Dea Makers®

BEE Deal of the Year 2025

The award will be unveiled at the Annual Awards on February 19, 2026

- This year will be the 7th year in which this award will be made.
- Deals may be nominated through detailed submissions by the advisory firms involved. To qualify, the deal must have been announced during the 2025 calendar year (closing is not required).
 DealMakers, in consultation with the Independent Selection Panel, will prepare a shortlist of qualifying transactions.
- Nominations close at 12h00 on Friday,
 21 November 2025, with no extensions. Where qualifying deals are announced after this date,
 DealMakers must be informed in advance, and full details submitted no later than
 19 December 2025.
- The winning deal will receive a framed certificate, a specially minted one-ounce platinum/gold medal, and an inscribed floating trophy.



NOMINATIONS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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- Transformational transaction does the deal or transaction transform the business or even the industry in which it operates? What is the extent of potential transformation as a result?
- Execution complexity does the overall deal or transaction involve multiple steps/a number of smaller interrelated deals? Are there numerous conditions precedent that need to be fulfilled? Does it involve many and/or complex regulatory approvals? Are there related debt/equity raising processes and how difficult are they to implement? Was there significant time pressure to conclude the deal/transaction? Did the deal/transaction exhibit innovative structuring?
- **Deal size** not an over-riding determinant but a significant factor.
- **Potential value creation** to what extent could shareholders and other stakeholders benefit from the transaction over time?

Please submit all nominations to marylou@gleason.co.za by 12h00 on Friday, November 21, 2025.

