

DOUBLE AWARD WIN FOR DMH STALLARD



It has been an exciting start to the year for DMH Stallard, who has picked up a remarkable two awards at Insider's South East Dealmakers Awards 2016.



The prestigious awards ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel, Effingham Park, Crawley.

Last month, the leading law firm, with four offices in the South East of England, was announced Corporate Law Firm of the Year at the prestigious awards ceremony at the Copthorne Hotel, Effingham Park, Crawley in front of a crowd of more than 370 of the region's top corporate finance professionals.

In addition, DMH Stallard won the award for Deal of the Year for transactions under £10m for the sale of Lewes-based Ivy Press to Quarto Publishing, which the firm led with EMC Corporate Finance.

The judging panel praised DMH Stallard for having "another stellar year," with deal highlights including the sale of Takbro to

Newbury Investments, the MBO and sale of Small Batch Coffee Company, and, of course, the award-winning sale of Ivy Press to Quarto Publishing.

Richard Pollins, Managing Partner at DMH Stallard, commented: "I am absolutely delighted that our firm has won the award for Corporate Law Firm of the Year 2016, which certainly reinforces our reputation for being the leading law firm in the South East region. This is now the third time since 2012 that we have been winners of this prestigious award.

"To pick up a second top prize in the same year for our Ivy Press deal is a true honour and demonstrates the hard work and commitment

of our highly skilled corporate team.

"I'd like to congratulate Jonathan Grant, Abigail Owen, Gwen Godfrey, John Yates and all those involved for these fantastic achievements."

Ivy Press is an award-winning creator of illustrated books which was sold to Quarto Publishing, part of The Quarto Group, the world's leading illustrated book publisher.

The team at DMH Stallard approached the deal in their usual collaborative style, providing commercial advice on non-contentious issues that others would have fought to defend for no other reason than point scoring, whilst resolving issues in a commercial manner and, where necessary, protecting the legal position of the shareholders.

The judges were impressed with the fact that this was a truly transformational deal for Ivy Press, which has been able to retain 50 talented staff and strengthens the creative offering in Brighton.

The Insider's South East Dealmakers Awards are partly awarded based on voting, but were supported this year by selection from among those involved in deals and able to apply some quality judgement.

Philip Cunliffe, Regional Business Editor at Insider, said: "It's been another highly successful year for the corporate finance community. There is no doubt the firms that were up for awards this year were the very cream of the crop!"

DMH Stallard has enjoyed previous successes at the South East Dealmakers Awards. Last year, Partner Jonathan Grant won Corporate Lawyer of the Year, which was won by Partner Abigail Owen in 2014 and 2013. This year also marks the third year since 2012 that DMH Stallard has been named Corporate Law Firm of the Year.

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The DMH Stallard team collecting their two awards (front row, from left to right): Jay Barnett, John Yates, Abigail Owen, Jonathan Grant, Gwen Godfrey and Anjali Majeবাদia (back row) sponsor representative from Search Legal.