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What's happening in the world of M&As and IPOs?

In this month's Deal Report we take a look at what has been happening in the world's M&A, IPO and fund markets so far this year, and ponder about what the coming months might bring.

Taking a look at the EMEA regions, according to Mergemarker 2014 was a 'a banner year, but the next 12 months may prove more challenging for deal-making'.

Beranger Gulla, Editor, EMEA, at Mergemarker said: "Despite a rather slow start to the year European M&A is poised to build on last year's momentum in 2015."

He added: "2014 was our busiest year since 2008 and the large deals rumoured or announced in the past few days will give confidence across all sectors that the EMEA deal pipeline is strong and activity will remain robust over the next few months."

Showing similar optimism for the US markets, John Reiss, Head of White & Case's Global Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, said: "The US economy and M&A market are in a much better state than they were five years ago—and are quite strong compared with Europe and Asia."

"Despite recent stock market volatility, 2015 will likely be a very active year for US M&A."

One of the biggest deals to be announced recently is BT's acquisition of mobile company, EE. The £12.5 billion deal will see BT evolve into the biggest communications company in the UK. As we head further into 2015, all we can do is wait and see what it holds for the deal markets around the world.