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A We took a week off. But you didn't.

In fact, we returned to 19 deals awaiting our attention, depending on how you count.

There were a dozen M&A or private equity transactions valued at \$3.6 billion, five capital markets transactions at \$4.1 billion and a couple that defied our usual cubby holes.

Cut that in half and compare it to our last report, which regarded 11 deals worth \$2.5 billion and it sounds pretty average, even compared to this time of year, when we reported 15 deals worth \$23.8 billion. But that included the topping off of a \$20.5 billion Blackstone real estate fund.

And this week's crop is far more diverse. There are deals on gold mining, diapers, wind farms, luxury cars, auto auctions, dried foods and booze. There were even a few energy deals that didn't involve a bankruptcy.

Winston & Strawn Advise Silva on in \$170M Acquisition by Universal Corporation

Silva International, a dehydrated food processing company, announced Sept. 8 that it had been acquired by Universal Corporation for \$170M.

Winston & Strawn represented Silva, which is headquartered in Momence, Ill. The company employs more than 200 and owns a 380,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Headquartered in Richmond, Va., Universal is a provider of a wide variety of processed food and tobacco products.

The Winston cross-practice team was led from Dallas by corporate partner **Christina Tate**. Winston's Texas contingent included: Houston partner **Jeff Smith** and Dallas-based associates **Ben Chrisman**, **Danielle Marr**, **Jon Pevey** and **Richard Sparr**.