

HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS WINS ENTERTAINMENT & MEDIA LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Herbert Smith Freehills has won Entertainment & Media Law Firm of the Year at The Deal Awards Europe 2018 which celebrated the leading international lawyers, bankers and investors in cross-border deal making. The Entertainment & Media Law Firm of the Year category was one of The Deal's Specialty Awards which recognised the firms and their leaders who demonstrated deep expertise in a particular sector, region or discipline.

Founded in the US in 1999 as a publication reporting exclusively on deals, The Deal is today a global media and digital intelligence organisation.

Herbert Smith Freehills' global media and entertainment sector team, a key pillar of the firm's technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) offering, has the experience and advice that spans the full spectrum including TV, film, radio, print media, digital and social media, music, sports, gaming, live events, advertising and marketing, information and data services, betting and entertainment venues, and technologies and platforms associated with media and entertainment.

[Tony Joyner](#), global head of TMT at Herbert Smith Freehills, said: "It is an honour to have won this award and to be recognised for our work in the media and entertainment sector. We are committed to continue delivering the best-in-class service, quality and value to our clients."

The firm recently strengthened its TMT offering with the promotion of [Hayley Brady](#) to consultant and head of media and digital in the UK.

Herbert Smith Freehills' deals in the media and entertainment sector include advising Sky on all aspects of its competing takeover bids by Comcast and 21st Century Fox; advising on the £202 million initial public offering of Hipgnosis Songs Fund Limited which will invest in music royalties, a previously unexplored investment opportunity for the listed fund sector; and representing Orbit Showtime Network on its studio output arrangements.

[Gavin Davies](#), global head of M&A at Herbert Smith Freehills, and Hayley collected the award at The Deal's breakfast ceremony in London. More information about The Deal Awards Europe 2018 can be found [here](#).

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