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As European transactions have grown in complexity and size, M&A advisory and financing have increasingly become core strategic activities for many banks. Notwithstanding the relative maturity of Europe's M&A market compared to other regions, expectations of future European deal activity across all markets and sectors remained high. But the credit squeeze starting in the summer of 2007 has dramatically changed the

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