regional Asian Activity



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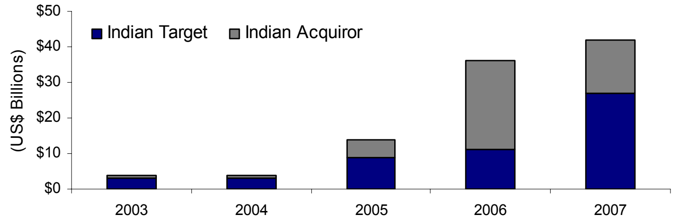
Indian Cross-Border Activity



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- ***Canon subsidiary acquires Argo 21 Corporation***
  Canon Marketing Japan Inc., the Japanese distributor of office equipment and a subsidiary of Canon Inc., the Japanese manufacturer of electronic products, has acquired Argo 21 Corporation, the listed Japanese IT services provider, for a cash consideration of approximately US$77 million. The price represents a multiple of 7.72x EBITDA and .47x revenue. Post acquisition Argo will operate as a subsidiary of Canon Marketing.

- ***Alstom subsidiary acquires Wuhan Boiler***
  Alstom China Investment Co. Ltd., the China based investment arm of Alstom SA, the listed French energy and transport company, has acquire a stake in Wuhan Boiler Co. Ltd., the listed Chinese boiler manufacturer, from Wuhan Boiler Group Co. Ltd., the Chinese government-owned holding company, for consideration of US$199 million. The price represents a multiple of 12.83x EBITDA and .69x revenue. Wuhan Boiler Group will retain a 6.9% stake in Wuhan Boiler.

- ***NYSE acquires stake in Indian Stock Exchange***
  A consortium of investors led by NYSE Group, Inc., the listed U.S. based provider of securities listing, trading and market data products and services, has agreed to acquire a collective 20% stake in The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE), the Indian securities trading exchange, from a consortium of promoters, for a consideration of US$460 million. The other bidders include Goldman Sachs, General Atlantic LLC, and Softbank Asia Infrastructure Fund. According to the securities laws of India, no single foreign investor can acquire more than a 5% stake in a stock exchange. The acquisition is in line with NYSE's global growth strategy and is complimentary to its ongoing bid for Euronext. The transaction will also create value for its shareholders, and enable it to identify new opportunities in listings, trading and product development. The transaction also provides NSE with the expertise of institutions from North America, Europe and Asia, which is expected to enable it to grow its value.

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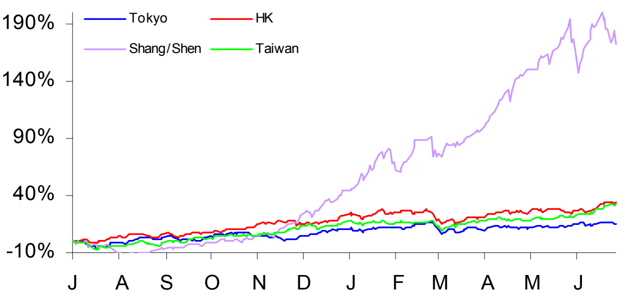

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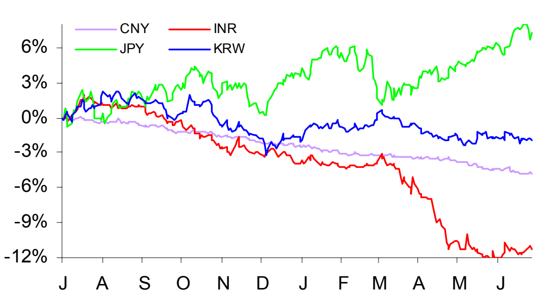

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