

Half Year M&A Activity Report

Latin America, H1 2016

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The following report details mergers and acquisitions activity in Latin America in H1 2016 using data from the Zephyr database.

It focuses on deal activity by target company.

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Latin America M&A activity continues to weaken

The value of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) targeting companies based in Latin America, including tax havens, declined for the second consecutive six month period to USD 88,713 million in H1 2016 (H1 2015: USD 169,588 million; H2 2015: USD 159,517 million).

Volume fell for the third successive period as 1,021 deals were announced during the first half of 2016 (H2 2014: 1,653 deals; H1 2015: 1,528; H2 2015: 1,430).

While no single transaction was worth in excess of USD 5.000 million in H1 2016, nine deals broke the USD 2.000 million barrier during the period under review and together accounted for 32 per cent of total M&A value during the six months.

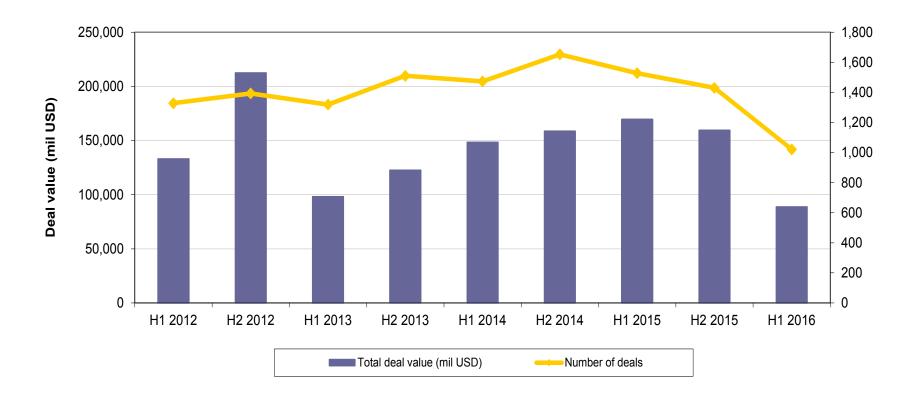
It is worth noting that companies based in the tax havens of the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands accounted for 81 per cent (USD 71,920 million) of the USD 88,713 million recorded for the region in H1 2016.

Latin America deals by volume and value

Announced date	No of deals	Total deal value (mil USD)
H1 2016	1,021	88,713
H2 2015	1,430	159,517
H1 2015	1,528	169,588
H2 2014	1,653	158,692
H1 2014	1,473	148,381
H2 2013	1,510	122,558
H1 2013	1,319	98,059
H2 2012	1,393	212,378
H1 2012	1,328	133,017



Latin America deals by volume and value









There are several countries in Latin America that are commonly known as "tax havens" due to their lenient regulations which make them desirable hubs to conduct business.

Understanding that the figures in these countries are likely skewed due to their appealing regulatory environments, the table on this page only includes data from the following tax haven countries: Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands.

Tax haven deals by volume and value

Announced date	No of deals	Total deal value (mil USD)
H1 2016	756	71,920
H2 2015	903	110,043
H1 2015	837	122,187
H2 2014	826	68,306
H1 2014	832	68,484
H2 2013	782	63,116
H1 2013	661	49,392
H2 2012	700	105,776
H1 2012	609	39,958





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British Virgin Islands-based company targeted in top deal

The largest deal by value targeting companies based in Latin America was CITIC selling both British Virgin Islands-based Tuxiana and China-headquartered CITIC Real Estate to China Overseas Land & Investment in a deal worth USD 4,777 million.

This was followed by Xiaoju Kuaizh, otherwise known as Didi Kuaidi, a Cayman Islands-incorporated mobile taxi booking platform, conducting a USD 4,500 million capital increase with the participation of investors such as Apple, Alibaba Group Holding and Tencent in June.

The majority of the top 20 targeted tax havens, including eight deals with a Cayman Islands target. The only other country to feature was Brazil with 4 deals.

Tax havens dominate in H1 2016

The Cayman Islands led the way by both volume and value in H1 2016 with 345 deals worth a combined USD 34,643 million. Despite being the most valuable country during the six months, this represents a decline on the 437 deals worth USD 61,143 million recorded in H2 2015. This was followed by the British Virgin Islands, which had 224 deals worth USD 18,692 million and Bermuda with 185 deals worth USD 18,244 million.

Brazil placed fourth with 132 deals worth USD 12,441 million.

PE and VC value slumps in H1

In keeping with the overall trend for H1 2016, the value of private equity and venture capital (PE and VC) investment activity targeting companies in Latin America significantly declined to USD 5,073 million from a record breaking USD 26,837 million in H2 2015. However, the second half of 2015 featured a number of notable transactions, including True Thrive buying Qihoo 360 Technology for USD 9,300 million.

Volume declined by a fifth to 101 deals in H1 2016 from 126 deals in H2 2015 and was 45 per cent lower than the 185 deals recorded in the same timeframe last year.

Only two PE and VC deals were worth more than USD 1,000 million during the first half of 2016, both of which targeted Cayman Islands-based companies and together accounted for 61 per cent of total PE and VC value. The largest of these was online car booking mobile application Uber China raising USD 2,000 million in its latest round of investment, with participation from China Taiping Insurance Holdings, CITIC Securities and China Minsheng Banking, among others. I Squared Capital Advisors agreed to buy electricity provider Viridian Group Holdings for USD 1,112 million in the second largest PE and VC deal in H1 2016.



Top 20 deals by value

	Deal value (mil USD)	Deal type	Target	Target country	Acquiror	Acquiror country	Announced date
1.	4,777	Acquisition 100%	CITIC Real Estate Co., Ltd; Tuxiana Corporation	CN; VG	China Overseas Land & Investment Ltd	HK	14/03/2016
2.	4,500	Capital Increase	Xiaoju Kuaizhi Inc.	KY	China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd; China Poly Group Corporation; China Life Insurance (Group) Company; Tencent Holdings Ltd; Apple Inc.; Alibaba Group Holding Ltd; Softbank Corporation; Zhejiang Ant Small and Micro Financial Services Group Co., Ltd	CN; CN; CN; KY; US; KY; JP; CN	12/05/2016
3.	3,420	Acquisition 100%	Ball Corporation's 2 can manufacturing plants in Brazil, among other international assets	BR	Ardagh Group SA	LU	25/04/2016
4.	3,163	Acquisition 100%	CETIP SA	BR	BM&F Bovespa SA	BR	08/04/2016
5.	2,770	Acquisition 70%	TF Holdings Ltd	BM	China Molybdenum Co., Ltd	CN	09/05/2016
6.	2,743	Acquisition increased from 69% to 100%	New World China Land Ltd	KY	Easywin Enterprises Corporation Ltd	HK	26/02/2016
7.	2,650	Acquisition 100%	Freeport-McMoRan DRC Holdings Ltd	BM	CMOC Ltd	HK	16/05/2016
8.	2,000	Acquisition increased to 100%	TSMC Global Ltd	VG	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd	TW	02/02/2016
9.	2,000	Minority stake	Uber (China) Ltd	KY	Investors; CITIC Securities Co., Ltd; China Minsheng Banking Co., Ltd; China Life Insurance Co., Ltd; China Vanke Co., Ltd; HNA Group Co., Ltd; China Lounge Investments Ltd; China Broadband Capital Partners LP; China Taiping Insurance Holdings Co., Ltd	CN; CN; CN; CN; CN; HK; CN; HK	11/01/2016
10.	1,600	Minority stake 48%	Autohome Inc.	KY	Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China Ltd	CN	15/04/2016



Top 20 deals by value (cont'd)

	Deal value (mil USD)	Deal type	Target	Target country	Acquiror	Acquiror country	Announced date
11.	1,500	Acquisition 100%	Anglo American plc's niobium and phosphate business in Brazil	BR	China Molybdenum Co., Ltd	CN	28/04/2016
12.	1,481	Acquisition 75%	Baoxin Auto Group Ltd	KY	China Grand Automotive Services (Hong Kong) Ltd	HK	31/05/2016
13.	1,400	Minority stake	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	KY	Aranda Investments Pte Ltd; Alibaba Partnership; Gamlight Pte Ltd	SG; SG	01/06/2016
14.	1,287	Acquisition 100%	SEA (BVI) Ltd	VG	Profit Plus Global Ltd's wholly-owned subsidiary		25/02/2016
15.	1,200	Capital increase 5%	Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Ltd	BM	OVPH Ltd	KY	23/02/2016
16.	1,148	Acquisition 100%	China Cord Blood Corporation	KY	Nanjing Xinjiekou Department Store Co., Ltd	CN	07/01/2016
17.	1,148	Acquisition 100%	Servicos e Tecnologia de Pagamentos SA	BR	FleetCor Technologies Inc.	US	15/03/2016
18.	1,112	IBO 100%	Viridian Group Holdings Ltd	KY	ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund	US	29/03/2016
19.	1,030	Acquisition 100%	Dah Sing Life Assurance Co., Ltd; Dah Sing Insurance Services Ltd; Macau Life Insurance Co., Ltd	BM; HK; MO	Everwin Enterprise (Hong Kong) Ltd	HK	02/06/2016
20.	892	Acquisition 67%	Petrobras Argentina SA	AR	Pampa Energia SA	AR	03/05/2016



Target countries by volume - Latin America deals

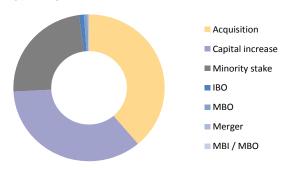
H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016
419	437	345
184	199	224
231	265	185
325	244	132
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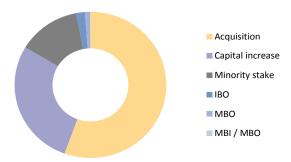
Target country	H1 2015 (mil USD)	H2 2015 (mil USD)	H1 2016 (mil USD)
Cayman Islands	55,659	61,143	34,643
British Virgin Islands	27,186	22,434	18,692
Bermuda	42,954	24,785	18,244
Brazil	24,683	25,253	12,441
Argentina	602	2,294	1,532
Chile	2,477	4,609	1,298
Mexico	23,450	6,437	1,132
Barbados	745	74	672
Bahamas	0	1,682	490
Peru	737	2,616	183
Panama	347	1,437	91
Curação	5	156	60
Colombia	363	5,703	56
El Salvador	50	180	52
Guatemala	0	496	52
Uruguay	35	0	40
Grenada	0	0	10
Anguilla	0	8	8
Ecuador	463	0	8
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	1	4
Dominican Republic	319	0	2



Deal types by volume in H1 2016



Deal types by value in H1 2016



Deal types by volume

Deal type	H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016
Acquisition	585	572	397
Capital increase	426	356	362
Minority stake	496	473	242
IBO	19	20	11
MBO	3	8	8
Merger	1	5	2
MBI / MBO	0	0	1

Deal types by value

Deal type	H1 2015 (mil USD)	H2 2015 (mil USD)	H1 2016 (mil USD)
Acquisition	95,473	94,748	49,292
Capital increase	41,322	27,732	24,851
Minority stake	30,039	23,614	11,897
IBO	1,995	10,951	1,642
MBO	901	3,475	983
MBI / MBO	0	0	49



Target sectors by volume - Latin America deals

Target sector	H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016
Other services	534	511	446
Machinery, equipment, furniture, recycling	147	145	108
Chemicals, rubber, plastics	103	80	61
Wholesale & retail trade	105	95	55
Metals & metal products	71	51	50
Construction	86	106	47
Primary sector	84	79	40
Publishing, printing	70	55	35
Food, beverages, tobacco	50	53	32
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather	21	30	25
Gas, water, electricity	49	44	23
Transport	54	40	20
Wood, cork, paper	14	9	16
Education, health	33	32	14
Hotels & restaurants	29	27	10
Post and telecommunications	23	15	10
Insurance companies	40	28	8
Banks	9	16	1
Public administration and defence	0	0	1

Target sectors by value - Latin America deals

Target sector	H1 2015 (mil USD)	H2 2015 (mil USD)	H1 2016 (mil USD)
Other services	50,015	45,707	36,891
Metals & metal products	3,277	5,199	10,362
Construction	17,059	12,963	10,220
Publishing, printing	3,673	15,891	8,543
Machinery, equipment, furniture, recycling	25,662	6,968	5,022
Gas, water, electricity	6,905	5,575	4,024
Wholesale & retail trade	16,987	13,180	3,374
Primary sector	3,470	5,410	3,150
Chemicals, rubber, plastics	15,176	10,835	3,105
Education, health	2,880	1,839	2,288
Food, beverages, tobacco	2,566	5,281	1,487
Transport	4,351	5,771	1,167
Wood, cork, paper	497	816	1,139
Insurance companies	10,915	11,701	1,042
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather	760	2,085	475
Hotels & restaurants	927	3,615	363
Post and telecommunications	9,824	1,498	278
Banks	431	7,780	20
Public administration and defence	0	0	0

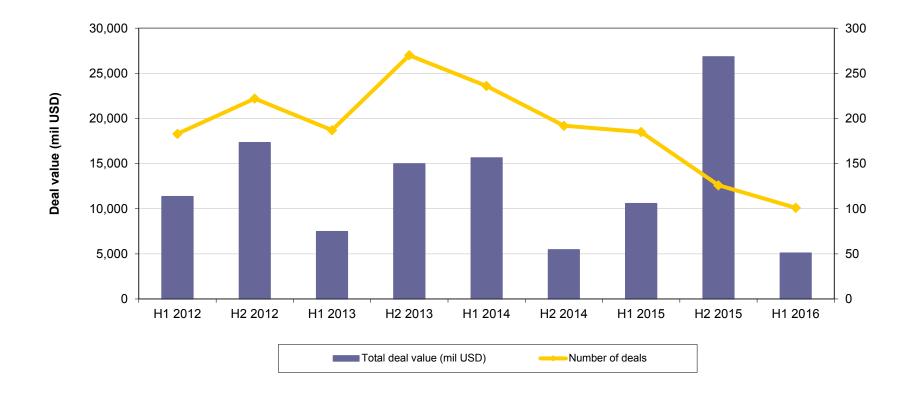


Latin America private equity deals by volume and value

Announced date	No of deals	Total deal value (mil USD)
H1 2016	101	5,073
H2 2015	126	26,837
H1 2015	185	10,573
H2 2014	192	5,457
H1 2014	236	15,623
H2 2013	270	14,974
H1 2013	187	7,467
H2 2012	222	17,324
H1 2012	183	11,345



Latin America private equity deals by volume and value



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Top 20 private equity deals by value

	Deal value (mil USD)	Deal type	Target	Target country	General Partner/Fund Manager	Announced date
1.	2,000	Minority stake	Uber (China) Ltd	KY	CITIC Securities Co., Ltd; China Minsheng Banking Co., Ltd; China Life Insurance Co., Ltd; China Vanke Co., Ltd; HNA Group Co., Ltd; China Lounge Investments Ltd; China Broadband Capital Partners LP; China Taiping Insurance Holdings Co., Ltd	11/01/2016
2.	1,112	IBO 100%	Viridian Group Holdings Ltd	KY	I Squared Capital Advisors LLC	29/03/2016
3.	490	IBO 100%	Petrobras Chile Distribucion Ltda	CL	Southern Cross Group LLC	03/05/2016
4.	294	Minority stake 5%	Fibria Celulose SA	BR	J Safra Sarasin Asset Management (Bahamas) Ltd	13/01/2016
5.	228	MBO 56%	China Ming Yang Wind Power Group Ltd	KY	Guangzhou HYAF Fund Management Co., Ltd	03/02/2016
6.	195	MBO 26%	Dongpeng Holdings Co., Ltd	KY	Sequoia Capital Operations LLC	10/06/2016
7.	76	Minority stake	Katerra Inc.	KY		23/03/2016
8.	75	MBO 76%	Jinpan International Ltd	VG	Forebright Capital Management Ltd	25/01/2016
9.	64	Minority stake	Zhongmei Healthcare Group Ltd	KY	Carlyle Group LP	31/01/2016
10.	57	Minority stake	Qyer Inc.	KY	SIG China Investments GP LLC	06/01/2016
11.	52	Minority stake	Nu Pagamentos S A	BR		08/01/2016
12.	40	Minority stake	Movile Internet Movel SA	BR	Innova Capital LLC; Naspers Ventures	28/06/2016
13.	39	Minority stake	Markel CATCo Reinsurance Fund Ltd	BM		14/01/2016
14.	27	Minority stake	Centrillion Technology Holdings Corp	KY		10/06/2016
15.	27	IBO majority stake	Rural Brasil Solucoes	BR	ACPE Advisors SA	30/06/2016
16.	26	Minority stake	DRCONSULTA LTD	KY		02/03/2016
17.	21	Minority stake	Adavium Medical Inc.	KY	Venrock Associates LP; Aberdare Ventures LP; Arboretum Ventures Inc.; CVF LLC	06/04/2016
18.	17	Minority stake	GuiaBolso Financas Pessoais Ltda	BR	The International Finance Corporation; QED Investors LLC; Kaszek Ventures; Ribbit Management Company LLC	11/05/2016
19.	16	Minority stake	Rocket Pharmaceuticals Ltd	KY		15/01/2016
20.	16	Minority stake	AB&C Leasing de Mexico SA de CV	MX	Northgate Capital LLC	03/02/2016



Target countries by volume - Latin America private equity deals

Target country	H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016
Brazil	72	50	36
Cayman Islands	23	18	22
Mexico	28	14	19
Argentina	9	8	5
British Virgin Islands	4	8	5
Chile	20	6	4
Peru	13	2	2
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	1	2
Colombia	6	3	2
Bermuda	7	10	2
Grenada	0	0	1
Bahamas	0	1	1

Target countries by value - Latin America private equity deals

Target country	H1 2015 (mil USD)	H2 2015 (mil USD)	H1 2016 (mil USD)
Cayman Islands	3,223	17,945	3,854
Brazil	2,744	4,354	494
Chile	13	501	492
British Virgin Islands	1,064	414	98
Mexico	686	60	53
Bermuda	2,836	2,499	40
Argentina	4	69	17
Grenada	0	0	10
Bahamas	0	925	8
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	1	4
Colombia	1	45	2
Peru	0	0	1



Target sectors by volume - Latin America private equity deals

Target sector	H1 2015	H2 2015	H1 2016
Other services	95	64	49
Publishing, printing	23	17	7
Chemicals, rubber, plastics	5	3	6
Machinery, equipment, furniture, recycling	3	7	6
Gas, water, electricity	1	0	3
Metals & metal products	0	1	3
Food, beverages, tobacco	2	1	3
Wholesale & retail trade	12	5	3
Public administration and defence	0	0	1
Transport	4	1	1
Primary sector	1	1	1
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather	1	1	1
Wood, cork, paper	0	0	1
Education, health	7	6	1
Construction	10	1	0
Insurance companies	3	3	0
Hotels & restaurants	0	2	0
Post and telecommunications	5	1	0
Banks	0	0	0

Target sectors by value - Latin America private equity deals

Target sector	H1 2015 (mil USD)	H2 2015 (mil USD)	H1 2016 (mil USD)
Publishing, printing	620	13,157	2,053
Gas, water, electricity	12	0	1,114
Primary sector	15	0	490
Other services	4,229	5,913	327
Machinery, equipment, furniture, recycling	2	873	325
Wood, cork, paper	0	0	294
Chemicals, rubber, plastics	98	3,269	223
Education, health	1,159	722	64
Food, beverages, tobacco	0	0	11
Wholesale & retail trade	222	671	7
Metals & metal products	0	500	3
Public administration and defence	0	0	0
Insurance companies	1,750	1,464	0
Construction	385	4	0
Banks	0	0	0
Hotels & restaurants	0	33	0
Textiles, wearing apparel, leather	0	0	0
Post and telecommunications	92	1	0
Transport	800	5	0

Notes to editors

Activity is based on the activity of the target company.

Deal status is announced within the time period.

The sector breakdown uses targets' activities as defined to be 'Major Sectors' by Zephyr.

The date range is 01/01/2016 - 30/06/2016 inclusive.

The Latin America and Caribbean region covers target companies in Anguilla (Al), Antigua and Barbuda (AG), Argentina (AR), Aruba (AW), Bahamas (BS), Barbados (BB), Belize (BZ), Bermuda (BM), Bolivia (BO), Brazil (BR), British Virgin Islands (VG), Cayman Islands (KY), Chile (CL), Colombia (CO), Costa Rica (CR), Cuba (CU), Curacao (CW), Dominica (DM), Dominican Republic (DO), Ecuador (EC), El Salvador (SV), Grenada (GD), Guatemala (GT), Guyana (GY), Haiti (HT), Honduras (HN), Jamaica (JM), Mexico (MX), Nicaragua (NI), Panama (PA), Paraguay (PY), Peru (PE), Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN), Saint Lucia (LC), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC), Sint Maarten (SX), Suriname (SR), Trinidad and Tobago (TT), Uruguay (UY), Venezuela (VE)