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2016 GLOBAL M&A ACTIVITY

A YEAR OF CHANGE

Global dealmakers were forced to navigate a sea of change during 2016, as the populist vote swept across the global political stage. Despite a series of political shockwaves, global M&A activity to-date (16,194 deals, US$ 3.1tn) managed to reach its third highest deal value since 2007 (US$ 3.7tn), despite dropping 22.1% compared to 2015, with 1,844 fewer deals announced.

Increased scrutiny of deals resulted in the annual total of mega-deals (>US$ 10bn) dropping to 38 transactions worth US$ 911.5bn, down from 57 transactions worth US$ 1.5tn year-on-year. The outlook for 2017 remains uncertain, with Brexit negotiations, the nature of Trumps presidency, as well as the French and German elections, all under question.

TOP TRENDS OF THE YEAR

October marked the peak of yearly M&A activity, with 1,362 deals worth US$ 454.3bn representing the highest monthly deal value since May 2007 (US$ 546.7bn).

Chinese dealmakers engaged in 242 deals worth US$ 171.0bn outside of Asia, 3.5x higher than 2015's previous record value (US$ 48.8bn, 174 deals), with 68 more deals announced.

US dealmaking accelerated towards the end of the year, with a flurry of H2 mega-deals (AT&T/Time Warner, Level 3/Century Link, Energy Transfer/Sunuco) bumping up deal value

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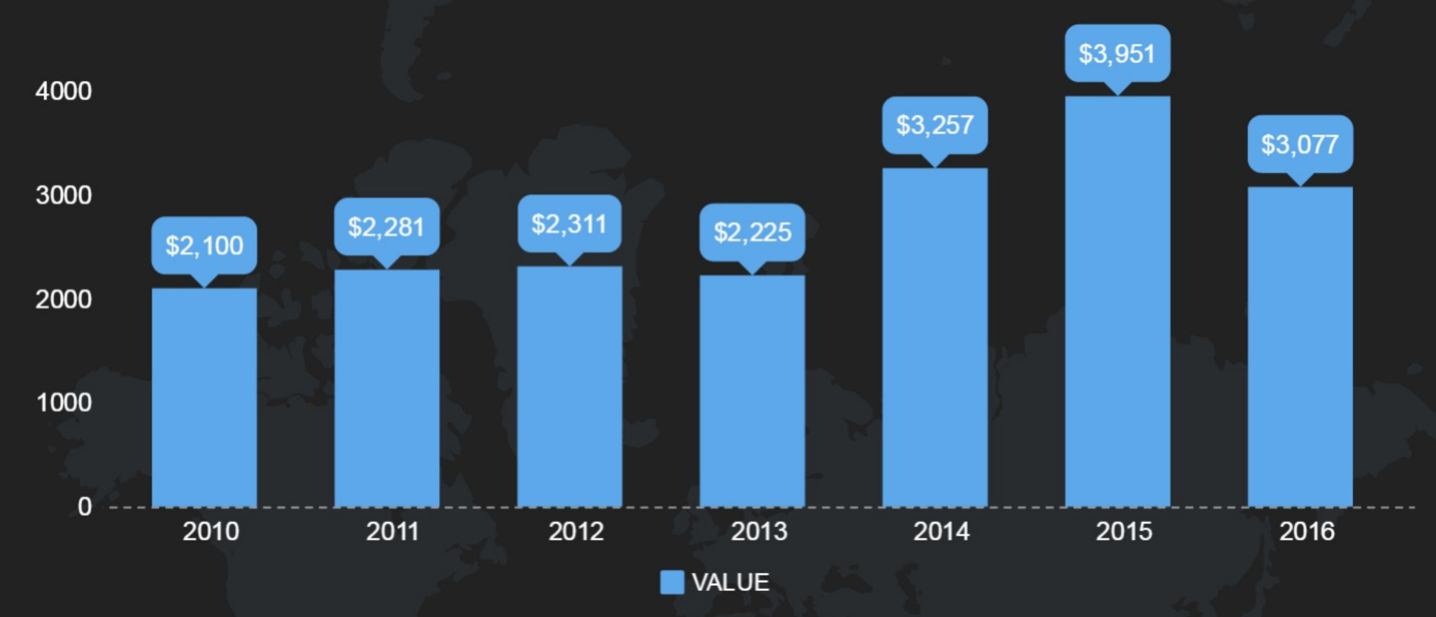
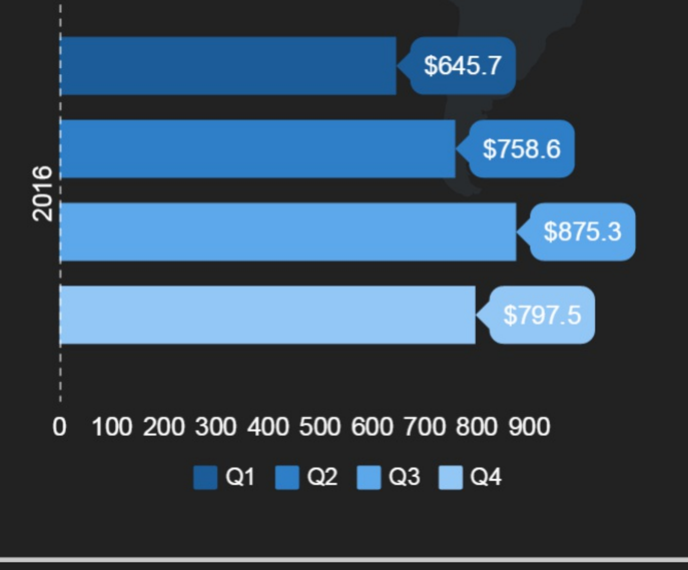
Annual Breakdown
in US$bn



Quarterly Breakdown
in US$bn



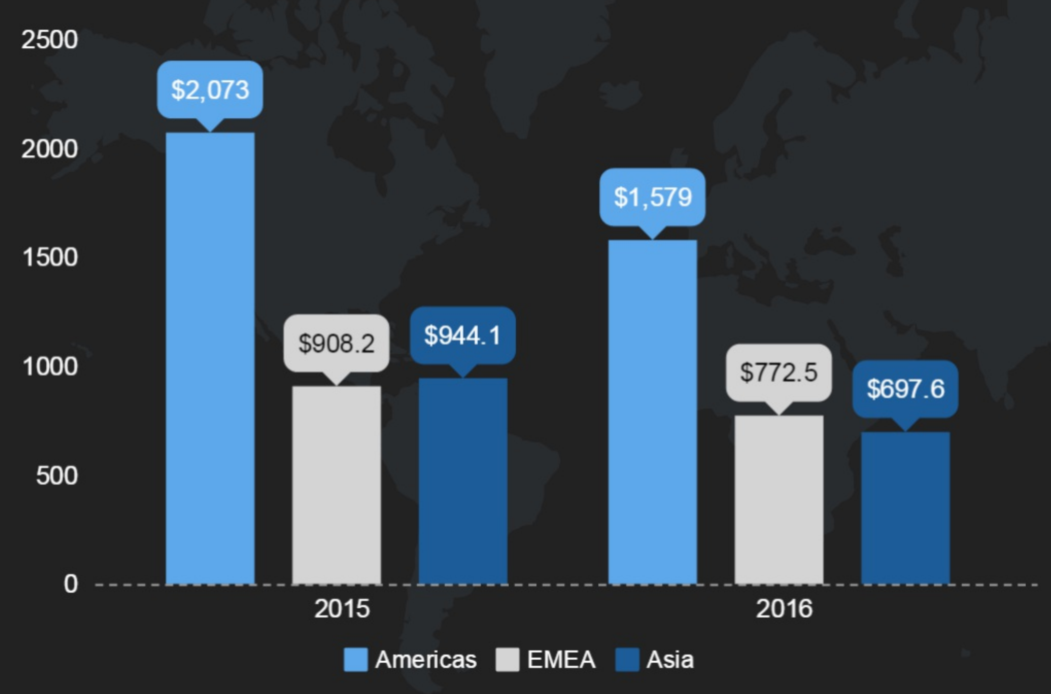
2016 vs. 2015
(year-to-date)

DOWN 22% BY VALUE

DOWN 10% BY VOLUME

GEOGRAPHY BREAKDOWN

Deal activity by region
in US$bn



GLOBAL

Deal Value: $3.1tn
Deal Count: 16,194

AMERICAS

Deal Value: $1.6tn
Deal Count: 5,727

EMEA

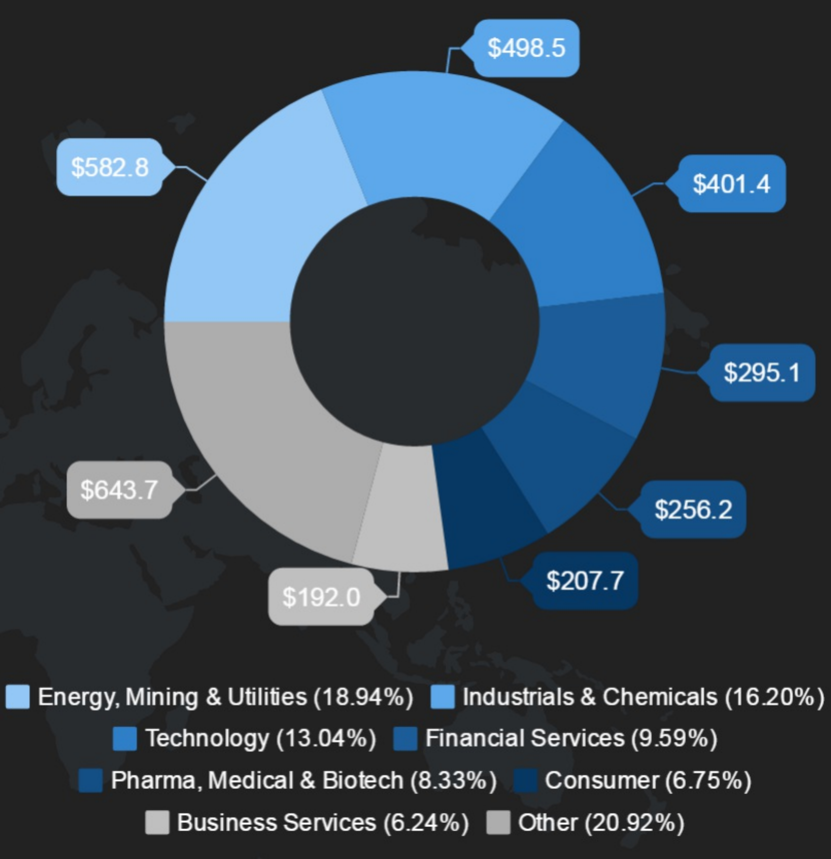
Deal Value: $772.5bn
Deal Count: 6,409

ASIA

Deal Value: $697.6bn
Deal Count: 3,851

M&A ACTIVITY: TOP 5 SECTORS

1. ENERGY, UTILITIES & MINING — US$ 582.8bn, 1,351 DEALS
2. INDUSTRIALS & CHEMICALS — US$ 498.5bn, 3,056 DEALS
3. TECHNOLOGY — US$ 401.4bn, 2,115 DEALS
4. FINANCIAL SERVICES — US$ 295.1bn, 1,250 DEALS
5. CONSUMER — US$ 207.7bn, 1,952 DEALS



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