

Deloitte Ireland named Ireland's top M&A Financial Adviser of the Year 2020

Deloitte Ireland, the leading business advisory firm, has been named Ireland's M&A Financial Adviser of the Year by Mergermarket, an Acuris company. The prestigious Mergermarket European M&A Awards gather senior dealmakers from across Europe to recognise outstanding contributions to M&A advisory in the region and the Deloitte team in Ireland have been awarded as the leading M&A advisor in this market in 2020.

Mergermarket is a leading global business deal data intelligence provider. The shortlist for the awards is based on an analysis of Mergermarket's market-leading league tables and the winners are chosen by rigorous judging from a panel of experts. The methodology ensures the Mergermarket M&A Awards are an independent recognition of financial and legal advisory work.

Commenting on the win, **Anya Cummins, Partner, M&A, Deloitte Ireland** said: "We are thrilled to be recognised at European level for our M&A advisory practice. Deloitte has the largest dedicated M&A team in Ireland and this year has been an incredibly busy year for the team with a number of landmark, cross-border and private equity transactions, despite unprecedented market volatility."

The Deloitte M&A team has led on a number of buy-side and sell-side transactions this year across a range of business sectors. Some recent deals have included lead advisor to Cardinal Capital on their investment in Mowlam Healthcare; lead advisor to TotalMobile and Horizon on their investment from Bowmark Capital; lead advisor to Livingbridge on their investment in Chill Insurance; the sale of Amber Petroleum to Greenergy; the sale of 4Site to Indigo Telecom Group; lead advisor to KB Associates on their investment from ECI; and lead advisor to Mergon on their investment from Elysian Capital.

Jan Fitzell, Partner M&A, Deloitte Ireland commented: "There are a number of key differentiators which we believe set us apart from our peers in the Irish market, including a truly diverse team, integrated multidisciplinary services and experience in complex deals and cross-border transactions. This year we were particularly proud of completing and announcing the first large cross-border deal that commenced, was executed and completed in a fully virtual environment. We are delighted to say that the team remains exceptionally busy with a number of further deal closings anticipated up to the end of December, and a strong pipeline of transactions for 2021."