



Syndicated Loan, Leveraged Finance and Private Debt Awards 2024

Winners list

DEALS OF THE YEAR

Deal of the Year

Swisscom

€8.1bn April 2024 for acquisition of Vodafone Italia

Deutsche Bank, ING, UniCredit (underwriters and bookrunners)

Bank of America, BBVA, BNP Paribas, Intesa Sanpaolo, LBBW, Mediobanca, Société Générale, UBS, ZKB (MLAs)

Bank CIC, Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, CaixaBank, Raiffeisen Schweiz (arrangers)

Leveraged Loan of the Year

Belron

\$8.23bn-equivalent October 2024 for refinancing and shareholder distribution
Cov-lite \$4.69bn and €2.05bn seven year term loan Bs, €1.14bn 4.6 year revolving credit facility to refinance €4.3bn of debt and fund a €4.3bn distribution to shareholders

Bank of America (lead left for dollars), Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Fifth Third Bank, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, ING, JP Morgan (admin agent), Morgan Stanley, SMBC, Société Générale (coordinators)

BBVA, Citizens Bank, Deutsche Bank, Intesa Sanpaolo, KBC, Mediobanca (bookrunners)

M&A Loan of the Year

FiberCop and NetCo

€6.72bn June 2024 for their acquisition by investors led by KKR through Optics Bidco
Optics Bidco €4.72bn five year term loan, €2bn revolving credit facility for FiberCop and NetCo's acquisition by KKR, ADIA, CPPIB and F2i

Crédit Agricole, SMBC, UniCredit (coordinators, underwriters and bookrunners)

Banco BPM, BNP Paribas, CIBC, JP Morgan, Mediobanca, MUFG, Natixis, Société Générale (underwriters and bookrunners)
JP Morgan (bookrunner)

Bank of America, BBVA, BPER Banca, CaixaBank, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, NatWest (MLAs)

Emerging Market Loan of the Year

Akbank

\$753m-equivalent October 2024 to refinance 2023 facility and for trade finance
\$273m and €254m one year term loans, \$160m and €44m two year term loans

Bank of America (bookrunner and coordinator)

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Emirates NBD, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Standard Chartered (sustainability coordinator) (all coordinators)
Citigroup, Commercial Bank of Dubai, Commercial Bank of Qatar, Deutsche Bank, Gulf International Bank, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, ING, MUFG, SMBC, Société Générale (MLAs)

Infrastructure Finance Loan of the Year

FiberCop and NetCo

€6.72bn June 2024 for their acquisition by investors led by KKR through Optics Bidco
Optics Bidco €4.72bn five year term loan, €2bn revolving credit facility for FiberCop and NetCo's acquisition by KKR, ADIA, CPPIB and F2i

Crédit Agricole, SMBC, UniCredit (coordinators, underwriters and bookrunners)

Banco BPM, BNP Paribas, CIBC, JP Morgan, Mediobanca, MUFG, Natixis, Société Générale (underwriters and bookrunners)

JP Morgan (bookrunner)

Bank of America, BBVA, BPER Banca, CaixaBank, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, NatWest (MLAs)

Renewables Loan of the Year

H2 Green Steel

€4.15bn April 2024 financing for Boden green hydrogen and steel mill in Sweden
Thirteen year loans guaranteed by Euler Hermes: term loans of €1.2bn, €1.2bn, €400m and €600m, €200m EIB term loan, €250m credit facility and €300m revolving credit facility

ABN Amro, AIP Management, BNP Paribas, Clifford Capital, Core Sustainability Capital, Deutsche Bank, European Investment Bank, ING, Intesa Sanpaolo, KfW Ipex Bank, Kommunalkredit Austria, Macquarie, NatWest, PGGM, Santander, SEK, Société Générale, Stichting Pensioenfond ABP, UniCredit (MLAs)

REGIONAL DEALS OF THE YEAR

UK and Irish Deal of the Year

EP Corporate Group

£2.85bn August 2024 for the acquisition of International Distribution Services

EP UK Bidco Ltd £750m one year and £500m 18 month bridge facilities, £1.1bn term loan, £500m revolving credit facility

BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Société Générale, UniCredit (coordinators and underwriters)

Crédit Agricole, ING, Intesa Sanpaolo, MUFG, SMBC (underwriters)

ABN Amro, Lloyds Bank, NatWest, SEB (bookrunners)
BBVA, Goldman Sachs (arrangers)

French Deal of the Year

LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton

€10bn March 2024 refinancing

Five year revolving credit facility with two one year extension options

Bank of America, Natixis (coordinators and bookrunners)

BBVA, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, CM-CIC, Commerzbank, Crédit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Intesa Sanpaolo, JP Morgan, Santander, Société Générale, Standard Chartered, UniCredit (bookrunners)

Bank of China, Barclays, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, ING, Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, MUFG, RBC, SMBC (MLAs)

German, Swiss and Austrian Deal of the Year

Swisscom

€8.1bn April 2024 for acquisition of Vodafone Italia

€5.1bn 11 month bridge facility, €1.5bn three year and €1.5bn five year term loans, all extendable twice for five months

Deutsche Bank, ING, UniCredit (underwriters and bookrunners)

Bank of America, BBVA, BNP Paribas, Intesa Sanpaolo, LBBW, Mediobanca, Société Générale, UBS, ZKB (MLAs)

Bank CIC, Banque Cantonale Vaudoise, CaixaBank, Raiffeisen Schweiz (arrangers)

Italian Deal of the Year

FiberCop and NetCo

€6.72bn June 2024 for their acquisition by investors led by KKR through Optics Bidco Optics Bidco €4.72bn five year term loan, €2bn revolving credit facility for FiberCop and NetCo's acquisition by KKR, ADIA, CPPIB and F2i

Crédit Agricole, SMBC, UniCredit (coordinators, underwriters and bookrunners)

Banco BPM, BNP Paribas, CIBC, JP Morgan, Mediobanca, MUFG, Natixis, Société Générale (underwriters and bookrunners)

JP Morgan (bookrunner)

Bank of America, BBVA, BPER Banca, CaixaBank, Citigroup, Deutsche Bank, Mizuho, Morgan Stanley, NatWest (MLAs)

Iberian Deal of the Year

Vodafone Spain

€4.7bn May 2024 for its acquisition by Zegona Communications

Cov-lite €3.7bn one year bridge facility, €500m 4.75 year term loan and €500m 4.75

year revolving credit facility
Deutsche Bank, ING, UniCredit (underwriters and bookrunners)
DNB, Intesa Sanpaolo, RBC, Santander (MLAs)

Benelux Deal of the Year

SES

€3bn April 2024 for its acquisition of Intelsat

One year bridge facility with two six month extension options

Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley (underwriters and bookrunners)

Bank of China, BBVA, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Commerzbank, Goldman Sachs, Helaba, HSBC, ING, Intesa Sanpaolo, JP Morgan, KBC, LBBW, Mizuho, SMBC, Société Générale (MLAs)

Nordic Deal of the Year

Novo Nordisk

€5.85bn August 2024 for acquisition of three factories from Catalent

One year bridge facility with six month extension option

BNP Paribas (documentation agent), SEB (coordinators and bookrunners)

Bank of America, Danske Bank, Deutsche Bank, HSBC, ING, Morgan Stanley, Nordea (facility agent) (bookrunners)

Central and Eastern European Deal of the Year

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Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Emirates NBD, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Standard Chartered (sustainability coordinator) (all coordinators)

Citigroup, Commercial Bank of Dubai, Commercial Bank of Qatar, Deutsche Bank, Gulf International Bank, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, ING, MUFG, SMBC, Société Générale (MLAs)

Turkish Deal of the Year

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Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Emirates NBD, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Standard Chartered (sustainability coordinator) (all coordinators)

Citigroup, Commercial Bank of Dubai, Commercial Bank of Qatar, Deutsche Bank, Gulf International Bank, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, ING, MUFG, SMBC, Société Générale (MLAs)

Middle Eastern Deal of the Year

Public Investment Fund

\$15bn July 2024 for general purposes and to refinance 2021 facility

\$10bn and \$5bn three year revolving credit facilities with two one-year extension options

Bank of America, Citigroup (coordinators and bookrunners)

Bank of China, BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole, First Abu Dhabi Bank, HSBC, Intesa Sanpaolo, JP Morgan, Mizuho, Natixis, SMBC, Standard Chartered (bookrunners)

Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, Société Générale (MLAs)

African Deal of the Year

Bank of Industry

€1.425bn August 2024 to refinance €1bn facility from 2022

€675m and €750m three year term loans

Africa Finance Corp, Standard Chartered (coordinators and bookrunners)

Afreximbank, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Mashreqbank, Rand Merchant Bank, SMBC (bookrunners)

Absa Bank, Export-Import Bank of India (MLAs)

BANK AWARDS

Loan House of the Year

BNP Paribas

Best Arranger of Leveraged Loans

JP Morgan

Best Arranger of M&A Loans

JP Morgan

Best Arranger of Mid-cap Loans

BNP Paribas

Best Arranger of Project Finance Loans

Santander

Best Arranger of Trade Finance Loans

ING

Best Arranger of Infrastructure and Renewables Loans

Crédit Agricole

Best Secondary Loans House	SUSTAINABLE LENDING AWARDS	US Private Placement of the Year
JP Morgan	Sustainability-Linked Loan of the Year	Messer
Best Bank in Real Estate Finance	RWE	\$1.1bn March 2024 to refinance bridge for acquisition of Messer Industries shares from CVC
Natixis	€5bn July 2024 sustainability-linked to refinance 2023 facility	\$300m seven year, \$400m 10 year and \$400m 12 year notes
Best Bank in Fund Finance	One year revolving credit facility with two one year extension options	Bank of America, BNP Paribas, JP Morgan (lead placement agents)
Lloyds Bank	Commerzbank and UniCredit (sustainability coordinator) (both underwriters, coordinators and bookrunners)	
BANK REGIONAL AWARDS	Bank of America, Bank of China, Barclays, BBVA, BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Crédit Agricole, Deutsche Bank, DZ Bank, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, JP Morgan, Mizuho, MUFG, Natixis, NatWest, RBC, SMBC, Société Générale (MLAs)	Direct Lending Deal of the Year
Best Arranger of Western European Loans	Best Arranger of Green and ESG-linked Loans in Western Europe	Adevinta
BNP Paribas	ING	€4.5bn November 2023 for take-private acquisition by Blackstone, Permira, General Atlantic and TCV
Best Arranger of Central and Eastern European Loans	Best Arranger of Green and ESG-linked Loans in CEEMEA	ABG Sundal Collier, Goldman Sachs (financial advisers to acquirers)
UniCredit	Standard Chartered	Citigroup, JP Morgan (lead financial advisers to Adevinta)
Best Arranger of Middle Eastern Loans	Most Innovative Bank for ESG Lending	Best Arranger of Schuldscheine
First Abu Dhabi Bank	BNP Paribas	LBBW
Best Arranger of African Loans	Best Private Equity House Issuer of Green and ESG-linked Loans	Best Arranger of International Schuldscheine
Standard Chartered	CVC	UniCredit
Best Arranger of Asia Pacific Loans	Most Innovative Private Equity House for ESG	US Private Placement Agent of the Year
Standard Chartered	EQT	BNP Paribas
Best Arranger of UK and Irish Loans	Most Impressive Law Firm for ESG	Best Arranger of Euro Private Placements
Barclays	A&O Shearman	BNP Paribas
Best Arranger of French Loans	PRIVATE DEBT DEAL AND ARRANGER AWARDS	Best Schuldschein Law Firm
BNP Paribas	Schuldschein of the Year	White & Case
Best Arranger of German, Swiss and Austrian Loans	Messer	INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR AND PRIVATE LENDER AWARDS
UniCredit	€950m July 2024 to refinance bridge for acquisition of Messer Industries from CVC	Best Institutional Lender in Syndicated Loans
Best Arranger of Italian Loans	Three, five and seven year fixed and floating rate notes	Barings
UniCredit	BayernLB, Deutsche Bank, Helaba, UniCredit (lead arrangers)	Best Direct Lending Firm
Best Arranger of Iberian Loans	International Schuldschein of the Year	Ares
Santander	Sofidel	Best Real Estate Direct Lender
Best Arranger of Benelux Loans	€540m July 2024	PIMCO
ING		Best Institutional Provider of Fund Finance
Best Arranger of Nordic Loans		MUFG
SEB		Best Subordinated Debt Investor
Best Arranger of Turkish Loans		Clearlake Credit
Emirates NBD		Best Distressed Loan Investor
		Triton

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A&O Shearman

Best Law Firm for Private Debt

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