

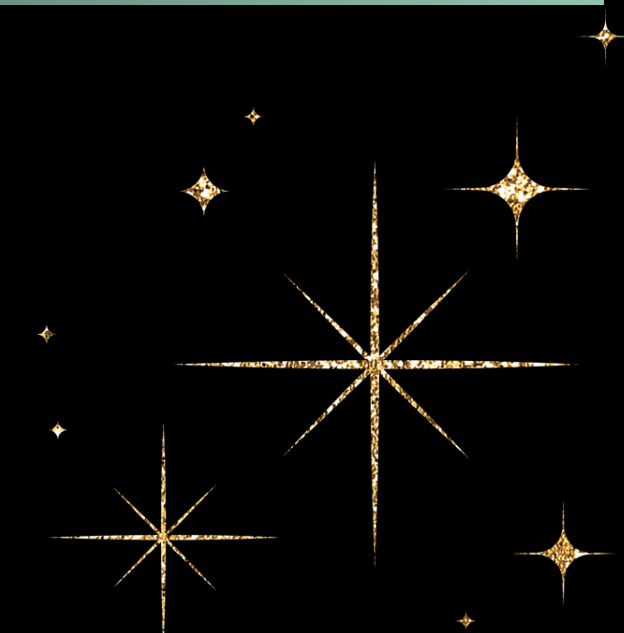


DealMakers ANNUAL AWARDS EAST AFRICA

2025

Deal of the Year 2025 (East Africa)

will be unveiled at the
Annual Awards in March 2026



This year will be the 8th year Deal of the Year is awarded

Deals will be nominated for inclusion by way of detailed motivations submitted by the firms involved.

THE DEAL MUST HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED DURING THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR (not necessarily closed).

The DealMakers editorial team will produce a short list of those it believes best qualify or consideration with input from the Independent Selection Panel.

The closing date and time for nominations is 12h00 on Friday, January 16, 2026.

There will be no extensions. Deal of the Year will receive a framed certificate and a trophy appropriately inscribed.

DEALS WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

DEAL OF THE YEAR:

- **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

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Private Equity Deal of the Year



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