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At CDH “*beyond consistency*” is more than just a mantra. It is how we serve our clients every day. It is not just about being reliable; it is about performing at an elite level, repeatedly, even under pressure, and over time. It is about adapting, staying ahead, and earning trust through delivery, not promises. Over the past 24 hours, our mindset has translated into real impact for the clients who rely on us.

Following our extraordinary wins at the South Africa event, CDH was again recognised at the 2025 ANSARADA DealMakers Africa (East Africa) Awards, held in Nairobi on 17 March 2026. The awards celebrate excellence across East Africa’s M&A, corporate finance, and private capital markets, recognising the top organisations shaping and leading the industry.

We congratulate our expert team on Vodacom’s acquisition of an additional 20% stake in Safaricom, named DealMakers Africa (East Africa) Brunswick Deal of the Year 2025. This milestone transaction increases Vodacom’s total ownership in the NSE-listed company to 55%, giving it majority control, and will accelerate growth while expanding digital and financial inclusion across Kenya and Ethiopia.

Congratulations go to our incredible cross-border team: Corporate & Commercial Practice Head, Ian Hayes, CDH Kenya Managing Partner, Sammy Ndolo, Directors Ludwig Smith, Yaniv Kleitman, Alex Kanyi, Brian Iria Muchiri, and



Andries Le Grange, Senior Associate Deborah Sese, and Associates Keagan Hyslop, Lloyd Smith, Christopher Kode, Denis Maina, Sara Ndei, Charity Muindi, and Nicholas Owino. Brent Williams, CEO of CDH says, “*Our role as legal advisers is to support our clients seamlessly across borders, navigating the complexities of multi-jurisdictional transactions, regulatory frameworks, and market challenges to turn ambitious strategies into tangible results. Every deal, every negotiation, and every milestone is guided by our client’s vision, and we work tirelessly to ensure that vision becomes reality.*”

We also celebrate Njeri Wagacha, Director in our Kenyan practice, who was shortlisted for the PSG Capital Individual DealMaker of the Year 2025 (East Africa) for the second consecutive year - a testament to her exceptional talent and dedication.



And the momentum didn't stop there...

At the IFLR Africa Awards 2026, held in Cape Town on 17 March 2026, we were named Team of the Year – Private Equity (Regional). IFLR's awards stand out for recognising legal innovation in dealmaking, whether through pioneering new legal frameworks, designing novel structures, or setting benchmarks for others to follow. They celebrate the work that strengthens the cross-border investment environment. This award highlights the strength and trajectory of our practice, coming shortly after our move from Spotlight to Band 2 in Chambers, showing that we are building a truly competitive and leading presence in private equity across Africa.

Looking ahead, Nedbank Group's disposal of a 21.22% stake in Ecobank Transnational has been shortlisted for the DealMakers Brunswick Deal of the Year 2025 (West Africa), with results to be released this Friday. This multi-jurisdictional transaction, involving complex regulatory approvals, underscores our ability to deliver where it matters most.

Ian Hayes, Practice Head of our Corporate & Commercial practice reflects, "We are cognisant of the trust our clients place in us. At CDH we view each transaction, each challenge, and each milestone as an opportunity to deliver results that matter to our clients, and to do so with precision, expertise, and dedication. Thank you to our clients for inspiring us to show up at our best. Every time. Every achievement we celebrate is ultimately a reflection of the relationships we are privileged and honoured to build with you."

Beyond consistency. Always.



Tim Fletcher
Chairperson



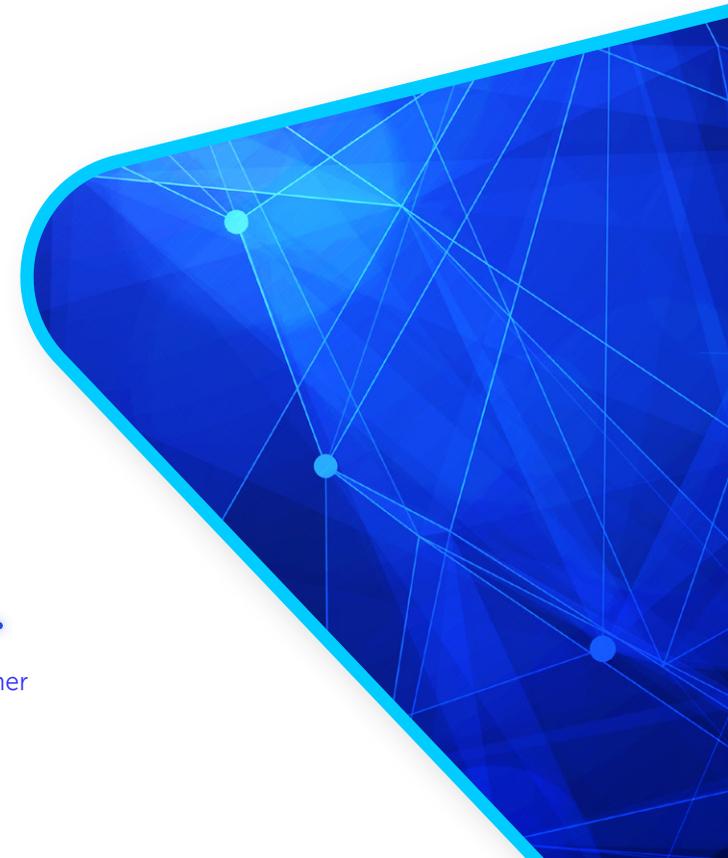
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