**The Entry Process**

Please email your completed entry to: **events@thebusinessdesk.com**

**In the subject line please state the region and company name (e.g. West Midlands - Acme Corporation)**

The deadline for entries is **Friday 28th March 2025**. Please note no attachments will be accepted as part of any entry. Should you have any questions about the awards, please email us at events@thebusinessdesk.com.

Company name:

Company contact name:

Company contact email address:

Telephone:

**Award Categories**

Please tick the boxes of the awards you would like to enter. You are allowed to enter multiple categories.

**Teams:**“Regional” teams are for firms that have most or all of its people based in the region, rather than a firm with a national or international footprint.

* Regional Legal Team
* National Legal Team
* Regional CF Team
* National CF Team
* VC/PE Team
* Debt Funder Team
* Asset Based Lending Team
* Transaction Services
* Insurance Team
* Turnaround Team
* Early-stage investment team

**Deals:**

* Small Deal of the Year (up to £10m)
* Medium Deal of the Year (£10m-£50m)
* Large Deal of the Year (£50m+)

**Individual:**

* Rising Star
This is to recognise an individual who is really starting to make their mark in the region’s corporate finance community. We have removed the age cap of 35 on this award to accommodate people who may have started later or had a career gap, but typically it goes to someone who has not yet made partner (or equivalent status).
* Changemaker
The Changemaker Award is to recognise an individual who is making a significant impact on creating a more inclusive environment to enable people to fulfil their potential. This could range from broadening access to junior roles through to improving the diversity of senior teams, or be an initiative to positively impact an under-represented group. The work could be within their own firm, across a number of firms, or with a business or industry group.

Rainmaker
Shortlist to be created by judges - we are not looking for entries for this category

**Awards Entry**

The word count is a guide rather than a strict limit, but please don’t go significantly over.

Please highlight any information which should be kept confidential.

**Company / Individual Details**

Company Name:

Person Name: (if entering Rising Star or Changemaker)

Job Title: (if entering Rising Star or Changemaker)

**Teams**

Please describe why you feel your company should win the award in your chosen category(ies) (up to 500 words)

**Individual**

Please describe why you feel this individual should win the award in your chosen category(ies) (up to 500 words)

**Deals Categories**

Deals must have one company (buyer, seller or target) that is based in the West Midlands and have to be completed between 1 April 2024 - 31st March 2025.

Copy and paste the table if submitting more than one deal entry.

| Deal Category | * Small Deal - up to £10m
* Medium Deal - £10m - £50m
* Large Deal - over £50m
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| Deal Date |  |
| Description*(e.g.) Sykes Cottages acquired Forest Holidays Group from exiting investors Phoenix Equity Partners and LDC.* |  |
| Deal Value*Please indicate as a min which category the deal fits into* |  |
| Advisors*Legal, financial, funder* |  |