

Deal of the Week: Vodafone to buy Ono for \$10 billion

Announcement Date	 March 16, 2014
Acquirer	 Vodafone (Primary listing on LSE: VOD.L and secondary listing on NASDAQ: VOD)
Acquirer Description	 World's second largest mobile telecommunications company with 453 million subscribers as of June 2013 Founded in 1984 and headquartered in Newbury, UK
Acquirer Financial	Mkt Cap: \$99.1 billion LTM EBITDA: \$21.0 billion
Statistics in USD	• EV: \$138.1 billion • LTM EV / Revenue: 1.9x
	 LTM Revenue: \$72.2 billion LTM EV / EBITDA: 6.6x
Target Company	Grupo Corporativo Ono SA
Target Description	 Spanish broadband communication and entertainment provider, delivering integrated telephone, television and Internet services to over 6 million users Incorporated in 1998 and owned primarily by a consortium of private equity firms including CCMP Capital, Providence Equity Partners and Thomas H. Lee Partners
Price / Consideration	 Price: \$10 billion (€7.2 billion) Consideration: Cash
Acquirer Advisor	Morgan Stanley
Target Advisor	Deutsche Bank
Rationale	 "Demand for unified communication products and services has increased significantly over the last few years in Spain, and this transaction will accelerate our ability to offer best-in-class propositions in the Spanish market," stated Vittorio Colao, Chief Executive of Vodafone Acquisition is expected to help Vodafone compete with Telefónica of Spain in offering high-speed broadband to its existing cellphone and fixed-line customers Acquisition gives Vodafone 1.9 million customers in Spain, complementing its mobile service Vodafone stated that the "deal will generate savings of about 2 billion euros" and increase revenue by 1 billion euros
Deal Points	 Vodafone agreed to buy Ono for ~\$10 billion Ono's private equity owners are thought to have preferred the sale of Ono rather than monetizing their investment via a listing on the Madrid stock exchange Vodafone stated that it will finance the acquisition through existing cash and debt
Of Note	 Industry experts anticipate further consolidation in Europe's telecommunications sector as providers hope to further bundle services such as mobile, fixed-line, broadband and TV offerings