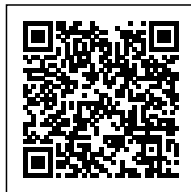


# CUATRECASAS TOPS SMALL CAP M&A RANKINGS

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## **Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira is the leading law firm for small cap M&A deals in Spain in 2014, according to new research.**

Rankings published by Thomson Reuters placed Cuatrecasas top with 41 announced small cap deals – meaning transactions with a value up to \$50m – with a total value of \$266.7m (€198.9m) in the first nine months of this year. It represented a 2.9 per cent increase in the total value of small cap deals handled by the firm in the same period in 2013.

Freshfields Bruckhaus Derringer was ranked second with 10 announced small cap deals with a total value of \$24.7m (€18m).

Four firms were placed joint third having worked on a total of 9 deals: Gomez Acebo & Pombo, with a total deal value of \$30.7m (€22.4m); Uría Menéndez, with deals totaling \$43.8m (€31.6m); Baker & McKenzie, with a total deal value of \$104.3m (€76.8m); and Clifford Chance, which worked on deals with a total value of \$1.8m (€1.3m).

The total number of announced small cap deals in Spain in the first nine months of 2014 stood at 488 with a total value of \$1.18bn. This represented a 10 per cent increase in total value compared to the same period in 2013.