


Browne Jacobson named 'Law Firm of the Year' as it picks up a record four awards at East Midlands Dealmakers

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Browne Jacobson's corporate finance team has triumphed at the Insider East Midlands Dealmakers Awards 2023, winning an impressive array of accolades, including the coveted 'Corporate Law Firm of the Year' for the second year in a row.

According to the judges it was a year in which the firm 'appears to have a role in every significant deal in the East Midlands... Browne Jacobson popped up everywhere – Next's rescue deal for Joules, the £14m IBO of PermaGroup – just two standout transactions'.

In addition, **Sandra Wong** was named 'Dealmaker of the Year' in recognition of her role on 'a string of major transactions over the past eight years including Addo, Bridge Farm Nurseries, Care Fertility and Littlefish'. It followed her success at last year's awards when she was named 'Emerging Dealmaker of the Year'.

The UK & Ireland law firm were also recognised for their work on a number of award-winning transactions that reinforces Browne Jacobson's deep-rooted corporate dealmaking expertise and specialist sector knowledge and the team's innovative approach to complex transactions. These included the secondary buyout of Littlefish to Bowmark Capital from LDC and management which won the **Deal of the Year £10m+** category and the management buyout of Swann Systems which was named **Deal of the Year – Under £10m**.

The Insider East Midlands Dealmakers Awards celebrate the region's most exceptional professionals and organisations involved in dealmaking, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance. The event took place last night (Thursday 25 May) at The Nottingham Belfry Hotel.

Richard Cox, Partner and Head of Corporate Finance at Browne Jacobson expressed his delight at the firm's success, stating, "We are immensely proud to have received a record number of awards at the Insider East Midlands Dealmakers Awards 2023. These accolades are a testament to our commitment to providing exceptional legal and pragmatic advice and the client centric approach we take to every deal. These are all elements which have played a key role in giving our clients outstanding results.

"I would like to congratulate and highlight the excellent work of Sandra and our wider team of legal professionals whose sector aligned expertise, hard work, and collaborative way of working have been instrumental in achieving these award wins."

Browne Jacobson's national corporate finance practice is ranked by Experian as one of the country's leading corporate finance teams. It operates from our offices in Birmingham, London, Manchester, and Nottingham and is made up of over 50 expert corporate, private equity, venture capital (VC) and banking & finance lawyers delivering multi-layered transactions across a diverse range of sectors including retail, consumer & logistics, manufacturing & industrials, energy & infrastructure, real estate & construction and tech. The team works collaboratively with a rich, diverse, and longstanding portfolio of domestic and international clients including, fast growing start-ups, FTSE 100 companies, private equity investors and the UK's leading banking institutions.

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