

# DealMakers®

## Deal of the Year 2025

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

- This year will be the 25th 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:

#### Deal of the Year – (by a South African company)

- **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](mailto:marylou@gleason.co.za) by 12h00 on Friday, November 21, 2025.**

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